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*Growing
God's
Kingdom
Together*

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

I am writing this article, having just returned home from spending the week-end in the hospital in Galveston. On Saturday night, May 12, at 10:30pm, I began bleeding profusely, went to the emergency room in Angleton, and was transferred to Galveston via ambulance around 2am. On Mother's Day I was prepped for a colonoscopy, had the procedure on Monday, and was discharged on Tuesday, getting back home around 4:30pm. As it turned out, the bleeding was a result of the radiation I had back in 2014, following the prostate surgery. Who would have ever thought that a side effect from radiation therapy would show up four years later. Until that night, I had never had any side effects, nor any warning signs. Now, I suppose you are wondering why I am telling you all of this, but I want to show you how God works. Sue and I had returned from May by the Bay on Thursday afternoon, and then had driven to Nacogdoches on Friday for Sue's granddaughter's graduation ceremony from Stephen F. Austin on Saturday. Sue's daughter and the rest of their family was planning to stay Saturday night as well, and Sue was going to stay with them while I drove back so I could be at church on Sunday. At the last minute, Sue decided to come back with me. Nobody but the Lord knew that Sue would need to be with me, so that she could drive me to the hospital. I'm sure that I could have found someone else to take me, but Sue would have been a basket case if she had stayed in Nacogdoches an extra night, and I would have had a tough time being in the hospital under those circumstances without her being there with me. Thank you, Lord, for all of your bountiful blessings, and for always being there for your children.

And speaking of thanking the Lord...I know that we all are thanking the Lord for the newly elected Pastor Search Committee. I know that a lot of pray was involved in both the nominating process and the election process, and I think we have a wonderful committee. As we begin the search process, please continue to lift up each one of the committee members on a daily basis. They are: Clifford Johnson, chairman, Peggy Anderson, recording secretary, Kelly Creech, Susie Munsch, Chris Beanland, Mark Higginbotham, alt., and Becky Newton, alt. Pray that we will be sensitive to the Lord's leadership in this search process, and that we will choose exactly the man that God has for our new pastor.

As I write this article, the results of the Youth Pastor Search Committee are not in, but please begin praying for this committee as well. And continue to pray for our church as a whole, so that we will be ready to move forward, and fulfill God's plan for Arcadia FBC.

I love working with each of the staff members at Arcadia FBC, and count it a privilege to serve alongside them. They all love the Lord and are committed to serving Him as they serve in our church. Be thankful for our great staff, and pray for them regularly.

Grace and Peace, Jerl



It's Summertime!

Summertime is upon us! Here are a few interesting facts you may not know about summer:

1. The Eiffel Tower grows more than 6 inches in the summer as the heat causes the iron to expand.
2. Scientists argue that babies born in the summer are more likely to suffer from mood swings than babies born at different times of the year. (That explains a lot about my first child!)
3. Leprosy is contracted more in the summer than any other time of the year and is most often caused by eating armadillos.
4. According to the CDC, children are more likely to gain weight as they have a less strict exercise regimen, their sleep schedules are irregular, and they tend to eat more junk food.
5. The most dangerous time to go into the hospital is in July since the seasoned medical residents graduate and new physicians (or the previous year's medical students) arrive.
6. Arcadia First Baptist Church sees more professions of faith and baptisms in the summer than any other time in the year¹

I don't know about you, but for me summer always comes with mixed feelings. It is hot and busy, but we take our family vacation over the summer, I get to see my kids more often since they are out of school, I get to swim, and I get to participate in some amazing ministry. Last year, 46% of the baptisms at AFBC took place in the months of June, July, and August. Why do you think that is? I believe the biggest reason is because we are more focused on outreach and ministry in the summer months than we are in other parts of the year. With summer camps, VBS, Upwards, Mission Trips, and Mission Santa Fe we are able to reach more people with the gospel than in other seasons. We have a great opportunity this summer to reach out to the children and youth in our community since we don't have to compete as much with homework and extracurriculars. Let's take advantage of it!

You might not relate well to children and youth, but there are several opportunities to engage adults with the gospel as well. Once a month we have our "Outreach

Sunday." The next Sunday this will take place is June 24th. On those days, we meet at the church at 4:00pm, break off into teams of 2 or 3 and take gift bags to people who have visited our church or who have children involved in our MDO or school. As we are given the opportunity, we engage them with the gospel. Sharing the gospel with someone may be difficult for you and it might require that you go out in a visitation group a few times to learn how to do it before sharing yourself, but I want to challenge you to participate. Sometimes we just need an extra person to come along and make casual conversation with the people we are visiting. You may be surprised how much you enjoy it!

