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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:

5:15pm Supper
6pm AWANAs
6pm Youth Worship
6:30pm Adult Prayer
Meeting / Bible Study

Sundays:

9:15am Bible Study
10:30am Worship
5:30pm Open Gym/
Youth Groups
6pm Children's Choir
6pm Worship

Arcadia First Baptist Church



1948—2018

October 10th

Since this is a Sept-Oct Newsletter, you will have 2 articles from Bro. Jerl.

I want to give you a definition of the Christian life in seven words. It is found in 2 Cor. 5:7... *We walk by faith, not by sight.* Walking by sight is normal for us. That's just what we naturally do. We see things in the physical world, and we know they are real. We see the sun, and we know it is there, and we know it gives heat and light. We see a shade tree, and we know it is real, and we can get under it and get relief from the sun. All of that is great, but while walking by sight is okay for living strictly in the physical realm, there is another realm of life just as real, and that is the spiritual realm. Walking by sight doesn't work in the spiritual realm. To illustrate:

A professor asked a student....

"Do you see the green grass?" "Yes."

"Do you see the clouds?" "Yes."

"Do you see the sky?" "Yes."

"So you know these things exist, right?" "Yes."

"Now, do you see God?" "No."

"Then God does not exist."

Another student spoke up quickly, and asked the student, *"Do you see the professor?" "Yes."* *"Do you see his head?" "Yes."* *"So you know he exists, right?" "Yes."* *"Do you see his brain?" "No."* *"Then his brain does not exist."*

Walking by sight works wonderfully in the physical realm, but it does not work in the spiritual realm.

We also walk by faith in the physical realm. We see a chair, and sit in it. We have faith that it will support us. We fly in an airplane. We have faith in those who designed it and in those who maintain it, and in the laws of aerodynamics.

But walking by faith in the physical realm is not what Paul was talking about. He was talking about walking, not by sight, but by faith in the spiritual realm. How do we do that? Is it just a blind leap? No.

Paul gives us the answer in Romans 10:17...*faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ.*

What's he saying? The more we immerse ourselves in the Word of God, the more faith we have. When we read God's Word, we find that God is true to his Word in everything he says in it. If we don't read it, then we can't believe it. But the more we read it, the more our faith in God grows. It may start out with just little things, but as God continues to prove himself through his Word, we will find that we can and do, indeed, learn to walk by faith, and not by sight.

Let's all continue to read and study the Word of God so that we may be learning to *walk by faith and not by sight.*

Grace and Peace,
Jerl

One of my favorite of the Lord's promises in scripture is, *"I will never leave you nor forsake you"*. We find that promise five times in the Bible: Deuteronomy 31:6, 8, Joshua 1:5, 1 Chronicles 28:20, and Hebrews 13:5. (The writer of Hebrews is quoting from the Old Testament.) I find it interesting that the Greek word for "leave" in Hebrews 13:5, is a word that means "to loose or to untie", and that the Greek word for "forsake", is a word that means "to abandon". I believe what the Lord is saying to us is that He will never "cut us loose" (He will never sever our relationship with Him), and that He will never abandon us. There will never be a time when He is not right there with us, no matter what we do, or no matter what we are going through. When we received Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we became a child of God, and the Father will never forsake His children.

Life on this earth is difficult. It is sometimes difficult because of some of the choices we make, and it is sometimes difficult because we live in a fallen world that is filled with pain and heartache. Satan loves to use our sin and/or our circumstances to knock us flat on our backs. Then he loves to say, *"Well, if God really loves you, why did he allow this to happen? Truth is, God has abandoned you."* Sad thing is that people who don't know the Lord, and even many who do know him, believe Satan's lies. Like many of you, I have been knocked to the ground many times in my life. For me, the most devastating blow in my life to date, was the death of my first wife. I know that many of you, having lost a spouse, know what I am talking about. I know it must also be devastating to lose a child in death. I can't even imagine what the parents of those students killed here in Santa Fe are going through.

I do know that back in 2008, when I was about at my lowest point, I recalled something I had read about years earlier. I firmly believe the Lord brought it to my mind. It concerned an Olympic Runner who fell to the ground, but then got up and finished the race with his father's help. So I "googled" it, and sure enough, I found it. The runner was Derek Redmond, and it was the 1992 Olympics. He popped a ham string muscle during the 400m race, and fell to the ground. He managed to get back up, and started hobbling toward the finish line, crying all the way. Then his father, eluding security, ran onto the track, put his arm around his son, and helped him along the remainder of the course. The crowd of 65,000 people, including the other runners, were cheering and clapping and crying, as Derek finally made it to the finish line, searing with pain and sobbing with disappointment. But his father did not leave him nor forsake him.

