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STAFF WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Associate Pastor of Worship

Monday—Thursday
8:30am—noon
& 1pm—5pm

Associate Pastor of Youth

Tuesday—Friday
8:30am—noon
& 1 pm—5 pm

Childhood Ministry Director

Monday—Thursday
8:30am—noon
& 1pm—5pm

Financial Administrator

Monday—Friday
8:30am—noon
& 1pm—5pm

7 Ways to Embrace the Race God Has Called You to Run

By: Christina Patterson

I have a love-hate relationship with running. I love how I feel after a good run. I love how healthy it is for me. But I hate the soreness, the fatigue, and the pushing myself to the limit. However, I run when I can anyways because I know the benefits of running outweigh its challenges.

In the same way our living for Jesus is a lot like running. It's the best thing for us but it certainly has its challenges and obstacles to overcome in order for us to experience its benefits.

I think this is why throughout the Bible we find our relationship with Jesus compared to a race.

We're called to do a lot of things our flesh doesn't initially want to do but we choose Christ over the desires of our flesh because we know ultimately Jesus is better for our souls. So we sacrifice and carry our crosses to experience the full life Christ promised. Except of course when we don't. Sometimes we find ourselves just wanting to quit. I've learned it's during these times we've probably grown tired or lost perspective. So today I'm providing 7 ways to embrace the race God has called you to run.

1. Understand This is God's Race

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." - **Acts 20:24** NIV

This race will benefit you but it's not all about you. God has called you to be His ambassador for the building of His kingdom. If we lose sight of this and start running for our own goals we'll be quickly disappointed. But if we realize we're running for something greater than ourselves we'll find the motivation to run farther than we could on our own.

2. Maintain an Eternal Perspective

"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." - **1 Corinthians 9:25-27** NIV

The strict training you may endure in this race is not for a temporary prize. It's for an eternal prize. When we realize we are running for something that will last forever it fuels us to know that though this run is difficult, it's also

more than worth it.

3. Focus on Christ

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." - **Hebrews 12:2-3** NIV

Focusing on Christ is key to embracing this race. When we consider Christ we realize He's not asking us to do something He didn't do Himself. Christ's race was much more difficult than ours yet He ran it for us. Allow His act of sacrificial love to fuel you for your own race because if we lose focus we'll start heading in the wrong direction.

4. Take off the Weights

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us," - **Hebrews 12:1** NIV

This race we are running is certainly not a sprint. It's one we'll be running for the rest of our lives so we need to pace ourselves. We also need to make sure there is nothing weighting us down and slowing us from reaching our prize. What weights is down? Sin. Sin is the very thing that distances us from fixing our eyes on Jesus and staying focused on Him. Sin is only going to make this race harder than it already is. So always be praying for the strength to overcome sin so you can run this race with endurance.

5. Keep Your Lane Clear

"You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?" - **Galatians 5:7** NIV

Your eyes are focused on Christ and the weights are off but also make sure you're not running next to others that will cut you off. "Bad company corrupts good character." (**1 Corinthians 15:33** NIV)

If you want to better embrace your race be sure not to run close to those who may get you off course. Instead, find a friend with the same focus as you who keeps you motivated to reach the prize. Then make sure you're being that type of friend to someone else.

6. Don't give up too soon

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize." - **1 Corinthians 9:24** NIV

Although we'll be running this race for the remainder of our lives we'll also experience small victories along the way. We'll be tempted to give up but I encourage you not



Serving in the Storm

It was about three o'clock in the morning on August 26th and the storm was howling outside. My wife, Paige, woke me up to tell me that the Doss family had posted on Facebook that their house was flooding. No sooner had she given me this information than my phone rang with Joshua on the line. He was nervous because water was coming into his house. It took me a while to figure out that he wasn't experiencing just a small amount of flooding; the whole family was actually sitting on beds and furniture while their entire home was being submerged in 18-24 inches of water. I felt helpless to assist as my small truck would be no match for those flood waters. In the midst of the conversation, the phone cut out and I couldn't reach him again for a while. I was terrified for my good friend and his family. Thankfully he called me back and informed me that a stranger had rescued them in a truck after Joshua and Kaylie trudged through chest deep water with their girls on their shoulders to a location where the truck could reach them. We were happy to offer our house to them as a place of refuge after such a traumatic ordeal. In the midst of my conversation with Joshua I learned that our back door was leaking and we had water pouring into our living room. We had stacked towels against the door, but they were sopping wet and water was still coming in. We grabbed dry towels and swapped them out with the wet ones. The rest of the night was consumed with washing and drying towels to keep the water out of our living room. When the Doss family arrived, the truck pulled up into our driveway. Just as they did, lightning struck our next-door neighbor's house knocking out their power. The Doss family had to wait for a few minutes to leave the truck and come inside for fear of being struck by lightning. The night was scary, but God protected everyone and we were all safe.

