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THE MESSENGER

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Invite Everyone, Invest In People, Impact Eternity



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Vacation Bible School

June 12-18, 6-8 pm
PreK-6th grade

Preview Night

Sunday, June 11, 6 pm

You can register online at firsthotsprings.com/summerkidz

Come Meet the Stevens

Kyle Stevens will be coming in view of a call as Missionary Pastor on June 4. If you would like to get acquainted with the Stevens family, please drop by the mission house (114 Crestwood Street) on Wednesday evening, May 31 between 5:30-7:30. The Stevens family would love to meet you.



Pastor's Message

Summertime is here! Schools are letting out. Kids are getting some freedom. The pace ratchets back a notch or two. It's all good. At First Baptist Church summer is largely about missions and camps, VBS, and autumn preparations.

Beginning Wednesday, May 31, we will begin our **summer Wednesday intergenerational worship**. We'll have supper at usual. Then, children, youth, and adults will meet together in the sanctuary each Wednesday night at 6:00. (There will be childcare for preschoolers.) We'll do some worship, enjoy some teaching, listen to a concert, hear camp and mission trip reports—just a variety of things. We will meet together each Wednesday with three exceptions: June 17 (VBS), June 24 (Mission Hot Springs), and July 5 (no activities). Hope you and your family can make summer Wednesday nights a part of your summer break.

Of course, we'll be enjoying Connect Groups and Worship every Sunday. Please be faithful to be here each Sunday when you are in town. When you're out of town, attend worship somewhere to help keep Jesus at the center of your life. If you have Sunday responsibilities and are going to miss, please secure your substitute before you leave. And remember that mission still costs during the summer. So please be faithful with your tithes and offerings. If you aren't here, you can give online. So here's praying for a great summer for you, your family, and First Baptist Church.

Quick Reminder: On Sunday, June 4, the Personnel Committee will be presenting Kyle Stevens to serve as Missionary Pastor. During worship that Sunday you will get a chance to hear the Stevens' story. Please be present. We will cast a vote at the end of each service.

Before I begin a summer series, **this Sunday** we'll be thinking together about God the Singer singing over our lives. See you Sunday.

Your Pastor,
John

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thur May 25 2 Kings 8-9; Luke 23:13-32 Shelby Buie Norma Dunn Danella Grant Laura Scott David Hasstedt Jason Moore	Mon May 29 2 Kings 16-17; John 1:1-18 Dalia Herrera Abby Herron	Fri June 2 1 Chronicles 1-2; John 3:22-36 Patti Davis David Mills Donovan Lord Connor LaMontagne
Tue May 30 2 Kings 18-20; John 1:19-51 Georgia Happy Phillip Criss Madeline Sweetin Hunter Rhodes	Sat June 3 1 Chronicles 3-4; John 4:1-42 Kathy Ferguson Brian Telle	10:30 a.m. Linda Green, Mary Latham, Cheryl Nichols, Judy Gerren, Janet Porter, Betty Parker
Fri May 26 2 Kings 10-11; Luke 23:33-56 SallyJo Hodge Karol Farnell	Wed May 31 2 Kings 21-23; John 2 David Dickinson Carol Walker	10:30 a.m. Richard Haworth, Frankie Moore, Cole Morgan 10:30 a.m. Jason Williams, Donny Moore, Kelly Robbins
Sat May 27 2 Kings 12-13; Luke 24:1-12 Barbara McGehee John Cox Jim Taylor Dawn Kellar Jon Humhrey Hope Mason	Sun June 4 1 Chronicles 5-6; John 4:43-54 L.J. Hines Arleen Kee Jill Burton Dillon Lechak John Fletcher	Every Sunday balcony: Mike Davidson, Mike Ferguson, Don Slaton, Tommy White, Donnie Sumpter Every Sunday main floor: Richard Haworth, Frankie Moore, Cole Morgan 10:30 a.m. Jason Williams, Donny Moore, Kelly Robbins
Sun May 28 2 Kings 14-15; Luke 24:13-53 Ellie Schmidt Susan Rima Sheena Spence Kalli Sassaman Kara Lowrey Kailey Reeves	Mon June 5 1 Chronicles 7-8; John 5:1-17 Dee Weston Richard Krause Janice Flemming Lisa Caple John Dickerson Brian Davidson Nathan Gray	Every Sunday balcony: Robert Davis, Mike Ferguson, Jim Little, Ryan Smith, Mark Twyford, Glen Catlett, Jon Vitro, David Santillan Every Sunday main floor: Bill Richardson, Al Blount, Chris Brock Golf Cart Drivers
Cart 1: Richard Beckwith, every Sunday Cart 2: John Mark Pierce, 1st Sunday Jamie Humble, 2nd Sunday Dwayne Gordon, 3rd Sunday Mickey Akins, 4th Sunday Jimmy Schultz, 5th Sunday & Sub	1st Sunday North: Carlos Lemus, 538-1624 South: Glen Catlett, 844-7565 2nd Sunday... North: Roman Terlecki, 622-7735 South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333 3rd Sunday North: Missy Herron, 762-3749 South: Duke Haight, 815-4416 4th Sunday North: Bob Roling, 545-5818 South: Jon Vitro, 282-2975 5th Sunday North: Bob Roling, 545-5818 South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333	