Also, Mission Santa Fe is scheduled for July 23-27. Please mark your calendars. There are opportunities to participate in ministry all week long. If you aren't good with kids or youth, consider helping us with our afternoon mission projects. There's something for everyone. My article for next month will include more details on Mission Santa Fe. You can sign up in the foyer of the sanctuary. If your schedule doesn't allow you to participate in our summer church-led outreach, remember that your first mission field is your family and your workplace. You can and should serve as a missionary to the people you encounter day in and day out. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus challenges us to be His witnesses and to carry His good news to the ends of the earth. There are multiple opportunities for you to minister and share the gospel this summer and I hope you'll participate in as much as you are able! Have a great summer! I love you and love being your Worship Pastor!

For His Glory,
Stephen Wilhite

¹Lehnardt, Karin. "50 Interesting Facts about Summer." Interesting Facts, 28 Mar. 2017, www.factretriever.com/summer-facts.



Let the SON Shine

Coming Events in June and July

- June 10-14 5:50pm-8:40pm "Game On" Vacation Bible School children 4yrs—6th grade, register on line today <http://www.arcadiafbc.org/>
- June 17 8am Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall; *Father's Day and Baby Dedication* 10:30am Worship Service
- June 19 6pm Church Council Meeting
- June 18-22 12noon-3pm *Upward Basketball Camp* Kindergarten—6th grade in Activity Center
- June 22 6pm OWLS Game Night, bring snacks—F4
- June 24 10:30am Commissioning Service for Youth Mission trip to Memphis, TN; 4pm Inreach/Outreach Visitation
- June 26 6pm Budget-Finance Meeting

- July 1-7 Youth Mission Trip—Memphis, TN
- July 8 Observance of the Lord's Supper 10:30am Worship Service
- July 9 Conference Reports due in Church Office by COB
- July 15 7pm Quarterly Church Business Conference
- July 16-20 Youth Camp—Pineywoods Encampment
- July 23-27 Mission Santa Fe—Runge Park
- July 30—August 4 Gym closed—waxing floors

H.I.S. Ministry Donation
for the month of June is packages of feminine pads . Please place your donations in the "H.I.S. Ministry" basket in the Church Foyer.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

DATE	Total
05/06	228
05/13	283
05/20	505
05/27	261



Average 319

CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS

Sunday School/Bible Study Attendance

May 06	
Adults	125
Youth	16
Children	24
Pre-School	19
TOTAL	184
May 13	
Adults	135
Youth	15
Children	20
Pre-School	19
TOTAL	189
May 20	
Adults	150
Youth	24
Children	26
Pre-School	21
TOTAL	221
May 27	
Adults	133
Youth	11
Children	19
Pre-School	17
TOTAL	180
MONTHLY AVERAGE 194	

Pray for Senior Pastor and Youth Pastor Search Committees

Our Church recently elected two search committees—Senior Pastor Search Committee and Youth Pastor Search Committee. Please pray for these Committee members asking God to lead them as they pray over and review numerous resumes, and pray that God will prepare the Church and the person He has for both Pastoral positions.

Senior Pastor Search Committee:

Peggy Anderson, Chris Beanland, Kelly Creech, Clifford Johnson, Susie Munsch
 Alternates: Mark Higginbotham and Becky Newton

Youth Pastor Search Committee:

Janna Firasek, Joey Horn, Wil Leach, Jarrad Moore, Paige Wilhite
 Alternates: Sherry Creech and Adam Rothermel

Thank You very much

Our Family would like to thank everyone for all the calls, texts, cards, meals and the beautiful flowers. (in the loss of Smoky's Father, Ewell Edward Newman, Sr.)
 We love y'all, The Newman's

Can you identify this song from the lyrics below?

*One of these mornings you're gonna rise up singing
 And you'll spread your wings
 and you'll take to the sky.*



Growing God's Kingdom 3

Please pray about your commitment to Growing God's Kingdom here at AFBC. Faith Commitment Cards are available in the Foyer and the Church Office.
Not Equal Gifts....But Equal Commitment

GOD'S TITHES & OFFERINGS MAY 2018

Budget Receipts

Reporting 5/06/18	\$ 20,188.42
Reporting 5/13/18	\$ 17,227.98
Reporting 5/20/18	\$ 9,952.10
Reporting 5/27/18	\$ 14,537.83
Budget Receipts (as of 05/31/18)	\$ 61,906.33
May 2018 Monthly Budget Needs	\$ 57,279.48

Building Fund GKG3


Reporting 5/06/18	\$ 4,355.05
Reporting 5/13/18	\$ 3,990.07
Reporting 5/20/18	\$ 1,674.84
Reporting 5/27/18	\$ 3,597.61
Total GKG3 (for May)	\$ 13,617.57
Balance (as of 05/31/18)	\$ (3,106.44)

Deacons on Call
6/03 Sammy Belcher/Loran Lance
6/10 Doug Anderson/Doug McDowell
6/17 Gene Newton/Mark Higginbotham
6/24 Will Leach/John Rothermel