As I said, this world will knock us to the ground, and Satan will laugh at us and mock us, but we can be sure that our Father will never leave us nor forsake us. (BTW, if you will go to youtube.com, and type in Derek Redmond – Never Give Up, you can see the video).

Grace and Peace,
Jerl

God's Work at Mission Santa Fe

From July 23-27 our church teamed up with two other churches, First Baptist Alta Loma, and Saltgrass Cowboy Church to host Mission Santa Fe. This was our fourth year to participate in this community outreach event and God blessed in enormous ways!

Here's a quick recap of the ways we were able to minister that week:

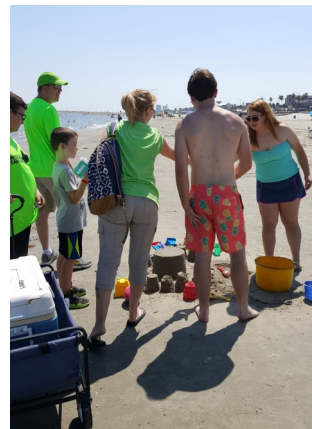
- We hosted a Backyard Bible Club every morning, Monday-Friday, at Runge Park where we had a giant waterslide, a bounce house, a petting zoo, popcorn, snow cones, hotdogs, face painting, balloon animals, arts and crafts, board games, kickball, water rec games, music, Bible stories and more! We had over 250 children attend the Bible Club! Five salvation decisions were made, and one who had given her life to Christ prior to the week of Mission Santa Fe made a decision to follow through in believer's baptism.
- We sent a team to serve at H.I.S. Ministry, and we held a food drive at Arlan's where we collected several bags of food and over \$100 in monetary donations to help the ministry.
- On multiple days we visited the laundry mats in town, paid for people's laundry, and prayed with them.
- We took about 20 plates of cookies to city offices, ISD offices, and businesses around town. We thanked them for their service to our community and prayed over any needs they had.
- We played Bingo with residents at the Heritage Crossing Retirement Home, provided prizes for the participants, visited and prayed with them, and shared the gospel.
- We delivered Sonic free drink coupons around town and prayed with people.
- We handed out bags of chips and Sonic free drink coupons to Santa Fe High School students who were entering the high school building for the first time since leaving for the summer. We let them know that we are praying for them to have a good year and that we are here for them.
- We wrote 26 notes to city, county, and state officials, encouraging them and thanking them for their service and wrote other notes to homebound individuals.
- We visited homebound people in our community and helped them by cleaning their homes, doing yard work for them, and taking time to visit with them.
- We took bottled waters to hand out at the Sea Wall in Galveston, prayed with the people there, and handed out gospel tracts.
- We held a family movie night at Runge Park where

we shared the gospel then showed the movie, "I Can Only Imagine." About 120 were in attendance. All children in attendance at the Bible club were mailed a letter, information on our church, and a gospel tract. Visitation teams are visiting the homes of children who made decisions and are delivering Bibles to them.

We were so privileged to be able to help our community, and we could not have done it on such a large scale had you not selflessly given your time, energy, and money to support this outreach effort. We had over 80 volunteers help out in the course of the week and countless others contributed financially. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! God moved in amazing ways during Mission Santa Fe and I want to give Him all the glory for allowing the gospel to be shared with so many in our community.



God is so good!
for His Glory,
Stephen Wilhite



More Mission Santa Fe photos





More Mission Santa Fe photos



On Another Note



Several of you have asked if we are still having choir since we remodeled the sanctuary and did away with the choir loft. The answer is YES!!! We kicked off with a new season of choir on September 5th. We are working on securing some spacious risers for the choir to sing from when they sing on Sundays. We will rehearse in the sanctuary sitting in the pews near the piano. It is going to be a great Fall season!

I have some exciting news about Christmas! This year, we will be hosting a Christmas hayride and musical journey where you will hear the Christmas story narrated as you watch actors bring the story to life. Our music ministry will play a vital role in this Christmas journey. We would love for you to join us as we invite the community to hear about the Hope of Christmas (Jesus)! Come join us for choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. It's going to be a blast!

I love you and love being your Worship Pastor!
for His Glory, Stephen Wilhite

SFHS Educational Foundation Concert Fundraiser

On August 25th AFBC hosted a fundraiser concert for the families who lost loved ones in the shooting on May 18th. We were blessed to hear a number of soloists, ensembles, choirs, and speakers lead worship in a variety of styles and raised \$1,051 for the families of the victims. We want to say a special thank you to Reverend Michael Lewis for organizing the event. He was at the church all day and all night and didn't accept any money for his work. Thank you to everyone who gave of their time, talents, and money to make the night such a success!