I know each of you have your own Hurricane Harvey stories, and it has broken my heart to hear them. I have been so moved and blessed, however, by the atti-

tudes of those who have experienced water and wind damage. Few of the victims I have come in contact with have complained about their circumstances, but instead have expressed thankfulness for their safety and compassion for those who experienced greater loss. Many of the people whose homes were flooded were neglecting the clean-up of their own homes so that they could help others. I have been amazed by the outpouring of support by the community and the nation. I know of multiple organizations assisting with disaster relief in our area including: The Missouri Baptists, the North American Mission Board, Samaritan's Purse, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and a number of churches. I have been privileged to work with several groups from our church who spent countless hours helping our church members and others in the community with the Harvey clean-up effort. Over 50 volunteers from our church helped over 40 families. We are now cooperating with a number of relief organizations to ensure that those who were adversely affected by the storm continue to get help. Two of these organizations are Samaritan's Purse located at First Baptist Church Alta Loma, and Dayspring Church off of 646 in Santa Fe. If you are available to lend financial assistance, supplies, or a helping hand, please call the church office and we will get you connected with the appropriate organization. If you would like to donate to our church's Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund, you can bring a check to the office or place it in the offering plate with HHRF in the memo line. You may also donate on our website at www.arcadiafbc.org. You are all in my prayers. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in the midst of this disaster. I see God moving in so many ways. I love you and love being your Worship Pastor!

For His Glory,
Stephen Wilhite

Quarterly Church Business Conference

Sun., Oct. 15th - 7pm - Worship Ctr.
Conference will cover July, August & September business. All reports are due in the church office by Monday, October 9th. ALL church members are encouraged to attend, a quorum is required.



Additional Wednesday Night Cook Teams Needed

Additional Cook Teams are needed for the monthly rotation. Contact Kim McCurdy or contact the church office @409 925-2825 for more information & details.

MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

October Men's Breakfast

When: Sunday, October 16, 2016
Where: AFBC Fellowship Hall (F4)
Time: 7:30am
Guest Speaker: TBA
No need to sign up. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend. Gene Newton, Director.

September H.I.S. Ministry Donation Needs

The month of September H.I.S. Ministry is collecting **Tooth Brushes** (Individually wrapped). A basket is located in the foyer labeled H.I.S. Ministry under the missions table, where you can place your donated items. Thank you!

Awana's Theme Calendar

(Calendar subject to change, you will be notified of any changes at club!)

- Sept. 27th - Back to School Night! dress as a book nerd, cheerleader, football player or be creative
- Oct. 4th - Double Ticket Night / Crazy Hat Night
- Oct. 11th - Pajama Night
- Oct. 18th - NO CLUB - FALL BREAK
- Oct. 25th - Awana's Outside, wear your uniform
- Nov. 1st - Club Attendance Awards / Bible Character Night
- Nov. 8th - AWANA Store / Twins Night!
- Nov. 15th - Canned Goodnight - bring can good for
- Nov. 22nd NO CLUB - THANKSGIVING BREAK
- Nov. 29th Glow Night - Wear a glow stick or bring a flash light!



Worship Choir Members Needed



**Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

Please come & join us as we begin rehearsals in October. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday Nights from 7:30pm-8:30pm in the sanctuary. See Bro. Stephen for more info or questions.

- ♪ NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
- ♪ NO AUDITIONS
- ♪ NO FORCED SOLOS

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study
Join us in F6 @ 6pm



Prayer changes things



CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS Sunday School/Bible Study Attendance

August 06	
Adults	142
Youth	17
Children	22
Pre-School	14
TOTAL	195
August 13	
Adults	159
Youth	24
Children	20
Pre-School	18
TOTAL	221
August 20	
Adults	156
Youth	21
Children	23
Pre-School	20
TOTAL	220
S.S. MONTHLY AVERAGE	212



