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Connect to the Cross

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TOTAL NEW BUILDING FUND DONATIONS AS OF 9/13/10 \$231,406.64

(Includes Big Chief 1% Rebate of \$1,247.72)

STAFF WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Senior Pastor
Tuesday—Friday
8:30am—noon & 1 pm—5 pm
Tuesday—Thursday Evenings & Sundays
Available for visits, counseling, meetings, etc. *Please contact the church office. 409-925-2825*

Associate Pastor of Youth

Monday—Thursday
8:30am—noon & 1pm—5pm

Minister of Outreach

Monday—Thursday
9:00am—noon & 1pm—3pm

Childhood

Ministry Director

Monday—Thursday
9:00am—2:00pm & as needed

Financial

Administrator
Monday—Friday
8:30am—noon & 1pm—5pm

A Word from the Pastor:

God is good . . . all the time! Concerning the **Growing God's Kingdom** Stewardship Campaign, we see that our donations so far are over one fourth of the way toward our first **GGK** Goal – and we are only 6 months into our 3-year Campaign! What a great blessing! So far, we are debt-free and many of the planning and preparation costs have already been paid. Meanwhile, our General Fund Budget is doing well with all of our costs being paid and our monthly Budget being made. All of our ministries are doing well and growing in number and in spirit. These are all great blessings from the Lord! We rejoice greatly in these wonderful things. Let us keep it up and continue to take steps of faith together as the Lord leads us each step of the way!

Soon, the New Building Committee will have completed their preparations for the new Masterplan Project. They have been working with Roy Harper - our architect, Collier Contracting - our contractor, our New Building Finance Committee, and Tammy Berryhill, our Financial Administrator, to bring together all of the very best possible for this Project. The plans, the bids, the costs, and the financing all have to come together correctly for this Project to proceed. Please be in prayer for this excellent team and for our church as we seek the Lord and His will for AFBC.

Saturday, October 23, is our 13th Annual **Cooking for Christ.** What an exciting and fun-filled weekend this is. It includes a great Bar-B-Q Cook-off with awards, cooking competition with various category awards and prizes, games and activities for all ages, some great music and fellowship, and a community-wide free meal of some of the best cooking in the county (1:00pm). This year, we are privileged to have Steve and Mary Janell Kays as the Co-Directors of this event. This is a planned family Christian event for the whole family. This is a free event. There is something for everyone! Plan to bring your friends, neighbors and family to this great event.

On Wednesday, October 27, at 7:00 PM, AFBC is bringing **Don Piper** to speak in our Worship Center. We have invited the community and area to join us for this exciting and inspirational speaker who is the author of the book, **90 Minutes in Heaven.** That night, he will be sharing his testimony of how he died in an automobile accident near Huntsville, Texas, went to Heaven, and 90 minutes later came back alive to tell about this amazing story. **Don Piper** has been traveling all across the nation and the world sharing his story and inspiring people of all ages. This is a free event and is open to the community. No offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome. Invite a friend, loved one, or neighbor to come with you. Plan to join with us on this special evening of inspiration and enlightenment as we hear God's message from God's miraculous messenger, **Don Piper.** I believe that you will be glad that you did!

In conjunction with this, AFBC has been studying Don Piper's **90 Minutes in Heaven Bible Study Workbook** on Sunday evenings with our adults. The response has been tremendous as over a hundred adults have been joining with us on Sunday nights to study through and discuss this Bible study that takes a close look at Heaven and God's plan for our lives. In our Bible study, we have been studying and discussing many verses from the Bible. Here are just two verses:

"These things I have written to you who ²believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have ³eternal life." 1 John 5:13 (NASV)

"And He will ¹wipe away every tear from their eyes; and ²there will no longer be any death; ³there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; ⁴the first things have passed away." Revelation 21:4 (NASV)

In His Love,
Pastor Rick



KIDS' KORNER

Note from my heart:

I know times are tough right now in many areas of our lives, financially, in relationships, our busy schedules, health issues, etc.; but one thing is true, Christ is with us through it all. He is the answer! Praise the Lord!