THANK YOU!!!

How can I even begin to thank all of you for the appreciation offering you took up for my family in the Sunday School classes? That was unbelievably thoughtful and generous of you. Know that I don't do what I do for the money, but it means the world to me that you appreciate my work. You are all such a blessing to me and my family and I am so, so thankful to serve at Arcadia First Baptist Church.

In His Love, Stephen Wilhite

Thank You!



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

H.I.S. Ministry Donations
for October
1/2 gallon bleach bottles

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Attendance for July & August 2018

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
7/1 221	8/5 253
7/8 297	8/12 239
7/15 272	8/19 288
7/22 296	8/26 252
7/29 251	
Average 267	Average 258

"My House shall be called a House of Prayer"

Isaiah 56:7, Matt 21:13, Mark 11:17

Jesus both confirmed and commanded the Old Testament truth.

Where are we? We must choose the way of Jesus and his early followers whom he taught to pray. It is the praying church that will make it through these troubled times.

Our prayer ministry, *Prayer Force One* is a quiet and separate place to pray each week. It is a special place.

Just as the pulpit is an important place for the pastor, our Prayer Room is a most important place for each believer. You will be blessed and encouraged as you spend time alone with God each week.

Prayer Force One has begun every Friday 6am—6pm and Sundays 7:30am—9:00am

We will add extra days as God works in our congregation. If you have questions or need more information contact Pam & Roger Bradley-409-771-3303.



CHURCH FAMILY FOCUS

Sunday School/Bible Study Attendance

<u>July 1</u>	<u>August 5</u>
Adults 128	Adults 147
Youth 7	Youth 14
Children 33	Children 29
Pre-School 17	Pre-School 17
TOTAL 185	207

<u>July 8</u>	<u>August 12</u>
Adults 148	Adults 146
Youth 22	Youth 19
Children 24	Children 21
Pre-School 15	Pre-School 15
TOTAL 209	201

<u>July 15</u>	<u>August 19</u>
Adults 157	Adults 133
Youth 27	Youth 14
Children 24	Children 22
Pre-School 2 0	Pre-School 13
TOTAL 228	182

<u>July 22</u>	<u>August 26</u>
Adults 135	Adults 153
Youth 11	Youth 17
Children 29	Children 28
Pre-School 13	Pre-School 18
TOTAL 188	216

<u>July 29</u>
Adults 131
Youth 16
Children 13
Pre-School 16
TOTAL 176

AVERAGE 197

AVERAGE 202

TITHES & OFFERINGS - JULY & AUGUST 2018 - G G K 3

Budget Receipts—JULY

Reporting 7/01/18	\$ 18,543.09
Reporting 7/08/18	\$ 10,183.77
Reporting 7/15/18	\$ 11,755.47
Reporting 7/22/18	\$ 12,297.00
Reporting 7/29/18	\$ 13,009.33
Budget Receipts (as of 07/31/18)	\$ 65,788.66
July 2018 Monthly Budget Needs	\$ 71,599.35

Building Fund G G K 3—JULY

Reporting 7/01/18	\$ 3,910.00
Reporting 7/08/18	\$ 1,955.16
Reporting 7/15/18	\$ 2,500.15
Reporting 7/22/18	\$ 2,880.16
Reporting 7/29/18	\$ 2,940.13
Total G G K 3 (for July)	\$ 14,185.60
Balance (as of 07/31/18)	\$ (799.44)

Budget Receipts—AUGUST

Reporting 8/05/18	\$ 20,222.79
Reporting 8/12/18	\$ 13,355.90
Reporting 8/19/18	\$ 11,391.54
Reporting 8/26/18	\$ 13,443.49
Budget Receipts (as of 08/31/18)	\$ 58,413.72
August 2018 Monthly Budget Needs	\$ 57,279.48

Building Fund G G K 3—AUGUST

Reporting 8/05/18	\$ 4,120.10
Reporting 8/12/18	\$ 2,840.09
Reporting 8/19/18	\$ 3,095.20
Reporting 8/26/18	\$ 13,938.38
Total G G K 3 (for August)	\$ 23,993.77
Balance (as of 08/31/18)	\$ 4,717.29

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10/14 Kelly Creech/John Rothermel
10/21 Sammy Belcher/Loran Lance
10/28 Doug Anderson/Doug McDowell