Sunday Morning Worship

DATE	8:30AM	11:00AM	Total
08/06	110	156	266
08/13	127	172	296
08/20	105	175	280

Average 281

If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

GOD'S TITHES & OFFERINGS AUGUST 2017






Budget Receipts	
Reporting 8/06/17	\$17,337.62
Reporting 8/13/17	\$16,088.52
Reporting 8/20/17	\$10,784.70
Reporting 8/27/17	\$ 8,471.54
Budget Receipts (AS OF 9/12/17)	\$52,682.38
August 2017 Monthly Budget Needs	\$62,819.60

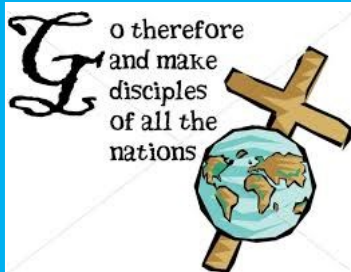
Building Fund GKG3	
Reporting 8/06/17	\$ 7,526.00
Reporting 8/13/17	\$ 4,030.16
Reporting 8/20/17	\$ 1,760.17
Reporting 8/27/17	\$ 1,620.00
Total GKG3 (FOR August)	\$ 14,936.33
Balance (AS OF 9/12/17)	— \$ (9,645.52)

Deacons on Call
10/01 Sammy Belcher/Gene Newton
10/08 Kelly Creech/Mark Higginbotham
10/15 John Rothermel/Doug Anderson
10/22 Doug McDowell/Loran Lance
10/29 Sammy Belcher/Wil Leach

October 2017

AFBCS/MDO/CWJC Events
 10/9-10/13 no CWJC classes
 10/16-10/20 No School - AFBCS Fall Break
 10/23-10/27 Fall Book Fair - *Activity Ctr.*
 10/27 - In-service Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Morning Worship Service-WC 9:45am SS/Bible Study 5:30pm Youth "Man-Up" (guys) -TYC & "Kalos" (gals) - F6 6pm Kid's Open Gym/Bible Study-AC 6pm Evening Worship - Worship	2 Newsletter Deadline 6pm Handbells Rehearsal—TYC 6:30pm Missions Committee Meeting—F4 	3 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Amegy Bank 6pm Budget & Finance MTG -OR 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery F4/F6	4 12pm Ministerial Alliance lunch-BB 5:15pm WNS - F4 6pm AWANA's — <i>Activity Ctr.</i> 6pm "It Starts @ Home" Parents Bible Study—F6 6pm Youth Worship Service—TYC 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study- WC 7:45pm Worship Choir Rehearsal-wc	5 10am-2p AFBC Pecemakers-F4 10am O.W.L.S. Council Mtg—CR 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal 	6 Youth 5th Quarter—Santa Fe Christian Church	7 <div> <div>OWLS Trip 10/7 - 10/15— Ark Encounter (Kentucky) - (Diamond Tours \$780.00)</div> </div>
8 AFBC's 69th Anniv. (10-10-48) Morning Worship Service-WC 9:45am SS/Bible Study 4:30pm Deacon's Meeting—OR 5:30pm Youth "Man-Up" (guys) -TYC & "Kalos" (gals) - F6 6pm Kid's Open Gym/Bible Study-AC 6pm Evening Worship - WC	9 12pm reports due in office for Business Meeting 6pm Handbells Rehearsal -TYC	10 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Amegy Bank Community Room 6pm Budget & Finance MTG -TYC 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery F4/F6 7pm Church Council 	11 11:30am Chamber Luncheon 5:15pm WNS - F4 6pm AWANA's — <i>Activity Ctr.</i> 6pm Youth Worship Service—TYC 6pm "It Starts @ Home" Parents Bible Study—F6 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study- WC 7:45pm Worship Choir Rehearsal-wc	12 10am-2p AFBC Pecemakers-F4 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal-wc	13 	14 Aldersgate Bazaar
15 Clergy Appreciation Observance of the Lord's Supper 7:30am Men's Breakfast - F4 Morning Worship Service-WC 9:45am SS/Bible Study 5:30pm Youth "Man-Up" (guys) -TYC & "Kalos" (gals) - F6 6pm Kid's Open Gym/Bible Study-AC 6pm Evening Worship - WC	16 6pm Handbells Rehearsal - TYC	17 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Amegy Bank Community Rm 4pm GBA Annual Meeting—Northside Baptist Church TC 6pm Budget & Finance MTG -OR 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery F4/F6	18 5:15pm WNS - F4 6pm Youth Worship Service—TYC 6pm "It Starts @ Home" Parents Bible Study—F6 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study- WC 7:45pm Worship Choir Rehearsal-wc	19 10am-2p AFBC Pecemakers-F4 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal-wc 6:30pm GBA Annual WMU Meeting "Pie Supper" - TBA	20	21
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29 Children's Harvest Sunday Morning Worship Service-WC 9:45am SS/Bible Study 5pm Children's Ministry Harvest Party 	30 6pm Handbells Rehearsal—TYC	31 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Amegy Bank Community Rm 6pm Budget & Finance MTG -OR 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery F4/F6				



Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations

Missionary Moments

for week of September 17th

Morning: Sharing Biblical Truths with Muslims

[Central Asia] FARISHTA* wanted to show Christian

worker MARCIE* how to perform the Islamic prayer ritual, namaz. Marcie told Farishta it wasn't necessary and pointed to her teacup. "When I leave, will you wash the outside or the inside of this cup?" Marcie asked. Farishta indicated both. "If you don't wash the inside of the cup, will it still be dirty?" Marcie asked. Farishta agreed. Then the Holy Spirit prompted Marcie to share the story from **Luke 18:9-14** about God accepting the tax collector's humble prayer while ignoring the religious man's prayer. Farishta had never heard this truth. Your support of workers through the Cooperative Program will help women like Farishta hear more truths.

for week of September 17th

Evening: Pray for Passion to Share the Gospel in Indiana

[Indiana] BOBBY COX helps to start churches throughout three Southern Baptist associations in eastern Indiana. As a church planting catalyst and church health specialist, he also helps plateaued churches through revitalization, realignment and replanting. To do this, Bobby coaches church planters and pastors, helps with church planting assessments and identifies potential church planters whom God is calling to plant in eastern Indiana. Thanks to the financial support given through the Cooperative Program, Bobby can mentor and train new church planters. Ask God to give Bobby and his wife, MARY, the wisdom to know how best to serve the churches of eastern Indiana. Also, pray local churches will gain a passion to share the gospel.

Bible Reference & Statement: Mark 10:7-10

God calls people to be His messengers: preachers, teachers, missionaries and other kinds of servants. In Jesus' teachings, ministry is never separated from financial support. Giving to our church supports the ministers and the ministries.

for week of September 24th

Morning: Starting New Churches in Western Washington

[Washington] Born into a family of a church planter, PHIL PETERS learned about missions as a child. When he was 9 years old, Phil and his family moved from Missouri to Washington to plant Emmanuel Baptist

Church in Pullman, Wash. Today, as a church planting catalyst in western Washington, he helps start churches in the western part of the state. With 1 million people and 12,000 square miles, Phil is reaching the suburban and rural communities of the Olympic Peninsula and southwest Washington. Phil thanks you for your gifts given through the Cooperative Program and asks you to pray for the many small communities in the region that need new churches.

for week of September 24th

Evening: MKs Share Christ in Zambia

[Zambia] While parents participated in missionary field training, IMB worker SUZIE RODGERS, supported through the Cooperative Program, took their children to the market. During their trip, one of the boys ran to her and said that a man wanted to be baptized. Suzie went to the man's shop and continued sharing Christ with him. As she listened to the man talk, she could hear another missionary kid in the corner telling a different man Bible stories. Suzie gathered the two men and shared the gospel with them. They both decided to follow Him, so Suzie and the boys prayed with the two men to receive Christ. "We went shopping but ended up fishing!" said Suzie.

Bible Reference & Statement: Mark 10:25

How does wealth keep a person out of the kingdom of heaven? Wealth replaces God as the most important thing in a person's life. It is not impossible for a rich person to enter heaven; it just requires more discipline. Faithful, generous giving is good discipline for all of us.

Memory Verse of the Month

*"We live within the shadow of the Almighty,
sheltered by the God who is above all gods.
This I declare, that he alone is my refuge, my
place of safety; he is my God,
and I am trusting Him."*



Psalm 91:1-2

Tony and I want to thank you all for your prayers, cards, and calls. We really need and appreciate them. We really love and appreciate our church family.

God bless you all,
Tony and Mary Ann Nemitz





I believe in Miracles



Ask me about mine

God has demonstrated Himself mighty and where His grace is evident. As believers all of us have experienced them. It is important that we share them so that others can be encouraged and God will be glorified.

Anonymous Musing of an "O.W.L. Couple"

As we, Dad and I, drive through the community where we both grew up, went to church and school, met, fell in love, got married and raised three relatively normal children, we can't help but reflect on where we are now and how God has provided our every need many times over.

