

First Baptist Cove News

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July 26-August 3

Serve and interact with the people of Copperas Cove through various daily projects. Projects for all ages and abilities.

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NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens" (Ephesians 3:1 NIV). Summer is a time for many wonderful things. It's a time to relax, swim, picnic, fish, travel, complete projects, visit friends, ... and serve! You will see several opportunities to serve with your church family announced in this newsletter. Take special notice of the "be first...love cove" events and see where you might get involved. Whether with the church or on your own or as a family I want to encourage you to look for an opportunity serve Christ. Help a neighbor with a project, cook a meal for a sick person, make cards to deliver to nursing home residents or volunteer to do yard work for a local ministry. If we ask God to show us a way to serve someone else in Christ's name we might be surprised by what we see. This summer let's "serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2).

-Pastor Mark

Take a look at each page to learn what's going on and insights into each stage of life. You might just be able to share what you've learned with someone God puts in your path.

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For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14



WORSHIP

What's Your WAS?

My Worship Attention Span (WAS) is at least a 2, what's yours? And I'm not talking about how many worship services I can participate in, back to back. My WAS is low because I'm easily distracted. It's a challenge to keep my attention on connecting with God. My mind wanders easily enough, and when we factor in other people and events . . . well, you get the idea.

Just because my physical body is present during worship gatherings with my church family, does not necessarily mean I am engaged in worshipping the Lord. We all know how easily our attention can drift during corporate worship times—the mind wanders or gets fixated on an issue at home, work or some other concern. It's challenging enough to realize that worshipping God is an all-day-long attitude of the heart and focus of the mind, let alone remaining plugged in for an hour or so on Sunday morning.

So here are some practices I've developed to help me stay engaged in corporate worship. Maybe they'll help you, too.

- Set out your clothes the night before.
- Get enough rest.
- Connect with God earlier in the day.
- Arrive early enough (and at peace).
- Look forward to what God will do in your life.
- Try to engage in those parts of worship in which you have less interest.

More on that last one at a later time.

-Jim

ADULTS

I would like to take this time to challenge you to be on mission of what God has called us to. It is important for your child(ren) to see you serving. What I mean by this is, you can help your family see the world through God's eyes. Children will experience many things in their life and the world will do this if we won't rise to the occasion. Children will be exposed to a world that is different from them and what God's word says. One way to capture your children's mind is doing mission work or different outreaches together. This way, families discover ways to grow as a family and put their faith into action and give back to others. By doing this, the church becomes more like how God desires it, a church seeking the Lord's face and serving others. Through a variety of activities, parents and children experience the love of God, serve people who are in need and see how we can help, and to show we are all called to help in some way that the Lord leads. Here are a some items as suggestions for you to pray about and consider leading your family to participate.

Some examples are:

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| Be First Love Cove | Mission Trips (Foreign/Domestic) |
| Feeding the Hungry | Taking items to needy families |
| Serve the elderly | Visit a nursing home |
| Opportunities through FBC | Gifts for underprivileged kids |
| Sponsor a child (Worldvision, Compassion, etc.) | |

The ways to lead your child(ren) to being on mission and fulfilling God's purpose for us are endless, we just have to take that step and lead by example, our children depend on us to show them.

-Chris



**Discovering God's grand purpose
and your place in it.**

Beginning September 10

YOUTH

Hey all! I've been thinking a lot over the last few months...God gave us the church for us to love Him, further His Kingdom, love others, build one another up, hold one another accountable, sharpen one another, and bring others to Him. Isn't the Christian family just a mini version of the church? Or shouldn't it be?

We know we are supposed to train children up "the way they should go." We know husbands are supposed to love their wives as Christ loved the church. Several places in the Bible tell us to respect our parents. The family is a bond like no other. We are born into (or adopted into) a group that is supposed to selflessly have one another's best interests at heart. As parents, it is crucial to *show* children how to live and not just *tell* them how to live. The things children emulate are the things they see, so as Christians, we must be sure that our children are seeing us live out our faith.

This summer, as you are spending time with your family, find a way to serve others and show your children that faith is something to act upon, and not just something to talk about. Show the world Christ's love. Whether you serve as part of an "organized" effort like the Alaska mission trip, Del Rio mission trip, or Be First Love Cove, or not, find a way to get your family busy outside the walls of the church and make an eternal impact on the world. It will be a lesson your children remember the rest of their lives.

Check out <http://familylifetoday.com> for some great family resources.

-Peter

Watch for details about youth events on our Facebook page: Mpack Student Ministries.



