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## STAFF WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Interim Pastor

Tuesday, Thursday &  
Sunday  
8:30am-4pm

### Associate Pastor of Worship

Monday—Thursday  
8:30am—5pm

### Childhood Ministry Director

Monday—Thursday  
8:30am—5pm

### Financial Administrator

Monday—Friday  
8:30am—5pm

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Wednesdays:

6pm AWANA's  
6pm Youth Worship  
6:30pm Adult Prayer  
Meeting / Bible Study

### Sundays:

9:15am Bible Study  
10:30am Worship  
6pm Youth Bible study  
6pm Children's Musi-  
cal rehearsal  
6pm Worship

## A Word from Our Interim Pastor

Dear Church Family,

As you know by now, we have started the process of electing a Pastor Search Committee. There was a little confusion about the Nomination Form that were inserted in the bulletins, because the process of electing the committee was not included on the forms (my fault). We have hopefully fixed the problem by adding some information to the forms that explains the process. The new Nomination Form will be available in the foyer of the church and in the church office, beginning on Sunday, March 11. In our Church Council meeting on 3/6/18, we will set a deadline date for the forms to be turned in. When the ballots have been compiled, we will have a Special Called Business Meeting to formally elect the committee. I will be working with the newly elected committee as we seek the leadership of the Lord in every step of this process. Please...pray, pray, pray. Pray for our church. Pray individually for the members of the Pastor Search Committee. Pray for the person whom the church will ultimately call as pastor. I believe that God has great things in store for this church, and I know that we will all look forward to experiencing what God is about to do.

Sue and I have really enjoyed our time with you thus far. There is an excitement in our worship services as you come together expecting a blessing from the Lord. Our attendances have been good both on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings. (Yes, we do have church on Sunday evenings! lol). Also, I have noticed that many of you are not in a hurry to leave after the service is over. You "hang around" and visit with your church family...and that is wonderful. The church is intended to be a family; a family who laughs together and cries together. When I am enjoying life to the full on this earth, I want my family (both my biological family and my church family) to enjoy it with me. When the sorrows and heartaches of this life close in around me, I need the support of both families as well. Life on this earth would be very dismal and hard without my biological family and my church family. I honestly don't know how anyone makes it without both. I look forward to Sundays, and hope that each of you do as well.

Grace and Peace,

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## Take My Life

If you were raised attending a Baptist church, you are likely familiar with the hymns of Fanny Crosby, and you probably know a little about her name and story. Her counterpart in England was named Frances Ridley Havergal. Much like Fanny Crosby, Havergal struggled with a number of health issues, but didn't allow them to stop her from writing music for the glory of God. She and Fanny Crosby were friends and corresponded often. Havergal had a passion for helping believers develop a deeper dedication to Jesus and she focused her writings and music on that subject. You may recognize some of her hymns: "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated," "I Gave My Life for Thee," "Who is On the Lord's Side?," "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak," and "Like a River Glorious."

Frances was born to an Anglican minister who was a gifted composer himself. At the age of three, she learned to read, and by the time she was four years old she was reading the Bible. When she was only eleven years old, her mother passed away. Frances' depth of spiritual maturity as a young lady is evident in her response to her mother's passing:

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,  
Neither can man's heart conceive,  
The blessed things God hath prepared  
For those who love Him and believe."

Later, Frances traveled to Germany where her musical and poetic gifting was affirmed by professionals. She was an accomplished student who became well versed in Latin, French, German, Hebrew, Italian and Greek. She also had an amazing memory and committed large passages of scripture to memory including the minor prophets, the Psalms, Proverbs, Isaiah, all of the gospels and epistles, and Revelation!

One day, Frances and her father went to visit a pastor's home. A picture hung on the wall there of the crucifixion and a phrase was written under it that read, "I did this for thee. What hast thou done for me?" She wrote down the words and composed the hymn "I Gave My Life for Thee," but was dissatisfied with what she wrote and threw the paper into the fire. The paper

came out immediately, and was completely unharmed. Her father encouraged her to keep the poem, and that is how we have this popular hymn today.