June 2018

GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM

AFBCS/MDO/Extended Care Events
 • Tuesday's & Thursday's 8am-2pm - Super Summer Field Trips

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 8am Praise Band Rehearsal—WC 9:15am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service—WC 11:30am VBS Workers Mtg—F4 12pm Youth Mission Trip Mtg—TYC 4:30pm Pastor Search Committee F6 4:45pm Kids Leadership Team (KLT) 5:30pm Open Gym/Youth Groups —AC 6pm Kids Bible Study/Game Night 6pm Evening Worship - WC</p>	<p>4 MDO Begins 6pm Handbells Rehearsal—TYC</p>	<p>5 8am Super Summer Field Trip 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Amegy Bank Community Room</p>	<p>6 12pm Ministerial Alliance lunch-BB 5pm KLT practice—WC 5:15PM WNS—F4 6pm Youth Worship Service—TYC 6:30pm Children's Summer Program—AC 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study- WC</p>	<p>7 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am -2pm AFBC Piecemakers-F4 10:00am OWLS Council Mtg.—CR</p>	<p>1 Hitchcock Graduation Santa Fe Graduation 5pm Newton Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 4pm Newton/Ashley Wedding—Bro Jeri officiating 8am-4pm Churchwide Work day @ AFBC 4pm Gilder Family Meal—F4</p>
<p>10 Youth Camp payment in full due 5:50pm VBS Begins 8am Praise Band Rehearsal—WC 9:15am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service—WC 12pm Youth Mission Trip Mtg—TYC</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 8am Super Summer Field Trip 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Amegy Bank Community Room</p>	<p>13 *BABY DEDICATION deadline</p>	<p>14 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am -2pm AFBC Piecemakers-F4 VBS Parent Night</p>	<p>15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>16 4pm-9pm Youth Pool Party @ McDowell's</p>
 <p>Southern Baptist Convention June 10th—13th Dallas, TX</p> <p>VBS JUNE 10-14, 2018 5:50PM—6:40PM (for children 4yrs. -6th grade, workers/volunteers must sign up to help see Julie B. for details)</p>						
<p>17 Father's Day & Baby Dedication 8am Men's Breakfast —F4 10:30am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service—WC 4:30pm Pastor Search Committee F6 6pm Kids Bible Study/Game Night 6:00pm Evening Services</p>	<p>18 6pm Handbells Rehearsal—TYC</p>	<p>19 8am Super Summer Field Trip 4:30pm Personnel Com. Mtg—CR 6pm Church Council—CR</p>	<p>20 5:15PM WNS—F4 6pm Youth Worship Service—TYC 6:30pm Children's Summer Program—AC 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study- WC</p>	<p>21 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am -2pm AFBC Piecemakers-F4</p>	<p>22 6pm OWLS Game Night—bring snacks—F4</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>June 18th -22nd AFBC Upward Basketball Camp—Activity Center Time: k-4 8:30am-11:30am \$-9 12:30pm-3:30pm—Kathy Arrington, Dir.</p>						
<p>24 Outreach Sunday 8am Praise Band Rehearsal—WC 9:15am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service—WC 10:30am Mission Team Commissioning 12pm Youth Mission Trip Mtg—TYC 4:00pm Inreach/outreach Visitation 4:30pm Pastor Search Committee F6 5:30pm Open Gym/Youth Groups —AC 6pm Kids Bible Study/Game Night 6pm Evening Worship - WC</p>	<p>25 6pm Handbells Rehearsal—TYC</p>	<p>26 8am Super Summer Field Trip 6pm Budget & Finance Mtg— TYC</p>	<p>27 5:15PM WNS—F4 6pm Youth Worship Service—TYC 6:30pm Children's Summer Program—AC 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study- WC</p>	<p>28 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am -2pm AFBC Piecemakers-F4</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>Wilhite Family Vacation June 27-July 6</p>					<p>Beanland Family Vacation June 27-July 6</p>	

Deacons on Call

- 7/01 Kelly Creech/Loran Lance
- 7/08 Sammy Belcher/Doug McDowell
- 7/15 Doug Anderson/Mark Higginbotham
- 7/22 Gene Newton/John Rothermel
- 7/29 Will Leach/Loran Lance

July 2018

GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM

AFBCS/MDO/CWJC Events

- Mon.-Thurs. - 8am-12pm - AFBCS Volleyball Practice - AC
- Tues & Thurs. - 8am-2pm - Super Summer Field Trips 7/19 - 7/21 AFBCS FCC Cheer Camp - AFBC Activity Ctr.
- 7/20 - 9am AFBCS Committee Mtg - Conf. Rm