The homes so many young couples have, including some of ours, are just breath-takingly beautiful. We were so proud of our new 1,200 square foot home, when over forty years ago, we had saved for the \$1,500.00 down payment. It actually had one and a half bathrooms! The \$70.00 a month mortgage payment was really tough, primarily because we both felt God wanted Mom to stay home with the babies. I didn't have any marketable skills anyway having married only two weeks after my eighteenth birthday.

Our second and third children both came home from the hospital to our small home, which had no central heat or air conditioning. I really don't know how we survived. Dad worked shift work out at the plant and had to try and sleep through the day with young children and no air conditioning. It would be almost ten years before God enabled us to add those features, and we thanked Him for them. We had to get them because our middle child who was about five or six years old had developed a severe asthma problem and our physician advised us to have the air conditioning installed. He had no advice on how we could afford it though. Again God provided, this time with overtime and shortly we had the \$300.00 for the heat and air conditioning. We installed it ourselves and crawled into our attic during the summer to put in the unit. I got to wrap duct joints with duct tape to prevent leaks. Duct tape was gray then too.

As the children grew so did the everyday expenses. Most of the time I tried to buy the children's school clothes from the Sears catalogue. Taking three children clothes shopping wasn't something I could do without threat of bodily harm to at least one of them so we used

It Was A God Thing...

"With God all things are possible." Mark 10:27
"God Things" are those things in our lives where

THE SEARS WISH BOOK. If a person waited until the last minute Sears usually had a sale catalogue with a children's clothing "grab-bag" section in it, where one could only pick gender and size and be surprised with what you got. Most of their clothing came from there and usually was better and cheaper than what I would have bought. The big event was the **Christmas Catalog!** It was a guarantee of hours of studying, reading and writing practice for the Santa Claus list. Some of those old catalogues are still in the little house attic much to Dad's chagrin. It took us usually to April or May to pay for those Christmas treats but we knew with God's help we could do it.

The middle child's health programs grew also and doctors weren't free then either. We were going every week for gamma globulin shots and needed at least two breathing medications all the time. After five bouts of pneumonia and dropping out of kindergarten, our medical bills were more than we could pay. The doctor's office refused to see our child without a \$100.00 payment. We also needed another \$35.00 for prescriptions. That was on a Tuesday and I came home in tears (our physician did not control the office procedures and agreed to see our child at our home if refused again). I worried the remainder of Tuesday and most of Wednesday. I knew it would not be long at this rate before we were in the hospital with a very sick child. It never occurred to us that God would use our very sick child to teach us a lesson on trust and faith. I went to prayer meeting that night and it dawned on me that I needed to ask my Christian family to pray for my unspoken (I didn't want to tell of my money problems) request. After a number of people prayed and the meeting was over, I went home with a "peace that passeth understanding down in the depths of my heart". **OH, OUR GOD IS SO GOOD!** The very next day in the mail was a check for \$135.00. **THE EXACT AMOUNT** we needed to satisfy the medical office and pay for the prescription. **No More and No Less.**

After that first check, which came from a long forgotten gas lease, the checks came with enough regularity that eventually I was able to go to college, learn some skills, help pay college and marriage expenses for three bright and eventually healthy children. After all the expensive years of children were over (yes, it does have an ending) those checks quit coming and all we could say is **THANK YOU GOD FOR TAKING CARE OF US!**

Yes we are still in our "starter home" and with God's help we hope to stay there until we are either too



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old or gone on to our "Bigger House".

Is there a point to all these musings? Is God still taking care of us? Yes everyday with both big and little things. Through the years and no matter the situations, **WE HAVE ALWAYS TITHED.** This is not to brag but to say that God takes care of His own when we are obedient to His word, seek His face, live according to His standards, and make reasonable financial decisions. So, (it's fun to "wax philosophical") but I guess the point is to be very careful with the things God has given you, whether it's your home, your children or your life. It **ALL** belongs to Him anyway; He's just letting you use it.

Adult III Game Night – Bingo & Blue Bell



Senior Adults gathered on Friday, August 18 in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo and Blue Bell. There were some interesting ice cream concoctions and some very competitive games of bingo. Prizes included gift cards and items donated by various members of the group. Kudos to Vicki Van Winkle for planning the event and to Steve Kays for calling the game numbers. An enjoyable time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.