Frances met a number of trials in her lifetime. The American publisher she worked with and with whom she had an exclusive contract went bankrupt, eliminating much of her meager income. Later, the building that housed her English publisher burned to the ground with many of her original, un-copied transcripts going up in flames with it. She always managed to keep her focus on the Lord, however, and saw each trial as an opportunity for the Lord to teach her something. She wrote, "Thy will be done' is not a sigh but only a song!...I have not a fear, or a doubt, or a care, or a shadow upon the sunshine of my heart."

Hymn writing for Frances was not a business, it was her ministry. Her singing and playing in public were never performances but opportunities to glorify the Lord by sharing Him with others. At one point she decided to no longer listen to or write secular songs, though she never spoke against anyone who did. This decision inspired the line from "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" that reads "Take my lips, and let me sing, always, only for my King."

A number of health issues plagued Frances for the entirety of her life, and many times prevented her from composing. She never grew bitter or angry with God over this, but instead trusted Him to provide what she needed and to inspire her in His time. Shortly before her death, the doctor told her, "Goodbye, I shall not see you again." Frances responded with the question, "Then do you really think I am going?" His reply was, "Yes." Her reply was, "Beautiful- too good to be true!"

It is my prayer that God will give all of us a heart like Frances Havergal's. I pray that we will trust God through difficult trials, that we will desire to be in constant communion with Him, and that we will strive to use the gifts He's given us for His glory. I love you and love being your Worship Pastor!

For His Glory,  
Stephen Wilhite

## 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.

## Ministry Opportunities

If you are praying about a place to serve at Arcadia First Baptist Church please contact Aloha Berger, Chairman of Committee on Committees or the Church Office. They can provide a listing of ministry opportunities to serve on various committees and organizations at AFBC.

## March H.I.S. Ministry Donation Needs:

H.I.S. Ministry is collecting **denture items** for the month of March. A basket is located in the foyer labeled "H.I.S. Ministry" where you can place your donated items



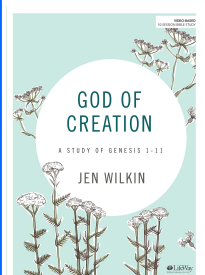
## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

DATE	Total
02/04	250
02/11	250
02/18	248
02/25	263

**Average 253**



## April 1st Children Flower the Cross - Morning Worship Service Only



10 Week  
Women's Bible Study  
Wednesdays  
March 7th  
6:15-7:30pm  
Facilitators:  
Paige Wilhite  
& Jadah Micks



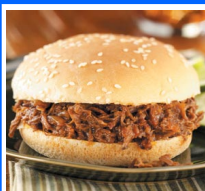
8 Week  
Men's Bible Study  
Mondays  
March 26th  
7:00-8:00pm  
Facilitator:  
Gene Newton  
& Jarrod Moore

## March Men's Breakfast

8am Mar. 18th—F4  
Gene Newton, Dir.

All Men are welcome no need to sign up!

## Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 4th - 11th AFBC Goal \$3,000



Pre-Teen Camp Fundraiser  
BBQ Sandwich Sale

March 25, 2018  
Before and After Church Service



March 11th - 2am  
Time Change - Spring

## AFBCS Chrysler Cars

### 4 Classrooms

March 7, 2018

1pm-5pm

**Help raise funds for our school!**

Chrysler Cars 4 Classrooms will donate \$10 for each test drive taken -- up to \$2,000! (Drivers must be licensed and 18 years or older.)

## Palm Sunday Observance of the Lord's Supper Sunday, March 25th



## Good Friday Worship Service - 7:00pm



## CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS Sunday School/Bible Study

### Attendance

#### February 04

Adults	135
Youth	11
Children	22
Pre-School	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>188</b>

#### February 11

Adults	143
Youth	22
Children	24
Pre-School	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>210</b>

#### February 18

Adults	152
Youth	16
Children	25
Pre-School	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>208</b>

#### February 25

Adults	137
Youth	13
Children	22
Pre-School	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189</b>