July

- 5 The Gathering, 6:30-7:30pm
- 12 Phil St, Noon-1:30pm
- 12 Swim Night at the Moore's, 6:30-8:30pm
- 13 Movie Night, 6-8:30pm
- 15 Hawaiian Falls, 9:00am, \$22
- 17-21 Youth Camp
- 19 No Gathering
- 26 Phil St, Noon-1:30pm
- 26 Inter-generational Worship, 6:30-7:30pm

August

- 2 Phil St, Noon-1:30pm
- 2 The Gathering, 6:30-7:30pm
- 3 Phil St Block Party, 6-8pm
- 7 Movie Night, 6-8:30pm
- 9 Swim Night at the Moore's, 6:30-8:30pm
- 12 Schlitterbahn, 8am, \$45 + food money
- 14 Movie Night, 6-8:30pm
- 16 The Gathering, 6:30-7:30pm
- 23 Inter-generational Worship, 6:30-7:30pm
- 26 Back to School Swim Party, 4:30-7:30pm

*Phil St events are at 1216 Phil (Salvation Army bldg.)

*Swim nights will meet at and return to the Youth room.



July 17-21

\$150

Highland Lakes Baptist Encampment

Sign-up for camp by contacting Peter.

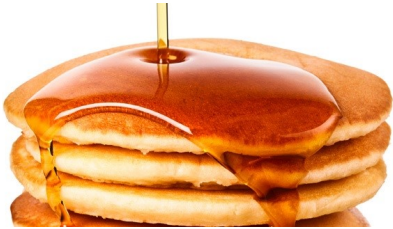
Speaker—Shane Pruitt

Worship Leaders—Nick Gainey Band

Checkout the website [HERE](#).

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace... 1 Peter 4:10

Meet the Teacher and Pancake Supper



August 25

6pm

Fellowship Hall

Children grades 1-6 and their families.

CHILDREN

As I think about service an image of my childhood church kitchen comes to mind. The white cabinets, large center island, dish and silverware cabinet to the right of the serving window. I would enter that kitchen with my mom and sister and get ready for one of the many potlucks while my dad would help line up the long rows of tables and chairs. I always liked helping in the kitchen.

I'm sure I heard Bible stories about how Jesus served and about how we are to look after the needs of others but those times that my parents gave me the opportunity to serve is how I really learned about true service and gained an appreciation for it.

When Jesus wanted to teach the disciples a lesson on service He taught them by action and then explained it.

Help your child to learn about service by finding opportunities to serve together then explain that the reason we serve is because after Jesus taught about service He said , "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." (John 13:15)

Click [HERE](#) to read more about serving as a family in the series of articles entitled, World Changer, at Focus on the Family.

-Melinda

Water Fun



July 11

6-8pm

Back lot

Families of all age come enjoy water fun and fellowship.

PRESCHOOL

This time of the year is usually focused around a family vacation. It's exciting to plan where to go and what you'll do once you get there! The article linked at the bottom takes a slightly different look at our family destination, however.

When our sons were young, we always planned a very special family vacation every Summer. Whether we went to the mountains, the beach, or even Disneyland, we were excited about the trip and tried to plan and prepare for every circumstance. How many of us can say that we've planned out our "family spiritual goals" with the same enthusiasm?

The article found [HERE](#) gives practical ideas for creating your family's personal Mission Statement. The author explains how we have to have a destination in mind so we can know how to prepare for the trip!

-Diane



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1-7	Del Rio Mission Trips
July 11, Tuesday	Water Fun for families, Back lot, 6-8pm
July 17-21	Youth Camp
July 19, Wednesday	Multi-Generation Fellowship, Fellowship Hall, 6:30pm
July 24-28	Preteen Camp
July 26-August 3	be first...love cove
August 2, Wednesday	Fresh Encounters Prayer, Sanctuary, 6:30pm
August 10, Thursday	Swim & Serve, Children 1-5 grade, Children's Building , 12:30-3:30pm
August 23, Wednesday	Mission Celebration
August 25, Friday	Children's Ministry Pancake Supper, Fellowship Hall, 6pm
August 27, Sunday	Fresh Start Sunday
August 30, Wednesday	Deacon Ordination, Worship Center, 6:30pm



Sign-up at the counter in the Worship Center foyer. Limited number of individuals at certain service opportunities.

Some of the opportunities include:

Boys & Girls Club party

Baking

YMCA Back to School Party

Backyard Bible Clubs

CCISD teacher lunch

Serve CCISD athletes

Help at the library

Help at the Benevolent Ministry

Phil St Block party

Cove House

Sewing

Most of the events will take place between July 26–August 3 but a couple will take place after the 3rd. Watch the bulletin and Facebook page for more information.