Each week we have many children that come to Sunday school. Then the next week, I will peek into the classes and they are full again, but it is totally different kids! I ask, "Where were you last week? We missed you! God missed you!!" (In case you forgot, He was here too!) Being in church is not an option in our busy lives today. It is a command.

As adults, we have a lot on our plates, bills to pay, crises at work, etc. **OUR CHILDREN DO TOO**, and their issues are just as big as ours as adults -- if not bigger! They need to hear the Word and study the Word, not only weekly, but daily! There is no question: Should we go to church today? The answer is yes! Shockingly, we do not know it all! I'm so thankful Christ didn't say, "Well, I would have died on the cross for you that day, but I was really tired." Are you kidding me? The least we can do is come to worship Him and praise Him and thank Him!

We make sure our children are at basketball and soccer practices because they made a commitment to do that. Their team is depending on them, plus we paid for it! How much more important for them to be in church, hearing God's Word that will encourage them and help them the rest of their lives! During their childhood years, they learn what is a priority from their parents. We need to be sure we are setting the right example.

Over the years many times I've heard parents say, "We are having so much trouble with my son" or "my daughter," and their child hasn't been in church in forever. Do your child a favor. You are the parent. You make the decision to have them here. Help them out!! Make sure they are in church where they hear God's Word and are around Christian friends and get extra Christian support! Many times children don't express to their parents things that they may be dealing with at school or at a particular friend's house or wherever. Give them another outlet!

We have so many opportunities for your child here at AFBC! We have Sunday school teachers, children's church teams, an AWANA program, and children's choirs during the week, as well as many other ministries during the year. We have the most dedicated children's workers I have ever had the privilege to serve beside. These volunteers love your children and put much time into preparing special and exciting lessons in unique ways to make it fun and easy for your children to learn. We are so blessed!

Don't let your child miss the blessing God has for him/her! He loves our children more than we do, and He wants them to be equipped with the Word so that they will have it in their hearts and be prepared to use it when they are confronted with trials of their own! One thing you don't have to worry about God saying to you when you get to heaven, "Wow, you really spent too much time in worship and Bible study!"

Loving Him,

Julie Beanland

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The purpose of Arcadia First Baptist Church shall be to present Jesus Christ so that lost souls are drawn to Him through ministry and discipleship and to encourage fellowship in Christ for support.

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YOUTH STUFF

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

- ◆6:30pm Worship/Bible Study
- ◆7:30pm Youth Ministry Council Meeting 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Conference Room

SUNDAY NIGHT

- ◆4:30pm Drama Ministry
- ◆6:00pm W.R.O.C. @ TYC
- ◆7:00pm WRAP-UP

Sign-up for activities
(check the board)

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HOWDY!!!

Youth ministry here as really been booming lately. **JESUS IS DOING HIS STUFF!!!** It has been exciting!!! He is using the teenagers to reach out to their friends and we are being used by the Creator of all things to mend broken lives.

Last month, the youth went through a series (on Sunday nights) called "Why Jesus?" Where we talked about and answered the four questions, "What's the big deal about Jesus?" "Was Jesus God, or just a good man?" "Were Jesus' miracles just an illusion?" and "Is Jesus the only way to get to heaven?" This month we are covering conflict and how to overcome the stress in our relationships. Each Sunday, we have more and new youth attend. Jesus is opening up the doors to minister more and that's **GREAT!!!** I would like to thank all the sponsors who are helping out with the youth ministry: Judy Vining, Dena Killian, Kyle Beanland, Karen Vaughn, Brenda Rush, Christina Bockmon, Lee & Lynda Hart, Tiffany Forrester, and many, many others. Please know that you are servants of the **KING!!! LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP."**

GALATIANS 6:9

BE BANANAS 4 JESUS!!!

BRIAN BOCKMON