**S.S. MONTHLY AVERAGE 199**

## GOD'S TITHES & OFFERINGS FEBRUARY 2018

### Budget Receipts

Reporting 2/04/18	\$ 21,581.07
Reporting 2/11/18	\$ 15,062.23
Reporting 2/18/18	\$ 13,273.95
Reporting 2/25/18	\$ 8,805.00

<b>Budget Receipts (AS OF 02/28/18)</b>	<b>\$ 58,722.25</b>
<b>February 2018 Monthly Budget Needs</b>	<b>\$ 56,446.12</b>

### Building Fund GKG3

Reporting 2/04/18	\$ 4,360.17
Reporting 2/11/18	\$ 3,660.15
Reporting 2/18/18	\$ 3,653.18
Reporting 2/25/18	\$ 2,040.23

<b>Total GKG3 (FOR February)</b>	<b>\$ 13,713.73</b>
<b>Balance (AS OF 02/28/18)</b>	<b>\$ 1,980.46</b>
















**Deacons on Call**  
**4/01 Doug Anderson/ John Rothermel**  
**4/08 Gene Newton/Loran Lance**  
**4/15 Will Leach/Doug McDowell**  
**4/22 Kelly Creech/Mark Higginbotham**  
**4/29 Sammy Belcher/John Rothermel**

# April 2018

## GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM

### AFBCS/MDO Events

4/2 - AFBCS/MDO Teacher In-service/  
 Student Holiday  
 4/6 - In-Service/Holiday; 6pm School Auction  
 4/10 - 4/13 AFBCS Achievement Testing

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 EASTER SUNDAY</b> Children Flower the Cross 9:15am SS/BIBLE STUDY 10:30am Worship Service—WC NO EVENING SERVICES 	<b>2 AFBCS/MDO Student Holiday</b> 6pm Handbell's Rehearsal—TYC 7pm Men's Bible Study - F6	<b>3</b> 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Anegy Bank Community Room 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery F4/F6	<b>4</b> 12pm Ministerial Alliance lunch-BB 5:15pm WNS—F4 6pm AWANA - Wear Mix/Match -AC 6pm Youth Worship Service—TYC 6:15pm Women's Bible Study - F6 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study- WC 7:30pm Worship Choir Rehearsal-wc 	<b>5 CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS DUE by NOON</b> 10am OWLS Council — Conf. Rm 10am-2p AFBC Piecemakers-F4 6:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal-wc 	<b>6</b> 6:00pm School Auction	<b>7</b> 8am-4pm Men's Workday @ AFBC - Everyone Welcome
<b>8 GKG 3rd Year Begins</b> 8:30/11am Worship Service-WC 9:45am SS/Bible Study 4:30pm Deacon's Mtg. -CR 5:30pm Open Gym/Youth Groups -AC 6pm Kid's Musical Practice—TYC 6pm Evening Worship - Worship Ctr	<b>9</b> 6pm Handbell's rehearsal 7pm Men's Bible Study - F6 	<b>10</b> 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Anegy Bank Community Room 6pm Budget & Finance Mtg. -TYC 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery F4/F6 7pm Church Council — CR 	<b>11</b> 11:30am Chamber luncheon 5:15pm WNS—F4 6pm AWANA's - silly socks -AC 6pm Youth Worship Service—TYC 6:15pm Women's Bible Study - F6 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study- WC 7:30pm Worship Choir Rehearsal-wc 	<b>12</b> 8am - OWLS Trip—Bluebonnets & Bluebell 10am-2p AFBC Piecemakers-F4	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 2pm - OWLS Trip - The Grand 1894 Opera House - "Amazing Grace"
<b>15 Outreach Sunday</b> 8am Praise Band Rehearsal—WC 9:15am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service-WC 4:00pm Inreach/Outreach Visitation 5:30pm Open Gym/Youth Groups -AC 6pm Kid's Musical Practice—TYC 6pm Evening Worship - Worship Ctr. <b>7pm Church Business Conf.-WC</b>	<b>16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 6pm HANDBELLS REHEARSAL 7pm Men's Bible Study - F6 	<b>17</b> 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Anegy Bank Community Room 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery F4/F6	<b>18</b> 5:15pm WNS—F4 6pm AWANA's - wear dots/stripes -AC 6pm Youth Worship Service—TYC 6:15pm Women's Bible Study - F6 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study- WC 7:30pm Worship Choir Rehearsal-wc 	<b>19</b> 10am-2p AFBC Piecemakers-F4	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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## COMPASSION