October 2018

GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM 3

AFBCS/MDO
Extended Childcare Events
 10/2—9:30a 3s & 4s MDO Chapel - Worship Ctr
 10/2 & 10/5 -SF Fire Dpt. Visit AFBCS/MDO
 10/15-10/19 No School - AFBCS Fall Break
 10/22-10/26 Fall Book Fair - *Activity Ctr.*
 10/27 - In-service Parent/Teacher Conferences

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ARCADIA FBC SENIOR ADULT



October

- ♦ OWLS Council – Thursday
October 4 @ 10:00 am AFBC Conference Room
- ♦ Thursday, **October 11th** OWLS Lunch @ Shrimp & Stuff and tour of the Bryan Museum \$12 in Galveston; Piecemakers Quilters - every Thursday, 10:00 A.M, AFBC F-2 & 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

- ♦ Cruise on Carnival Vista, January 13; 6 days; ports of call – Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel; see Jan Gray for details
- ♦ Senior Adult Retreat, January 31 – February 2

Memory Verse of the Month



*"The LORD will fight for you;
you need only to be still."*

Exodus 14:14

Fall Humor



Q: What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern?

A: A pumpkin patch.

Q: What do you get when you divide the circumference of your jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin Pi.

Q: What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

A: Squash.

Q: What happened when the turkey got in a fight?

A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him.

Q: What did one leaf say to another?

A: I'm falling for you.

Q: Why are all Superman costumes tight?

A: They're all size S.

Q: Why do birds fly south in the Fall?

A: Because it's too far to walk.

Q: Why is Dracula so easy to fool?

A: Because he's a sucker.

The nurse walked into the busy doctor's office and said, "Doctor, the invisible man is here." The doctor replied, "Sorry, I can't see him."

Silly Jokes

Q: What goes up and down but does not move?

A: Stairs

Q: What did one toilet say to the other?

A: You look a bit flushed.

Q: Why did the picture go to jail?

A: Because it was framed.

Q: What did one wall say to the other wall?

A: I'll meet you at the corner.

Q: What gets wetter the more it dries?

A: A towel.

Q: Why do bicycles fall over?

A: Because they are two-tired!

Q: Why do dragons sleep during the day?

A: So they can fight knights!

Q: What part of the car is the laziest?

A: The wheels, because they are always tired!

Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope?

A: Stick with me and we will go places!

Q: Why couldn't the pirate play cards?

A: Because he was sitting on the deck!

Q: Why can't your nose be 12 inches long?

A: Because then it would be a foot!

Q: Why did Mickey Mouse take a trip into space?

A: He wanted to find Pluto!

Q: How do you cure a headache?

A: Put your head through a window and the pane will just disappear!

Q: What has four wheels and flies?

A: A garbage truck!

Q: What kind of car does Mickey Mouse's wife drive?

A: A minnie van!

Q: Why did the robber take a bath before he stole from the bank?

A: He wanted to make a clean get away!

Source: <https://www.ducksters.com/jokes/silly.php>



Redeeming Halloween

Another opportunity available to us for engaging people with the gospel is Halloween. For the last several years, my family, along with other families from our church, have been intentional about presenting the gospel and the love of Jesus to those who come to our doors on Halloween night. Last year, we cooked hotdogs for the neighbors and set up a movie projector to project a movie on our garage door. We also handed out tracts, candy, and glow sticks with Bible verses attached to them. If you would be willing to do something similar or to team up with us in our outreach efforts, please let me know. Please don't feel like you must do all these activities. If you want to keep it simple, I have a LOT of tracts in my office that you can pass out along with candy. Whether you choose to participate in our regular Wednesday night activities that night or to take part in our "Redeeming Halloween" effort, I want to challenge you to honor God that evening.

For His Glory, Stephen



Samaritan's Purse

For 25 years, Samaritan's Purse has shared God's love with children in need through Operation Christmas Child, reaching more than 157 million boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through gift-filled shoeboxes in Jesus' name. We are grateful to our AFBC Family who have provided these children the opportunity to hear the Gospel by packing these shoeboxes. We pray that you will continue to pack shoebox gifts this year.



We are collecting small toys and hygiene items for boys and girls. There will be a drop box in the Foyer for your donations. Shoebox packing party is scheduled for Saturday, November 10 and Ingathering Day will be Sunday, November 18. We are praying for 500 boxes this year. Thank you Church Family!

Another beautiful handmade quilt, made with love for Wanda Murphy, by AFBC Piecemakers Quilters.



THE OWLS

The O.W.L.S. are the senior adults of the AFBC. It represents *older, wiser, livelier, seniors*.