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>1 "FREEDOM Sunday" 8am Praise Band Rehearsal—WC 9:15am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service—WC 4pm Mission SF Mtg - F6 4:30pm Pastor Search Committee F6 5:30pm Youth Forge - TYC 6pm Kids Bible Study/Game Night 6pm Evening Worship - WC</p>	<p>2 Reports due in office for Church Business Meeting by COB</p>	<p>3 Youth</p>	<p>4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY Mission Trip July 1st - 7th</p>	<p>5 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am O.W.L.S. Council—CR 10am-2pm AFBC Piecemakers-F4 — Memphis, TN</p>	<p>6 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am O.W.L.S. Council—CR 10am-2pm AFBC Piecemakers-F4</p>	<p>7 8am-4pm Churchwide Workday @ AFBC</p>
<p>8 Observance of Lord's Supper 8am Praise Band Rehearsal—WC 9:15am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service—WC 4:30pm Deacon's Mtg.-CR 4:30pm Pastor Search Committee F6 5:30pm Open Gym/Youth Groups -AC 6pm Kids Bible Study/Game Night 6pm Evening Worship - WC Evening Worship - Worship Ctr.</p>	<p>9 10 11 12 13 14</p>	<p>10 8am Super Summer Field Trip 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Amegy Bank 6pm Budget & Finance Mtg -CR 6pm Church Council—CR</p>	<p>11 5:15pm WNS - F4 6:30pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study-wc 6:30pm Youth Worship Service—AC 6:30pm Children's Summer Program—AC</p>	<p>12 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am-2p AFBC Piecemakers-F4 11am OWLS outing T-Bone Tom's 6pm MDO planning mtg—AC</p>	<p>13 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am-2p AFBC Piecemakers-F4 11am OWLS outing T-Bone Tom's 6pm MDO planning mtg—AC</p>	<p>14 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am-2p AFBC Piecemakers-F4 11am OWLS outing T-Bone Tom's 6pm MDO planning mtg—AC</p>
<p>15 8am Men's Breakfast—F4 8am Praise Band Rehearsal—WC 9:15am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service—WC 4:00pm Inreach/outreach Visitation 4:30pm Pastor Search Committee F6 5:30pm Open Gym/Youth Groups -AC 6pm Kids Bible Study/Game Night 6pm Evening Worship - WC 7pm Church Conference - WC</p>	<p>16 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>17 8am Super Summer Field Trip 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Amegy Bank Community Room</p>	<p>18 5:15pm WNS - F4 6:30pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study-wc 6pm Youth Worship Service—AC 6:30pm Children's Summer Program—AC</p>	<p>19 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am-2pm AFBC Piecemakers-F4</p>	<p>20 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am-2pm AFBC Piecemakers-F4</p>	<p>21 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am-2pm AFBC Piecemakers-F4</p>
<p>22 8am Praise Band Rehearsal—WC 9:15am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship Service—WC 4:30pm Pastor Search Committee F6 5:30pm Open Gym/Youth Groups -AC 6pm Kids Bible Study/Game Night 6pm Evening Worship - WC</p>	<p>23 7/23 - 7/27 Mission Santa Fe - Runge Park — Stephen Wilhite, Director</p>	<p>24 8am Super Summer Field Trip 9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Amegy Bank Community Room</p>	<p>25 5:15pm WNS - F4 6:30pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study-wc No youth or Children's activities</p>	<p>26 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am-2p AFBC Piecemakers-F4</p>	<p>27 8am Super Summer Field Trip 10am-2p AFBC Piecemakers-F4</p>	<p>28 Pre-Teen Camp Pineywoods 7/28/18— 8/01/18</p>
<p>29 5th Sunday Supper & Sing 9:15am SS/Bible Study 10:30am Worship Center—WC 4:30pm Pastor Search Committee F6 5pm Covered Dish Supper - F4 6pm Kids Bible Study/Game Night 6pm 5th Sunday Sing - WC</p>	<p>30 7/30 - 8/4 Gym Closed—Waxing Floors—volunteers needed</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>MISSION: SANTA FE</p>	<p>MISSION: SANTA FE</p>	<p>MISSION: SANTA FE</p>	<p>MISSION: SANTA FE</p>



Voices: Does church size matter?

Don McCaig

January 31, 2018

A few years ago, The National Congregational Study posted some findings on the average church size in America. They discovered quite a bit about church sizes and trends, but two specific stats rang out to me:

- Half of American churches have less than 75 people.
- Ninety percent of American churches have less than 350 people!

What was it about these stats that made my pastoral spidey senses go off?

Well, I thought America was in the middle of a megachurch boom. Conversations about church growth are on the rise, newly minted denomination-neutral worship facilities are popping up in every major city, and it seems that every keynote speaker at every conference is the pastor of a large church somewhere.

Country, community and neighborhood churches are wringing their hands with worry about attendance because they've been told they should be growing (or that they *could* be growing if they'll just subscribe to so-and-so's simple five-week course for only \$99.99).