Yesterday I read an article about a “homeless” man who came into a Chick-Fil-A restaurant wanting something to eat that he had no money to buy with. Dirty and wet from the rain he was a pitiful sight. Most people there avoided even eye contact with him...but not the manager. He came out and offered to feed the man, not with scraps, but a full hot meal **IF**, and only if he could pray for the man which he proceeded to do right there in full view of all the patrons.

Full of admiration for the manager, I beamed with pride and commented to Kay that this was **true Christianity** on display. Immediately the Holy Spirit asked me if I would have done the same for the man, and then reminded me that he had an eternal soul just as I, and, that Jesus died for him as well. Stunned and full of conviction I had to confess and ask forgiveness for my apathy and disrespect for others. While in honesty I might have offered to pay for his meal, I would not have done what the Godly manager had done.

The Great Commission was not a suggestion, it was a command. Go into the whole world doing the will of the Father. **OUR** world is the one we walk and live in. Had I been at that particular store, the dirty and disheveled man would have been in **MY** world, and, sadly I would have failed him. Confessing my sin to God and asking forgiveness from Him and “Christians” as a whole, I pray that I will be obedient to the opportunity to help those in need more, whether it be physical or soul food that they need.

Submitted by Robert Mitchell

## DEATH WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said,  
“Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.”

Very quietly, the doctor said, “I don’t know...”  
“You don’t know? You’re a Christian man,  
And don’t know what’s on the other side?” The doctor

was holding the handle of the door; On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining,  
And as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room  
And leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.  
Turning to the patient, the doctor said,  
“Did you notice my dog?  
He’s never been in this room before.  
He didn’t know what was inside.  
He knew nothing except that his master was here,  
And when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.  
I know little of what is on the other side of death,  
But I do know one thing...  
I know my Master is there and that is enough.”

Author unknown

## HOW TO LOVE YOUR PARENTS AS THEY AGE

By Elizabeth Arnold

Aging parents. It’s a life stage we always know will come, but never really know what it will look like or how to prepare.

The Bible calls us to honor our parents, but the command isn’t just for children under 18. God intends us to honor, love and serve our parents throughout our lives and theirs. Though the demands of life change as our parents age, the command to love them does not.

As a senior living provider, Buckner staff spends significant time around aging parents and their children. Here are seven ways we’ve seen to best love aging parents.

### Make time.

As adults in corporate America, we lead busy, fast-paced lives. So fast, in fact, that it can sometimes be easy to forget about our parents. But there will come a time when you’ll wish you had spent as much time with them as you could. It doesn’t have to be fancy, just a few minutes to show you care.

Take the Sunday afternoon to go visit. Deliver flowers on Valentine’s Day. Make the phone call just because. You’ll be glad you did.

### Listen.

Intentionally ask your parents about the things



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## Ask the hard questions.

Aging parents will often be reluctant to admit loneliness, changing health and fears about aging. Ignoring these issues, though, would be unloving. Ask your parents how they're really doing. Having these regular check-in conversations now lays the foundation for harder conversations in the future.

## Be willing to serve, but also willing to be served.

It may sound obvious, but your parents will always be your parents. They're going to want to cook you dinner, babysit your kids and take you soup when you're sick. Let them do this. They're not fragile, and you're not invincible. Honor their independence while it lasts, and love them by letting them love you the best ways they know how.

## Get involved with their lives.

Much like it's important to know about your parents' history, it's equally important to know about their daily lives. Get involved with their day-to-day. Go to doctor appointments with them. They'll want someone else there. Does your parent have a bucket list? Help them check some items off the list. You'll have just as much fun as they will!

## Give them the respect they've earned.

Let's face it, your parents have earned serious respect through the years. They've invested time, resources and emotional energy to help build the life you have today. Honor the things they've done. Show them respect by still asking for their advice and regularly thanking them for what they've given you.