Retirement Reception Honors Pastor Rick & Kay



On Sunday, August 13 members of AFBC and guests from the community gathered to honor Pastor Rick and Kay on the occasion of their retirement. Pastor Rick's ministry has spanned over 42 years with 16 of those years spent at Arcadia First Baptist Church. Between 125 - 150 people participated in the event. Participants were able to share memories with Pastor Rick and Kay in the receiving line,



with cards, and even spoken words during a time of remembrance. In addition, Pastor Rick and Kay were presented a picture album featuring memories at AFBC and a money tree. Finger foods and a delicious cake were enjoyed by all.



Pastor Rick it has been an awesome privilege to serve alongside you and Kay at AFBC. You will be missed but we know that God is not finished with you yet and look forward to the plans He has for you as you continue your journey with Him.



AFBC Senior Adult Events:

September:

- **Outreach Bible Study** - Every Tue., 9:30am, Amegy Bank Community Room; the group is open to individuals of all ages;
- **Piecemakers** - Every Thurs. 10am AFBC - *F4*; women of all ages are invited to participate;
- **O.W.L.S. Council Senior Adult Ministry Leadership Training** - Sept. 28th; 10am; First Baptist Church Hempstead, Hempstead, Texas;

October:

- **O.W.L.S. Council Mtg.** - Thurs. Oct. 5th; 10am - AFBC Conference Room;

Coming Soon:

- **Trip to see the replica of the Ark in Kentucky** - flyers with all the details & a signup sheet is available in the church foyer or contact Jan Gray for additional info.

Galveston Baptist Association Events

October:

- **Senior Adult Game Day** - Tues., Oct. 10th - 1:30pm - 4pm, GBA Office-LaMarque; bring a snack to share;
- **GBA Annual Meeting** - Tues., Oct. 17th - 4pm, Northside Baptist Church, Texas City;
- **WMU Annual Pie Supper & Meeting** - Thurs., Oct. 19th, Details: TBA;
- **GBA Disney Panama Canal Transit Cruise** - Oct., 2017 - for info. contact Lela Esmond at 409-933-3353 or email at lelaslines@hotmail.com.



LOL...Laughing Out Loud

"A joyful heart is good medicine..."

Proverbs 17:22a (ESV)

Back to School Humor

Driving my car one afternoon, I rolled through a stop sign. I was pulled over by a police officer, who recognized me as his former English teacher.

"Mrs. Brown," he said, "those stop signs are periods, not commas."

Source: www.rd.com/funnystuff/back-to-school-jokes

Chad: Why do magicians do so well in school?

Josh: I don't know. Why?

Chad: They're good at trick questions.

Submitted by Chad N., Firestone, Colo.

What kind of school do you go to if you're an...
ice cream man?.... Sundae school.

giant?High school.

a surfer?Boarding school.

King Arthur?Knight school.

Submitted by Ryan K., North Platte, Neb.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O.

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Submitted by Caleb R., Jackson, Mich.

Teacher: Where are the Great Plains located?

Tommy: At the great airports!

Submitted by Nicholas G., South Range, Wis

Teacher: Tommy, can you tell us where the Declaration of Independence was signed?

Tommy: Yes, ma'am. At the bottom.

Submitted by Luke M., Morganton, N.C.

Teacher: Why can't you work in an orange juice factory?

Student: I don't know. Why?

Teacher: Because you can't concentrate!

Submitted by Caleb S., Mount Vernon, Mo.

Source: boyslife.org/features/32016/back-to-school-jokes



Avocado Chicken Salad

Ingredients:

2 large chicken breasts,* shredded or chopped

3 medium or 2 large avocados

1 cup corn (from 1 cooked cob)

6 oz Bacon, cooked and chopped

¼ cup Chives or green onion, chopped

2 Tbsp chopped Dill

2 hard boiled eggs, cut in halves or quarters, optional

Lemon Dressing:

3 Tbsp fresh lemon juice

3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1 tsp sea salt, or to taste

⅛ tsp black pepper

Instructions:

Dice or shred the 2 large cooked chicken breasts and place into a large mixing bowl. Peel and pit 2 large avocados, slice into bite-sized pieces and add to the mixing bowl. Add 1 cup of cooked corn (freshly cooked corn is best), toss in ¼ cup chopped green onion, chopped bacon, and 2 Tbsp fresh Dill. Add dressing ingredients to a small bowl and stir to combine. Drizzle over your salad and toss to combine. Serve with slices of hard-boiled egg if desired. Serves 6 as a side or 4 as an entrée.