With this current church-growth trend running full bore, whether it's outright said or just subtly implied, the message is loud and clear: big church good, small church bad.

A typical pastoral conversation

Just ask any pastor what the first two questions other pastors ask him when they meet for the first time. Nine times out of ten, the conversation goes as follows:

"Oh, you're a pastor? What church do you pastor?"

"I pastor at First Baptist Church of Somewhere, Texas."

"That's great! How many people do you have on a Sunday?"

That second question is rarely about their tenure of service, what it's like to pastor in Somewhere, Texas, or if they even enjoy the job. That second question is generally, "How many people?"

I wouldn't speak for any other pastors other than myself on this, but when I receive the question of how many people I minister to on a Sunday, I almost hear it with the hidden inquiries of, "Are you a good pastor or not? Should I respect you because you have more people in your church than I have in mine?"

Like I said, I could be alone here, but I'm willing to venture a guess that I'm not.

Sizing up success

It's not that growth and size are bad. That's far from what I'm saying. Keeping count of people in crowds has a biblical tradition, and it helps understand the effectiveness of new stuff we're trying in services and other beneficial things along those lines. We also can't ignore that the fewer people who are in the church, the more difficult it may be to keep all of the bills paid.

To add to that, some churches are called to be large. The influence that having large numbers creates is priceless in the kingdom. Ultimately, the only reason Rome and the Pharisees took Jesus seriously is because of how many people followed him. If his followers were in the dozens rather than the thousands, they likely wouldn't have cared about him.

No, I'm not railing against large churches. I'm concerned with the practice of using the size of a church as the only means of judging success.

If consciously or subconsciously we associate the sheer size of a church with its success, then we've got a pretty big problem on our hands when we look at the stats mentioned above. Are 90 percent of the churches in our country that bad? Are 90 percent of our pastors failures?

If you talk to many pastors, they'd say yes. Well, what they'd

more likely answer is that they think of themselves as failures for not leading a more substantial body. I may be preaching to the praise team here, but believing that church size is all that matters is wrong, and it's time for a change.

The church began small

Nowhere in the Bible does Jesus tell us that all churches are supposed to look the same. All congregations all called to follow some overarching principles of worship and discipleship, but, aside from those, we all have a different purpose in the kingdom, and those objectives don't all look alike.

Simply put, some churches need to be huge, but, clearly, most do not. Remember how God looks at the inward stuff while humanity has a bad habit of looking at the outward (1 Samuel 16:7)? God has just as much interest in the quality of a church as he does the quantity.

Are you praying for the sick? Shepherding the flock? Teaching the word faithfully? Are you making disciples of your people? How about regularly sharing the good news of Jesus with the lost? Are you a good steward of your resources? Then don't stress out over how many pockets are in the multipurpose, padded chairs.

You may not hear this often enough, but, pastor, you're doing a good job. Trust that your work for the Lord is meaningful. It's significant in the eternal sense, but it's also substantial today in the here and now.

Remember that Jesus needed just twelve men to spark a revolution. Believe that if it's full of faithful people, God can do tremendous things in a tiny church.

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Missionary Moments

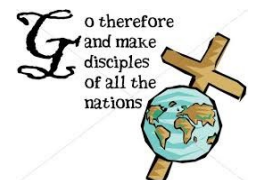
Tyler Shields

CHAPLAIN - KENTUCKY



All of us support the fine men and women who serve in our armed forces, and we're glad they have

chaplains to support them. Through our church's Cooperative Program giving, we support our North American Mission Board, which endorses several thousand chaplains, including those serving through the U.S. military. Today we want to pray for one of those chaplains. Tyler Shields serves with the Army National Guard. We know the National Guard has been busy in recent years, helping with all the conflicts overseas. As a Guardsman, Tyler spends several days a month in his chaplaincy ministry serving on military bases. And sometimes he serves for weeks at a time. Along with leading worship services and Bible studies, he spends a lot of time just talking to the soldiers. Tyler is often the first to know when there are problems like depression or troubling family situations. He is quick to point people to Jesus Christ with the Bible as the handbook. Tyler also pastors an active and growing church called Rockhouse Baptist Church in Hyden, Kentucky. Can we pray now for Tyler Shields, our Army National Guard chaplain?





SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY AT AFBC

*Growing old is mandatory.
Growing up is optional.*

AFBC Senior Adults were recognized on April 22, in the morning worship service for their years of faithfulness and service to the Lord and AFBC. Special music for the worship service was provided by Robert Williams.



Following the worship service the Senior Adults were honored with a barbeque luncheon with all the trimmings. Musical entertainment was provided by Robert Williams.