## Show patience.

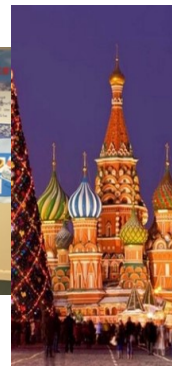
There will be things, like technology, that you'll understand better than your parents. Be patient with their questions, frequent phone calls and frustration.

Remember you were there once too, when they taught you addition and subtraction, how to tie your shoes and recite the ABCs. They might not ever understand what you're trying to teach them, but at least they'll know you care.

Bottom line, having aging parents is going to take courage. It's going to take sacrifice and patience



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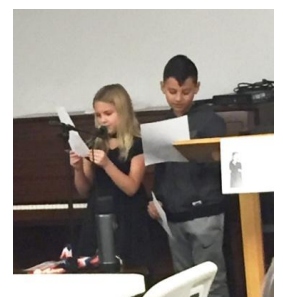
Source: [www.buckner.org/blog/how-to-love-your-parents-as-they-age](http://www.buckner.org/blog/how-to-love-your-parents-as-they-age)

## WMU MISSION STUDY ON RUSSIA

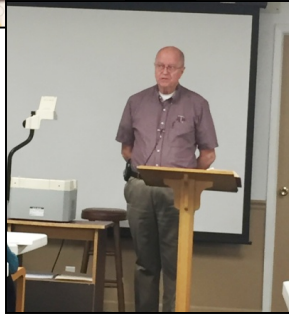
Approximately fifty-five men, women and children from across Galveston County gathered on Saturday, January 20 in the AFBC Fellowship Hall to learn about mission work in Russia. The program began with a large group session including an introduction focusing on some interesting facts about Russia and a visit by Lottie Moon (Irma William). Participants were then dismissed to continue their Russian Adventure in breakout sessions with their various age groups. Regina Davis led the adults, Kim McCurdy the youth, Kay Mitchell the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades, Dawn Tolliver the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades, Belva Powers the 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> Grades and Bettie Cheek the preschoolers. The breakout ses-



sions included stories about missionaries in Russia, crafts, games and prayer. Everyone reassembled in a large group session where the children and youth had an op-







## SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY RETREAT

Approximately fifty AFBC Senior Adults and their guests gathered in the Fellowship Hall January 25 through January 27 for a Bible Study Retreat on the book of Revelation by teacher Jerl Watkins. The study began on Thursday evening with a dinner of Hobo Stew followed by two sessions of Bible study. The Friday and Saturday sessions began with a breakfast followed by two sessions of Bible study with a break for lunch followed by two more sessions of Bible study. In addition, snacks were enjoyed at break times! As you can see the group not only received food for the soul but the body as well.

Primary among the take-a-ways from the study of Revelation are (1) in the world we will have tribulation



and (2) Jesus  
the world.

It was a great  
Bible study,  
fellowship!



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food, and

## PIECEMAKERS PRESENT QUILT

The Piece-Quilting recently pre-George a beautiful with a pa-theme. The tended to George that wrapped in of love and his church has his up-gery.

Thanks to some ministry that brings encouragement to so many by using their gifts in making and providing these quilts.



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## AFBC Senior Adult Events:

### March:

- OWLS Council** -March 1, 10am; AFBC Conference Room
- OWLS Monthly Meeting** - March 8, 5pm covered dish supper with musical entertainment provided by Robert Williams.





## LOL...Laughing Out Loud

*"A joyful heart is good medicine..."*  
Proverbs 17:22a (ESV)



### Short Spring Jokes

Can February March? No, but April May!  
Why is everyone so tired on April 1? Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March!  
Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the Fall they "Let It Go" and in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf".

Why is the letter A like a flower? A bee (B) comes after it!

What did the tree say to spring? What a re-leaf.

What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny!

What does the Easter Rabbit get for making a basket? Two points just like everybody!

Source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/miscellaneousjokes/weatherjokes/springjokes.html>

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a good joke?

... It might crack up! (**Top Psychology Jokes**)

What do you call a line of rabbits walking backwards? ... A receding "hareline."

