

The Herald



FIRST BAPTIST
S A N G E R

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Christmas in July

We are collecting items to fill
Operation Christmas Child boxes.

~ See the display in the foyer ~

Suggested Donations

Dolls, stuffed toys, ball with pump, clothes, small musical instruments.

Combs/brushes, toothbrush, washcloth, bar soap, colorful
band-aids, blanket, plastic utensils, cups or plates. Underwear, shoes, socks, flip flops,
hats, scarves, mittens, sunglasses, purse or tote bags. Hair bows or clips, and
bandanas.

Craft items: glue sticks, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, coloring book/
pad, stickers or play dough.

** No liquid or edible items **



You saw Sunday morning the impact of Youth Camp as we had four students come forward declaring their faith in Jesus and wanting to be baptized. We also saw the impact as one student surrendered his life to vocational ministry. Now the real work begins. These students are excited about living for Jesus. As a church, we bear the responsibility of praying for them and guiding them on that journey.

There were a couple of events at Falls Creek that Trey had planned that I questioned the wisdom of before they occurred. My doubts were not strong enough to discuss them with Trey. And I am sure glad I kept my mouth closed. Those two events were important bonding events for the entire group. Trey understands the emotional and spiritual roller coaster that is Youth Camp. He planned events to build off those peak moments to accomplish long-lasting change. In my opinion, that is why we hire a Youth Pastor, and why we hired a Family Pastor. These men have dedicated their lives to reaching and discipling their target groups. They may plan events that make us question their sanity, but rest assured, there is a reason for those plans. If I ever felt an event crossed ethical or theological boundaries, I would bring those concerns to our staff. Otherwise, I will be there to encourage and assist in whatever ways possible. Join me in taking that stance.

On Sunday evening, the volunteers who make God's Table run met to discuss its future. The meeting ended with the decision to return to "in-person" dining on Monday, August 30. We recognize that our number of meals served will probably decrease, but we also see a bigger purpose for God's Table than just giving out meals. One individual offered a potential purpose that really resonated with the group: food for the stomach and the soul. I believe we have been accomplishing the first part of that motto through the drive-up service initiated during COVID, but we haven't been accomplishing the second part. When we return to in-person dining, we need individuals who will make the commitment to come weekly, grab a tray of food and sit down with our guests to build relationships with the goal of sharing the gospel. Would you consider joining the God's Table team as a relationship builder? We won't ask you to wash dishes. In fact, we will tell you to let others do that. Simply come, get a tray of food and find a table to visit with those seated there.

Pastor Grant Bowles - Senior Pastor

The Songs We Sing

I hope you enjoyed the new song we introduced this past Sunday entitled "Turn Your Eyes." The song writer uses a familiar hymn melody and a new chorus to invite us to focus on Jesus, using verses that tell of his sacrificial death for our salvation, his victorious resurrection, and his coming again someday.

The songs we sing as part of corporate worship are very important. What we sing reflects what we believe about God and our relationship to Him. We sing songs of worship to God, as well as songs of mutual encouragement to the church body. It is so important that we sing songs that enable us to unite our varied voices as one in worship. What a joy it is to hear the youngest to the oldest sing on Sundays!

There are so many good songs "out there" in Christian music. Some songs have been beloved for many decades; some are brand new, or somewhere in between. Song selection is a significant responsibility that I take on with much thought and prayer. There are several factors I use for deciding the songs we sing in worship, three of which I will describe.

The first factor is practical: songs need to be "accessible" to the congregation. Accessibility means several things, including: the vocal range for the song where most people can sing (not too high or too low); rhythms aren't too complex or unpredictable; and, the melody is easy enough to catch on to and remember.

The second factor is also practical: I look for songs that people will like and want to sing. This is definitely subjective, but could include whether a song is melodic, "beautiful," well-arranged, has a good "hook," is not monotonous, etc. The question can be stated, does the song deliver the message of the lyrics effectively? The message is primary; the music should enhance it.

The final factor relates primarily to the lyrics. Is the song something we *should* sing? We are a people of the Word, and the songs we sing must reflect a biblical understanding of God. They should be theologically sound and unambiguous in their message. Many otherwise good or popular songs will not be a fit for us if they fall short biblically.

Songs that do well with all three factors are those that we sing on Sundays in worship. The good news is that there are many great songs and hymns out there already for the church, and great new ones are written constantly. Let's join again this Sunday and sing some of them!

Chris Jones - Worship Pastor

Decisions



Max Brown
Call to Ministry



Shane Burekhard
Accepted Christ



Katelyn Ramsey
Accepted Christ



Logan Swofford
Baptism



McCray Swofford
Baptism



Max Taylor
Baptism

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- ♦ Sunday Morning: CBS - 9:15 AM
- ♦ Wednesday Evening SSM: 6:00 PM
(doors open at 4:00 PM)

5th grade going into 6th grade may start attending Wednesday SSM tonight!



Trey Bledsoe - Youth Pastor
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Church Work Day

Saturday, July 24, 8:00 AM
We will be working on our landscaped beds and shrubs.
More details to come.



Quilting Workshop

Tuesday, July 6, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
In Fellowship Hall
Contact Tricia Taylor for more info:
940-206-5984




HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

JULY 13-18

Please pray for a wonderful Christ-filled trip.
Safety, salvations and all glory to God!



Mobile Food Pantry

Date Change
Due to Independence Day weekend, the Mobile Food Pantry is moved to Saturday, July 10, 10:30 AM - Noon.

MOPS Play Date

Friday, July 9, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
FLC

Bring friends and your own lunch.
Balls and toys will be provided.



For The Record

<u>Month of June</u>	
June 27, 2021 Receipts	\$ 15,803
YTD Budget Receipts	\$ 458,415
YTD Budget.....	\$ 456,052



Paper Products for Grief Support Ministry

Thank you to all who generously donated paper goods for our Grief Support Team. We have all of the goods we need for now.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Sunday, July 4: No Evening Activities

Monday, July 5: Church Offices closed in observance of Independence Day

Tuesday, July 6, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Peacemakers Quilt Workshop

Friday, July 9, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM: MOPS Play Date in FLC

Saturday, July 10, 10:30 AM - Noon: Mobile Food Pantry (moved from first Saturday)

Sunday, July 11, 5:00 PM: Deacons' Meeting

July 13-18: Honduras Mission Trip

Saturday, July 24, 8:00 AM: Church Work Day

Friday, July 30, 6:00 PM: T. Muir Class Fellowship at Lake Ray Roberts

Coming in August...

Saturday, Aug 14: DBA Leadership Training

Sunday, Aug 22: Promotion Sunday

Monday, Aug 30, 6:00 PM: God's Table Resumes In-Person Dining



**Our Worship Livestream is now on our YouTube Channel.
To be find our content conveniently, "subscribe" to our
channel, First Baptist Sanger.**

**Worship Choir resumes
in August!**

FBC SANGER CONTACT INFORMATION

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Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM,

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Summer Schedule

Sunday Mornings

9:15 - 10:15 Connection Bible Study

10:30 - 11:30 Worship Service

Sunday Evenings

6:00 - 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 - 7:00 SSM [6th-12th]

6:00 - 7:00 Adult Bible Study