Source: Natasha of NatashasKitchen.com

AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) - We are starting our AWANA program on September 20! We will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 7:30pm with Mark Higginbotham as our Commander! We are so thankful to have his leadership! Our AWANA conference got canceled due to Hurricane Harvey, but we are moving forward! Sign-ups are in the foyer, or you can sign up on September 13th when you come to club! AWANA is for children 3 years old up through the 6th grade. We could still use a few more helpers! Please let us know if you would like to be involved in this ministry!



Children's Harvest Party - Sunday evening October 29, 2017, from 5pm to 7pm we will have a Children's Harvest Party! The entry fee will be one canned good per child. These will be donated to HIS Ministries. Our Mother's Day Out, School Ministry, and AFBC children's ministries will come together to host a fun night for our kiddos! We will be decorating all of the children's doors and hallways for this event! Children will walk through the hallways and receive candy at each door! (Children may wear their costumes, but nothing scary or inappropriate, please!) Afterwards, children and families are invited to the Activity Center for pumpkin desserts! We will have pumpkin pie, pumpkin cookies and many other pumpkin treats! **WE NEED A LOT OF CANDY!** If you would be able to donate a bag of individually wrapped candy, that would be great! Drop it off by the children's ministry office! We will also, of course, need pumpkin desserts for the evening! We hope you will join us for this fun event!

Children's Activity Night & Bible Study - On Sunday evenings beginning in September we will meet upstairs in Room 200A. We have some exciting things in the works! I'll post more in the next newsletter. We meet each Sunday evening from 6pm to 7pm! Hope you will join us! This is for children kindergarten through the 6th grades!



Children's Sunday Morning Bible Study - Our children started in their new Bible study classes last week! If you haven't been coming lately, this is a great time to start the new school year off right! Don't miss out on this opportunity to study God's Word in-depth! If you are not bringing your children to Sunday School, they are missing out! **This hour will help prepare, equip, and refresh your child for their upcoming week!** See you there!

Mother's Day Out / Preschool / Full-Time Child Care & Before & After School Care - We



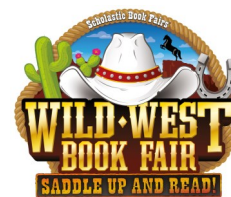
kicked off Year 14 the day after Labor Day! We were able to get in both of our meet the teacher nights before Harvey hit. Many of our workers were affected by the storm, but they are back to work by God's grace. We are taking it day by day and allowing our workers to come and go to check on their homes and meet with contractors, etc., as they rebuild. They are a true testimony of God's strength. Please continue to pray for them, as well as all of those affected by the storm.



AFBCS - Year 6- We began a new year with 156 students! We had seven days of school before Harvey hit. We closed for six school days and started back up the day after Labor Day. Unfortunately, many of our faculty had homes flooded, cars totaled, and hearts broken; but God has sustained them. It is truly amazing to see. As they began to tear down and rebuild, their testimonies of faith are more unbelievable than the storm. God's hand is a mighty one! Praise His Name! Please continue to pray for all those affected by the storm.

Yearbook Signing- We had our first official year book signing! We opened up the gym an hour before our meet the teacher night, and the students had a great time signing each other's year books. We will definitely do this again! It was a great time to reconnect and fellowship, as the students exchanged stories of their summer! It was a good kick-off to the school year!

Fall Book Fair- We will host our fall book fair **October 23-27, 2017!** This will take place in our Activity Center. Katy Wheeler is in charge of this fundraiser, and she always does such a great job! The children love coming and looking at all the new books and selecting one or more to take home! It will be a fun week!



Volleyball- Our remaining volleyball schedules are listed below! We hope you will come out and cheer on our Arcadia Lions!

Jr. High Volleyball Schedule

9/22/17 - 9/23/17 - Tournament @ Baytown Christian Academy - TBA

9/26/17 - Eagle Heights @ Arcadia - 4:00

9/28/17 - Family Christian @ Arcadia - 4:00

10/3/17 - Arcadia @ Brazosport Christian Academy - 5:00

10/5/17 - Trinity Episcopal @ Arcadia - 4:00

10/9/17 - Living Stones @ Arcadia - 4:00

10/12/17 - Arcadia @ Eagle Heights - 4:00

District Tournament TBA

High School Volleyball Schedule

9/26/17 - Arcadia @ Family Christian Academy - 5:00

10/3/17 - Arcadia @ Brazosport Christian - 6:00

10/12/17 - Eagle Heights @ Arcadia - 5:30

10/13/17 - Brazos Belles @ Arcadia - 5:00



Box Tops!! We are still collecting box tops! So keep them coming! Thank you so much, church body and school/mdo families, for cutting out and turning in those box tops! It's amazing how quickly they add up! Aloha Berger continues to coordinate this fundraiser for our school! Thank you so much, Aloha!