MAY BY THE BAY

Nineteen Senior Adults from Arcadia First Baptist Church traveled to Texas Baptist Encampment at Palacios for an inspiring, fun-filled adult retreat. The retreat began on Monday evening May 7 and ended at noon on Thursday, May 10.



The caravan of travelers stopped at La Casona Mexican restaurant in Bay City on the way down to Palacios to enjoy some good food and fellowship.

Each day of the retreat began with a sunrise devotional led by Richard Bours. Participants not only received food for the body at breakfast, lunch and dinner but food for the soul as well. Bible Study was led each day by Jerl Watkins on the book of 1 Timothy. Worship featured inspirational music and sermons led by various area pastors.

The afternoons feature free time to participate in board games, dominos or even a craft class taught by Sue Watkins.



One of the highlights of the retreat was the annual auction held on Wednesday afternoon featuring a "real" auctioneer! There was some fierce competition for the items donated but all in good fun.

The auction helps to fund speakers, meeting room rental and items other than room and board.

If you have never attended, mark your calendar for next May – you will be blessed!!!



Rest for the Weary - 4th Commandment



Monday, May 7, 2018

By Bill Tinsley

We live in a time-crunched world. Parents whip up a quick breakfast for bleary-eyed children before bundling them into cars to be dropped off at day-care and school. Some grab a drive-through burrito before negotiating traffic on the freeways while juggling cell phones. Weary from long hours at work, the same commuters make their way home past memorized billboards. Weekends are filled with a hundred errands, second jobs, T-ball, soccer, football. Church is squeezed into an already full schedule that has no margins.

The opioid crisis in America may be a symptom of our over-extended and anxious culture. Overdose deaths have quadrupled since 1999. Over 42,000 Americans died of opioid overdose in 2016. The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction stated, "Readily available opioids have become "drugs of solace" that mask physical and emotional pain in a world offering little hope that conditions will improve."

A recent report from the American Psychological Association stated, "Chronic stress is increasingly eating away at our overall well-being." ... "The psychological and physical toll of stress in America will undoubtedly continue to snowball if something doesn't change."

Somewhere along the way we eliminated the fourth commandment as irrelevant and archaic: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." A half-century ago, most businesses were closed on Sunday and youth sporting events recognized Sunday as a day for worship. All that has changed. Today our calendars are filled up to a 24/7 frenzy.

When Jesus said that man was not made for the Sabbath but the Sabbath was made for man, he affirmed the need for the Sabbath in our lives. He underscored the importance of the Sabbath to all of us for mental, emotional, spiritual and physical health.

In 1924 Scotland's Eric Liddell, the fastest runner in the world, refused to compete at the Olympics on the Sabbath. When the King of England commanded him to run for his country on Sunday, Liddell respectfully replied he had a higher king. The Academy Award winning movie, *Chariots of Fire* portrays Liddell reading Isaiah 40:31 to a congregation on Sunday while young men stumble and fall on the mud-splattered track. "Those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like ea-

gles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not faint." The next week, Liddell ran the 400 meter and won the gold. In 1925 he gave up his athletic career to serve as a missionary in China where he died 20 years later in a Japanese prison camp.

Sabbath requires time for rest, silence, solitude and worship, but it is more than a day of rest. It is a way of life that is filled with wonder, worship, awe and delight. When Jesus declared himself the Lord of the Sabbath, he offered to us a better way. He said, "Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest to your souls."

Source: <http://reflectionscolumns.blogspot.com/>

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

for The Pregnancy and Parenting Support Center



Pick up your baby bottle in the church foyer (available each Sunday until Father's Day). Fill it with change (or bills). Return it on Father's Day to the basket in the foyer (or to the church office).

Clients of the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Center can earn baby bucks by participating in prenatal and parenting classes and then use those baby bucks to purchase diapers, wipes and baby formula made possible by this fundraiser.

Arcadia FBC Senior Adults



June

- ◆ OWLS Council – **Thursday, June 7, 10:00 am** AFBC Conference Room
- ◆ Game Night - **Friday, June 22, 6:00 pm** in F4 participants to bring snacks
- ◆ Piecemakers - **every Thursday, 10:00 A.M.** AFBC F2 & F3; women of all ages are invited to participate
- ◆ Outreach Bible Study – **every Tuesday, 9:30 am**, Amegy Bank Community Room; the group is open to individuals of all ages

Coming Soon

July

- ◆ Lunch at T-Bone Tom's on **July 12th**; leave the church at 11:00 am
- ◆ **Senior Adult Conference** – August or September; details to follow
- ◆ **Senior Adult Trip to Nova Scotia** – Fall of 2018 – flyers and sign-up sheet in the church foyer



LOL...Laughing Out Loud

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

Marriage and Coffee

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee. Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS."

Solomon Joke

Where was Solomon's temple located? – On the side of his head. Duh!