SERVICE TEAMS

Door Greeters - May 28

9:00 a.m. Marie Colmenero, Mary Goodman, Vivian Humphrey, Lynn Linington, Vernon & Beverly Gingrich, Velda Holmes, Dianne Shirron, Marty Black

10:30 a.m. Linda Green, Mary Latham, Cheryl Nichols, Judy Gerren, Janet Porter, Betty Parker

Ushers - May 28

9:00 a.m. Robert McAlister, Jerry Franks, Don Norman

4:00-6:00 p.m. Mick Skelton, Jim Henley, Norman Mason

6:00-8:00 p.m. Craig Holmes, Herb Mansbridge, Glen McClain

SERVICE TEAMS

Safety Teams - Sunday May 28

8:30 a.m. Al Gloria, John Mark Pierce, Robert Covey, Henry Brunson, Charlie Zoll

10:15 a.m. Chuck Jordan, Robert McAlister, Jason Smith, Larry Ingram, Jason Blankenship, Jake Bird, Travis Warren

4:00-6:00 p.m. Ronnie Carter

Wednesday - May 31

4:00-6:00 p.m. Mick Skelton, Jim Henley, Norman Mason

6:00-8:00 p.m. Craig Holmes, Herb Mansbridge, Glen McClain

ATTENDANCE

May 21, 2017

Homebound TV Class *80
9:00 Connect Group 435
10:30 Connect Group 407

Total Connect Groups 842

Worship Attendance 9:00 463
Worship Attendance 10:30 612
Hispanic Worship Attend 10:45 39

Total Worship 1,114

*Average

New Members:

Mary Daniel
Savannah Green
Hella McCleod

Deacon Hospital Visitation
Week of May 29-June 2
Monday Jim Bledsoe
Tuesday N/A
Wednesday John Jenkins
Thursday Corbett Sanders
Friday James Woods

Education / Outreach Ministry

Want to Serve?

Here at FBC we believe every Christian has been given spiritual gifts to serve and MINISTER to others. So, if you don't have a place to serve, please complete one of the Christian Service Surveys available at the Welcome Center in the foyer and return it there ASAP! Thank you so much for your willingness to serve the Lord and our church!

Preschool Workers Needed for Fall

If you have been a member for at least 6 months and are willing to have a background check, please contact Kristy Shirey to see about possibilities.

Coming Up Soon!

May – Nominating Committee Started Up-checking with leaders about the volunteers in your group.

June 12-16 – VBS, encourage kids and families to come

June 18 – Father's Day, Family Sunday with Dad

June 19-23 – Mission Hot Springs, Sign up to help

Aug. 6 – All Connect Group Worker Rally

Aug. 13 – Preschool / Children's Preview Day

Aug. 20 – Promotion Day, New Workers Start, Picture Day

Help the Garage Church

The Garage Church just got a building. They are needing help with several projects. Since the needs are changing, Pastor, Mike Prince, asked that groups coordinate directly with him. You can email him at: mikedprince@gmail.com

Daily Discipleship Guide

Will be included in the "Explore The Bible" series beginning this fall! Encourage your Connect Group people to use it.

Safety Team People Needed

We now have 4 regular openings now. And we are signing up people to help during VBS. Please let me or Brad Phillips or Bobby King know if you would be willing to serve.

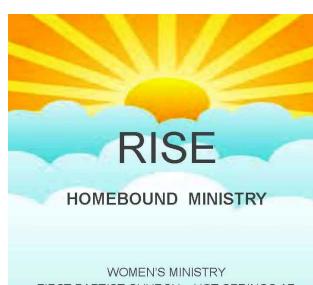
Everyone needs to find a group and Connect!

Connect Groups help you:

- Connect with New People!
- Connect with God!
- Connect with Each Other!

Directories and Guides are available at Welcome Centers to help you find a good fit!

Love, Danny



The RISE Homebound Ministry seeks to connect with homebound women of FBC through regular personal contact. We have many opportunities to serve. If you would like to serve or find out more about this ministry, please contact Elizabeth Elrod, 525-1403 or eelrod@swbell.net

Fitness & Recreation Ministry

(All sign ups/resources are available at the Fitness/Recreation Ministry HQ.)