Why did the egg go to the baseball game? ... For the egg-stra innings! (**Top Baseball Jokes: Baseball Jokes for Kids**)

Why did the Easter egg hide? ... He was a little chicken!

What do you call a bunny with a large brain? ... Egg-head! (**Top Psychology Jokes**)

How do bunnies stay healthy? ... Eggsercise!

What do you get when you cross a rabbits foot with poison ivy? ... a rash of good luck.

What do you call a sleepy Easter egg? ... Egg-zosted!

Source: [www.kidsplayandcreate.com/funny-easter-and-easter-bunny-jokes-for-kids/](http://www.kidsplayandcreate.com/funny-easter-and-easter-bunny-jokes-for-kids/)

## Recipe Corner



### Lemon Fudge

#### Ingredients:

1 ½ teaspoons plus 6 tablespoons butter divided

2 pkgs. (10-12 oz each) vanilla or white chips

2/3 cup sweetened condensed milk

2/3 cup marshmallow crème

1 ½ teaspoons lemon extract

#### Directions:

Line a 9-in. square pan with foil.

Grease foil with 1 ½ teaspoons butter; set aside. In a large saucepan, melt remaining butter over low heat. Add chips and milk cook and stir for 10-12 minutes or until chip are melted.

Stir in marshmallow crème and extract; cook and stir 3-4 minutes longer or until smooth. Pour into prepared pan. Chill until set.

Using foil, lift fudge out of pan. Discard foil; cut fudge into squares. Store in



### Memory Verse of the Month

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*  
Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

## AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) -

**AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) - Our AWANA Clubs are preparing for the AWANA Grand Prix which will be Wednesday evening, February 28!** All the children are excited, and they have been working hard on their race cars! We will have a huge track set up in the gym! Chili dogs and car check in will be from 5:00 - 5:35. The design contest will begin at 5:45, and the race will be from 6:00 to 6:30. We will have AWANAs the

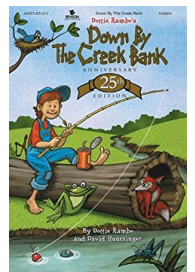
remainder of the evening from 6:30 to 7:30. It's going to be a fun evening! **Everyone is invited to join us for free food and fun!**

**Since our Grand Prix falls at the very end of the month, I will update you on our fun evening in next month's newsletter!**

The theme schedule for March is: **March 7 - Band-Aid Night; March 14 - No Club, Spring Break; March 21 - Wear your favorite spring color; March 28 - Western Night!**

AWANA Clubs meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30! There are sign-up packets in the foyer, or you can just show up and sign up when you come to club! AWANAs is for children 3 years old (by September 1, 2017) up through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It's never too late to join us!

**Children's Spring Musical - I am amazed at how quickly the kids are learning this musical!** They are working on solos and memorizing skits! We are having a great time on Sunday evenings! **We will present the musical on May 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** We have between 25 and 30 children participating each Sunday evening! We are meeting in the Youth Center from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings. There are lots of solos and speaking parts! It's not too late to join us! This is going to be a lot of fun! It's for children who are in kindergarten through the 6<sup>th</sup> grades! Hope to see you there!



## **Preteen Camp Registration - I have already registered the first 14 campers for this summer!**

**Registration forms are now available!** If you plan to attend, please go ahead and grab a registration form and turn it in with the \$50 registration fee. I will continue to register children as forms are turned in and as space is available! We will head to Pineywoods Baptist Encampment again this summer! We will leave on **Saturday, July 28, and return on Wednesday, August 1, 2018!** The cost for camp this summer is \$265 per person!

We are having a preteen camp **Texas Roadhouse rib fundraiser March 5!** We also have a **BBQ sandwich fundraiser scheduled for March 25!** Our third and final fundraiser will be a **bake sale in April.** Kids, if you need help financially to go to camp, please be a part of these **Sunday School** fundraisers! Looking forward to a great week of camp!

## **Children's Sunday Morning Bible Study- Our children's Bible study classes**

**are going great!** Don't miss out! This hour will help prepare, equip, and refresh your child for their upcoming week! We meet each Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15! See you there!