Boaz joke

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?
Answer: He was Ruthless

Reasons Eve Was Created

5. God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions.

4. God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.

3. As the Keeper of the Garden, Adam would never remember where he left his tools.

2. Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.

1. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched his head, and said, "I can do better than that."

Source: <http://www.beliefnet.com/prayables/joke/church-jokes>

The Pastor's Visit

The Pastor came to visit the other day. He said that at my advanced age I should be thinking of the hereafter.

I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time."

"No matter where I am - in the living room, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I am always asking myself: 'Now, what am I here after?'"

www.beliefnet.com/prayables/joke/church-jokes.

Memory Verse of the Month



"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, 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."

Hebrews 12: 1-2



NO BAKE WHITE CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE

Source: thereciperebel.com

Ingredients:

Raspberry Sauce:

- 2 ½ cups frozen raspberries, thawed
- 2 tablespoons water
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Graham Cracker Crust:

- 2 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs (or ½ cup butter, melted Chocolate baking crumbs)

Filling:

- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 1 cup heavy cream, divided
- 24 oz. light cream cheese (3 packages)
- 1 ½ cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 ½ cups fresh raspberries

Instructions:

Raspberry sauce:

- In a small pot, add the raspberries and sugar. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and cook for 2-3 minutes. Mash with a spatula.
- Combine water and corn starch and stir into sauce to thicken. Set aside to cool completely (you can speed this up by pouring into a new bowl and placing in the fridge).

Crust:

- Optional: Clamp a piece of parchment paper in between the bottom and the outer ring of a 9" Springform pan. This helps with easy removal.
- In a medium bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs and melted butter. Press into the bottom and 1" up the sides of a 9-10" springform pan. Set aside.

Filling:

- In a medium bowl, stir together white chocolate and ½ cup cream. Microwave on high for 40 seconds, then stir until completely smooth (heat another 15 seconds, if necessary). Place in the fridge to cool.
- In a large bowl, beat cream cheese with an electric mixer until smooth. Add sugar, vanilla, and remaining ½ cup cream and beat on high until light and fluffy.
- Add melted white chocolate and beat on medium speed until blended.
- Place fresh raspberries into the bottom of the crust and pour the cheesecake filling over top, smoothing with a spatula.
- Drop teaspoonfuls of raspberry sauce on the top, and gently swirl. Save remaining sauce for serving
- Chill at least 5 hours or overnight before serving. Serve with remaining raspberry sauce and fresh raspberries as desired.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - There are still places left to sign up for VBS 2018 - namely pre-k and kindergarten! We need at least ten more volunteers to help out with these age groups! There is no preparation! You just show up and walk the children from activity to activity! Thanks to all of you who have already signed up! What a blessing! Remember, everyone who is volunteering VBS week needs a shirt. The cost for the t-shirt this year is \$14. **SHIRTS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. THE DEADLINE TO PAY IS MAY 20TH!** If you still need to pay, please do so as soon as possible! Remember, we will use these same shirts each year from here on out, like we do the Mission Santa Fe shirts! Also remember, **all volunteers will need a background check, as well.**



The theme this year is **GAME ON! Gearing Up For Life's Big Game!** 2 Peter 1:3, "His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness. Through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness." I know it is going to be an exciting week! Sign-up sheets are in the foyer! They will be out until spaces are filled! Begin praying now about how God can use you to minister to children in our community during VBS!

KIDS LEADERSHIP TEAM - Our KLT is continuing to meet on Sunday afternoons to prepare for VBS! Thanks so much, kiddos, for your dedication and hard work! VBS will be here before we know it!

AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) - We have just completed our AWANA year! It's been a great year! We had our awards presentation on Wednesday evening May 23rd in the sanctuary at 6:30. We recognized all of the children who were a part of our Clubs this year, and those who completed books received ribbons and trophies! It was a nice evening! We will now give a much earned break to our AWANA leaders for the summer! We will be rested and ready to get things going again in September!



CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSICAL - WOW! The children were fantastic! What an evening! I hope you were able to come hear our children as they presented the musical Down by the Creek Bank on May 6th! All the children did a super job! They were so excited! They have been working hard since January on the music, speaking parts, and solos, and it showed! What a blessing it is to work with our kiddos! Thank you **Janna Firssek, Crissy Moore, Stephanie Bond and Paige Wilhite** who helped direct this program! You are much appreciated!

PRETEEN CAMP - We have 32 campers registered to date! We will head to Pineywoods Baptist Encampment again this summer! We will leave on **Saturday, July 28, and return on Wednesday, August 1, 2018!** Registration is still open! Forms are available in the foyer and in the children's ministry office! If you plan to attend, please 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! The cost for camp this summer is \$265 per person! **The price goes up June 30,** so don't delay! Looking forward to great week of camp! ***Need: We do have one child who is in need of a scholarship if anyone is able to donate toward that. Thank you!***



MOTHER'S DAY OUT / PRESCHOOL - We graduated 46 preschoolers on May 17! What a blessing! After receiving their diplomas, the children sang and recited a poem for their parents! They are officially ready for kindergarten! Afterwards, they headed to the Activity Center for cookies and lemonade! It's been a very busy year for our little ones!