Tyson- Tyson Project A+ product labels can turn every purchase into cash for our school! Every label = 24 cents! For information, visit projectAplus.tyson.com. Start collecting labels today! Ms. Aloha Berger is overseeing this fundraiser as well. Feel free to ask her if you have any questions!



By: Joshua Doss, Associate Pastor of Youth

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 107:1)

The last several weeks have been a chaotic and turbulent time for our community. I am amazed, but not surprised, by our church's steadfast response to such a tough season. I have seen the people of God, both senior citizens and youth, and everyone in between, working together, serving others, and shining the light of Jesus into the darkness around us.

This storm has brought many interesting things to my attention about the work of God in our church and in this community. Just as He is the light in the darkness there are many other spiritual ironies. In the middle of the chaos, there has been unity. In times of great frustration, there has been peace. In spite of hard personal struggles, there has been a consistent selflessness and humility as the hurting ones help others also hurting. Despite great reason for despair and anxiety, there has been hope and joy. Though there is great loss, we have not lost Jesus. In our weakness He is made strong. None of the positives that I have seen would be possible without Christ in our lives and in our church. He is the one supplying all our needs according to His riches, and at this point, a gallon of bleach is GOLD! Though many are still hurting from the storm, and there is much work still to be done, our God has been our Rock, our High Tower, and our Deliverer.

I shared with our school students during the AFBCS chapel time Psalm 107:1 and challenged them to commit it to memory. From that verse we are reminded that our thankfulness is based on two things that no storm can take away: God is good, and He loves us forever. Though we may lose everything, nothing can separate us from His love, and His goodness never changes. The rest of the Psalm describes extreme cases in Israel's history where God rescued them from calamity, restored them from brokenness, and provided for them when there seemed to be no reason for hope. God had proven His goodness to the Psalmist and had demonstrated His love for Israel over and over and over, in spite of their stubbornness. He surely will take care of us, though the situation looks bleak. Take time to grieve, but do not lose hope. Take time to heal, but do not lose heart. Take time to remember, but remember His faithfulness. Take time to be thankful in the middle of this mess, for He is good and He loves you forever.

- 9/22-9/24 - DNOW "CommUNITY - Undivided"

AFBC Youth are partnering with Alta Loma FBC for a united youth retreat. Pray for us as we worship together, serve in projects together, study the Word, and have some fun in unity. If you'd like to help, we could use some assistance with meals to cut costs. We'll need both supplies and workers for Saturday lunch and dinner.

- 9/27 - See You at the Pole - Meet at the flag pole to pray one hour before late bell
- 9/27 - Saw You at the Pole Rally – 6:15pm - Dayspring Church - Open to area teens. All Churches invited to participate. AFBC youth can meet at our atrium at 5:45 to ride a van over. Riders will need a liability form. Van will return by 8:00pm.
- 10/25 - Homecoming Parade Outreach - Signup with Joshua to serve or donate. Workers arrive between 4pm-6pm to help set up in the front lawn.

*NOTE: Our Fall Kickoff Outings that were canceled because of Harvey will be rescheduled in the near future. Check for updates or call Joshua for details.

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Being a follower of Jesus changes everything about who we are and how we live. Loving God connects us with others who are changed by Him as well. We were never meant to do this faith journey alone but rather in community. We grow best when we relate

to others who have the same purpose and desire to know Jesus and make Him known.

Texas Is A Mission Field

There are still millions who have never heard the living giving message of Jesus. Others have heard and rejected the message. Whether in the growing metropolitan cities or the rural counties of the state, Texas Baptists

are to make Christ known. The task is large but when we are **TOGETHER...INTENT ON 1 PURPOSE**, it is possible.

- ✎ **TOGETHER**, we have a greater awareness about the changing population and ethnicity in Texas and ways to show and tell God's good news.
- ✎ **TOGETHER**, we no longer ride around our communities or go to the grocery store or a restaurant without praying for people we see...people who need to know Christ.
- ✎ **TOGETHER**, we serve, advance missions equipping, love the least of these, and tell.

OUR SINGLE PURPOSE IS TO REACH OUR GREAT STATE FOR JESUS CHRIST!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS
THEME: TOGETHER, INTENT ON 1 PURPOSE

MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING

GOAL: \$3,600,000

AFBC GOAL: \$700.00

AMOUNT RECEIVED: \$320.00