## **Mothers Day Out / Preschool / Full-Time Child Care & Before & After School Care-**

We have another great month planned! In March we will study about pond life and, of course, we will prepare for Easter. Our Easter parties will be the last week in March!

**Registration for summer and fall 2018 began last month! Some classes are already filled! CrAzY! Registration is now open to the public!** Spaces will continue to fill up quickly. Don't wait



## Registration Information

**AFBCS REGISTRATION** - Registration for the fall of 2018 began last month, and it is going well! We are expecting a strong registration for the 2018-2019 school year! We are registering kindergarten through the 12<sup>th</sup> grades! New packets are now available! Please contact the school office if you have any questions! (409.925.2825, Ext. 2)

**AFBCS PREVIEW NIGHT / OPEN HOUSE!** - Our school hosted preview night / open house on Thursday evening, February 22<sup>nd</sup>! The evening began at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. After the faculty and students and parents shared about our school, guests were escorted to the classrooms where our teachers got a chance to go over curriculum and answer questions. We had many prospective students and families attending! We were excited to share what we're all about and introduce our exceptional students! We hope you dropped in! It was a fun evening!



**SPRING BOOK FAIR** - We also hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> book fair of the school year the week of February 19<sup>th</sup>! We had a huge turnout, just as we were expecting! There are always lots of contests going on and just an atmosphere of fun! Hope you had a chance to check it out! Thank you, Katy Wheeler, for putting this together and for all you do! You are hard to keep up with!

**AFBCS AUCTION** - Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual AFBCS Auction will be Friday evening, April 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. We hope you will join us for this evening of fun! We will have a silent auction during dinner and a live auction afterwards! **Here are ways you can help: PURCHASE** a ticket to our auction. We will have a catered meal by Texas Roadhouse! They will serve ribs AND portabella mushroom chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, and tea. Adult tickets (\$12) and children's tickets (\$7) will be on sale in March! **INVITE** family and friends to the auction! Be sure to give them plenty of notice to purchase their tickets! **DONATE** an item or service. You can put together a theme basket, donate gift cards, sports memorabilia, a vacation getaway, tickets to theme parks, homemade items such as woodwork or quilts, etc., or even a dessert! If you plan to donate an item or service, please pick up a donation sheet and write on it what you will donate and turn that back in to us as soon as possible. You may begin bringing up items as soon as you get them ready! (Of course, if you are donating a dessert, you may bring that up the day of the auction!) **Please try to bring up donated items by Friday, March 30, 2018! COME!** It is really a great time! You will eat, laugh, and enjoy good company, as well as help raise money for our school! **Hope to see you there!**



**TEST DRIVE FUNDRAISER** - Stop by the church for our first AFBCS Chrysler's Cars 4 Classrooms on **March 7, 2018 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.** to help raise funds for our school! **Chrysler's Cars 4 Classrooms will donate \$10 for each test drive taken -- up to \$2,000!** We can also earn an additional \$1,000 for our school by sharing photos on a public Facebook account using #AFBCPacificaContest and tagging @Chrysler. We need 100 public posts to get the additional \$1,000! So come on out and take a test drive! (Drivers must be licensed and 18 years or older.)

**SENOIR RINGS** - Whaaaa...? **Yes, our first graduating class will be ordering their senior rings this month! So exciting!**



**BOX TOPS!!** - Thank you so much for taking the time to cut out those box tops and turn them in! They add up quickly! So keep them coming! Thank you so much, church body and school/mdo families, for participating! **And thank you so much, Aloha, for keeping track of all those tiny pieces of paper!**

**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!



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**Youth Camp at Pineywoods: July 16-20**

\$50 Deposit due ASAP. On January 2nd Pineywoods opened their registration and we registered those who had already signed up through us. You may still sign up but now a waiting list will be opened and you may register as spots become available. As long as the camp has spots available, we will add campers, up until the final deadline of June 1. Contact Joshua to check availability.

Total cost is \$270. Second payment is \$120 and is due May 1..Final balance of \$100 is due June 1.Forms are available on the table outside the Youth Center.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISERS COMING SOON.....**