SUPER SUMMER - Our super summer program kicks off June 4 and will run for eight weeks! We have lots of field trips and activities planned! Looking forward to a fun summer! We still have a few spots remaining in certain age groups. If you are planning to come, pick up a packet today!





AFBCS REGISTRATION - Registration for the fall of 2018 continues! We already have 154 registered! We are registering for kindergarten through the 12th grades! New student packets are available! Please contact the school office if you have any questions! (409.925.2825, Ext. 2)



SPORTS BANQUET - We hosted our 5th Annual Sports Banquet for our 2017-2018 boy and girl athletes, including volleyball, basketball, cheer, softball, and golf on Tuesday evening, May 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center! It was nice to recognize all of our student athletes and coaches! The meal was catered by Casa Ole! What a fun evening!

SCHOOL CONCERT - We had our end-of-year concert on Thursday evening May 10th! Our band and choirs performed and it was a great evening! Thank you, Kala Baker, for investing in our students! It's been a great year!

CHEERLEADING CLINIC - Our cheerleaders hosted their 3rd Annual Cheer Clinic for 4-year-olds though 4th graders last month. We had 31 children participate! The children will also have the opportunity to perform at our school's end-of-year pep rally! Money raised from this event will go toward our cheerleaders to help out with camp expenses!

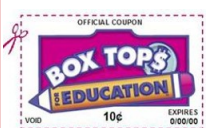
YEAR BOOKS - We are now taking orders for our 2017-2018 AFBCS year books! We are so excited about this! This is a hard back book, and it is over 150 pages (and counting) in color! The cost is \$40 . Every year Lynda Grady spends countless hours putting this together. It literally takes her the entire year, and it is always a beautiful masterpiece! Thank you so much Lynda! Can't wait till they come in!

END-OF-YEAR PEP RALLY - We will have our last pep rally for the year on Friday afternoon, May 25, 2018 at 2:45! The children who participated in our cheer clinic will also be performing at our pep rally! It's going to be a lot of fun! Everyone is welcome to attend as we celebrate the completion of our 6th year! God is so good!

FIELD DAY - AFBCS will have a field day on Wednesday, May 30th! This is always an exciting day for our students! It will be an action-packed day for sure!

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY - Our kindergarteners will graduate on Thursday morning, May 31st at 9:00 a.m., and they will also be presented with their awards immediately following. The 1st through 11th grades award ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m.!

PROM - We are still experiencing "firsts" here at AFBCS! We hosted our very first prom Saturday evening, May 12, 2018, at Hidden Palms! It was a lot of fun! We enjoyed lots of music with a DJ, a photo booth, some treats, and some CrA-zY fellowship! These kids were so much fun! We also had a professional photographer there! A huge thank you to Tracy Braddock and the rest of the 11th grade moms for planning this event, coordinating everything and decorating! It was beautiful, and the students really had a good time -- not to mention, they clean up quite nicely!



BOX TOPS!! We just got our latest check in the mail for \$495.40 for box tops! Can't believe it adds up so quickly! Keep those box tops coming! Thank you so much, church body and AFBCS/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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OR CURRENT OCCUPANT



Cody Pancamo
Summer Intern Youth Pastor

Join us in welcoming Cody Pancamo as AFBC Summer Intern Youth Pastor. Cody lives in Manvel and is a Teacher at ADAPT in Alvin.

Cody's philosophy of ministry is one of disciples making disciples. It can be defined as consoling those who are hurting, providing insight to those who are in need, and offering wisdom to those who are lacking by being a living testimony to the world and proclaiming the love of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit in order to reconcile all peoples to the Father above, for His glory.

Pray for Cody as he leads our youth during the summer.

Youth Activities.....

- June Wednesday nights @ 6pm Youth Worship Service; Sundays 9:15am Bible Study; 5:30pm Open Gym/ Youth Groups
- June 10 12pm Youth Tennessee Mission Trip mtg—TYC; 10th—14th help with Vacation Bible School 5:50pm—8:40pm (see Julie Beanland for assignment)
- June 16 4pm-8pm Youth Pool Party @ the McDowell's
- June 24 10:30am Commissioning for the Tennessee Mission Trip; 12pm Youth Tennessee Mission Trip mtg—TYC
- July 1—7 Youth Mission Trip to Memphis, TN "Street Reach Ministries"
- July 16—20 Youth Camp @ PineyWoods—total cost \$270
- July 23—27 Mission Santa Fe @ Runge Park