We've just completed our 5th season of UPPER LEVEL Basketball and what a blessing it has been! We enjoyed record numbers of participants in the Children/Youth and Adults Leagues! Thanks to all of our volunteers and congratulations to our 2017 Dean's List Award Winners:



Children: Kaylee McCombs & Cameron Windle

Youth: Becca McCann & Evan Stewart

Adults: Cici Escalona & Joey McFarland

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DEADLINE

Camps start in less than 2 weeks! Online registration is open at www.fbcrecreation.com for Children's Fitness/Rec Summer Camps. We're still working on other activities, but here is the current list of camps we will be offering:

- Jun 5-8: **Crochet Camp**; girls 10 years/older; (9-10:30 am)
- Jun 5-8: **Art Camp 1**; completed 6th grade/older (9 am-12 pm)
- Jun 5-8: **Bible-Based Fitness Camp 1**; comp K-6th grades (1-4 pm)
- Jun 19-22: **Basketball camp 1**; completed K-2nd girls (1-4 pm)
- Jun 26-29: **Basketball camp 2**; completed K-1st boys (1-4 pm)
- Jul 10-13: **Art Camp 2**; completed 6th grade/older (9 am-12 pm)
- Jul 10-13: **Basketball camp 3**; completed 2nd-3rd boys (1-4 pm)
- Jul 17-20: **Sewing Camp**; girls 10 years/older (9 am-12 pm)
- Jul 17-20: **Basketball camp 4**; completed 4th-5th boys (1-4 pm)
- Jul 24-27: **Basketball camp 5**; completed 3rd-5th girls (1-4 pm)
- Jul 31-Aug 3: **Bible-Based Fitness Camp 2**; comp K-6th grades (1-4 pm)

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Sunday morning Meet & Greet Fellowships Sundays, 10:00 am in the gym

We invite you to join us for relaxed fellowship and light snacks every Sunday in the gym between Worship Services/Connect Groups. This is one of the easiest places to get to know others. Look around, introduce yourself to someone you don't know! Also, just a reminder that we have a rotating schedule of snack providers for the Sunday Fellowships. Please provide snacks according to the first initial of your last name as scheduled below:

May 21: S, T, U
May 28: V, W, X, Y, Z
June 4: A, B
June 11: C, D, E

June 18: F, G, H
June 25: I, J, K, L
July 2: M, N
July 9: O, P, Q, R

Until we all fall down, Wallace



Fellow church member, Polly Whitby, turns 100 on June 15th this year! If you would like to help us wish her "Happy Birthday", please bring a card to the church office by Friday, June 9th and our RISE Ministry ladies will deliver the cards. Though her health does not allow her to come often, she has served the Lord faithfully for many years. Thank you.



Below is the updated list of soldiers needing cards and letters. We hope all are sending correspondence to them. We continue to send boxes to them each month. Anyone who wishes to help can bring items to the basket in the foyer marked military or you can leave any money with the office and we will do shopping. It takes almost \$15 a box to mail them and about \$40 to fill the small boxes up. Any help would be most appreciated.

MR2 CARVIN
USS STETHEM DDG63
UNIT 100174 BOX 1601
FPO AP 96678
Son of Billie Jo Carvin

CHAD MORGAN
DELTA CO
PSC 831 BOX 0077
FPO AE 09363
Husband of Holly Morgan

Lt. JONATHAN HAPPY
HSC 26 DET 3
UNIT 200198 BOX 004
FPO AE 09501
Son of Georgia Happy

We are looking for someone or a couple to take the Adopt A Soldier Mission and keep it going. Right now we have 3 or 4 we are mailing boxes to each month. It is a heart warming mission but my health is keeping me from doing a good job. We will be happy to show anyone the ropes and help the first few months if needed. It does not take a lot of time since it is only once a month. If you are interested or can take this mission please call Barbara Johnson at 501-318-7623 or email me at ilj0613@cablelynx.com.

BUDGET REPORT

Ministry Fund (5-21-17)	
Weekly Receipts	\$46,514
Online Giving	\$6,582
Total Given	\$53096

All In Fund	
Weekly Receipts: (5-21-17)	\$6,851
Balance of loan: (4-30-17)	\$2,370,454

If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, firsthotsprings.com, and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.

GROUPS & CLASSES

Loving Threads

If you like to knit, crochet, quilt or sew, the Loving Threads Ministry may be the place for you. The purpose of our group is to use our needlework talents to share the love and comfort of Jesus Christ with others by making prayer comfort shawls and baby blankets. We meet in RM 131 on the 1st floor, at 1:00 p.m. on the FOURTH Thursday of each month. If you cannot attend the meetings, but would like to participate, call Wanda Thorp, 623-5608.

Women on Mission

Room 219, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Fourth Thursday each month

We are women who want to grow in faith and actively share the love of Christ in our community and around the world. The gatherings will provide an opportunity to pray for our missionaries, learn about their work, increase our awareness of their needs, and participate in projects.

Contact Wanda Thorp with questions, 623-5608.

Survey of the Bible

Will not meet on Sunday, May 28th.

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Kathmandu, Nepal
May 15-26, 2017

Brent, Corrie,
Brendle and Charlotte Roberts

SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Heather Murphy and family in

the death of her grandmother. May God bless and comfort you.



Mission Hot Springs

June 19-23

Spend a week uniting with local churches to help our community, while sharing the love of Jesus. Where will you serve this year?

Head to missionhotsprings.com/signup to choose your team!



Prayer Breakfast

Join us Saturday, June 3 at 8:00 am in Fellowship Hall to hear a report from the team that journeyed to Johannesburg, South Africa recently to conduct a VBS for over 70 kids of Missionaries while John, Lee and Elizabeth led the parents in worship.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu May

24th: BBQ Ribs, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chicken Strips, Cake
31st: Roast Beef, Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn Dog, Pie