When I joined the church in 2001, I was asked if I would like to pursue my ministry in senior adults. I had been active as the senior adult director in Alta Loma First Baptist Church since the early 1990s. AFBC elected me for their senior adult director in 2001, and I have continued serving in that ministry. However, I have never been the editor of the LampLighter. Pearl Rogers was the first, Mateel Martin was the second, and Kay and Robert Mitchell served as editor until recently, when they accepted other ministries in the church. It is my undying gratitude that I thank them for a job well done.

Some new members aren't aware of what the OWLS do. The OWLS represent senior adults 55 years old or older. We do many things consisting of spiritual enlightenment, adventure, fellowships, retreats, mystery trips, pleasure trips, and service. The following are some of the things we have done:

- ◆ Mystery trips are out of the ordinary and special. Some of the ones are a trip to the Bible Museum in Houston with a tour of the Chronicle, Passion Play in Glen Rose, a tour of Houston ship channel, to see the tabernacle, to San Antonio, to New Orleans, to Brenham for a special luncheon, and others. No one knows where we will go, except me.
- ◆ Trips we have adventure some out of the states. We tour some of Europe to The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and France. We have also taken a trip to the Holy Land. In states have included Branson, several times, the Smokey Mountains, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana, and others. Our next adventure will be a cruise in January.
- ◆ We have done Saturdays with various speakers consisting of judges, lawyers, policemen, fire department, EMS, Medicare insurance, Houston Chamber of Commerce, funeral and rest homes, and many others.
- ◆ We meet every second Thursday of the month where we play games, fellowship, go out to eat, movie nights, and other things. We also have concerts here and we attend concerts and plays.
- ◆ Our Bible Retreat we have every year in January. Next year will be the last weekend in January 2019.

For more information you can contact Jan Gray, senior adult director, Richard and Pat Baur, Robert and Kay Mitchell, Mary Barrs, or Susie Munsch, the OWLS council.



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PRETEEN CAMP - We had a great week at preteen camp! We took 32 campers (7 sponsors and 25 kids)! We went to Pineywoods Baptist Encampment again this summer **Saturday, July 28 through Wednesday, August 1, 2018!** There were tons to do! The kids swam, canoed, kayaked, rode the huge swing and zipped down the zip line, played basketball, gaga ball, fished, as well as relaxed -- a little! We had awesome worship and Bible studies! It's such a privilege to get to go! We had one decision for Christ and many seeds planted! We took a really young group this year, and they were troopers! We hope to see them all back next year! Thank you so much church body for helping with our fund-raisers and also for your prayer support, and thank you so much sponsors for giving up a week of your summer for these kids! You are much appreciated! We are blessed!



MOTHER'S DAY OUT / PRESCHOOL - Our mother's day out / preschool program is off to a great start! We had a busy September, and we have a lot planned for October as well! We will have a **candy contest** this month that we will need for our **Fall Harvest Sunday!** We will also have our annual **Noah's Ark parties on October 30th and 31st.** Children will come dressed as an animal, and we will have a **parade** around the church! If you want to go into cuteness overload, pop in and see all the children in their costumes! It will make your day! **Santa Fe Fire and Rescue** will be here on October 29 and November 1, 2018 to share about fire safety! We are thankful they take time to come and talk to our children! They do a great job! It's going to be a great month!

SUNDAY EVENING CHILDREN'S CHOIR - On Sunday evenings the children are working on some **Christmas music** for a new and exciting church-wide Christmas celebration! Details are in the works! We will keep you posted! We will be in the youth center from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.!



AWANAs - Our AWANA ministry is growing! On our first night we had 51! Last week we had 62! What a blessing! Many children have already earned their uniform and are working in their books, memorizing scripture! Here are the themes for October: Oct. 3 - No Club (**see paragraph below); Oct. 10 - Pajama Night; Oct. 17 - No Club (fall break); Oct. 24 - AWANA Store Night; Oct. 31 - Jesus Rescue Me Night! (Come looking sick or hurt wearing bandages or on crutches - nothing gory please!) We meet on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.! This is for children who are 3 by September 1st up through the 6th grades! **Registration paperwork is available in the foyer and right outside the children's ministry office!**



****We will not have club on October 3!** The SFHS homecoming parade will be going by and so we want to take advantage of this ministry opportunity! We will have lots of people parking in our parking lot to watch the parade! We will be out on the grounds sharing the Good News of Christ, handing out tracks about salvation and materials about our church as well. We'll also have face painting, popcorn, snow cones, bubbles, a game area, etc.! Come out and join us as we share the love of Christ with our community! !

FALL HARVEST SUNDAY - We are looking forward to another fun Fall Harvest Sunday on **October 28!** It will be from 4:00 to 6:00. Our mother's day out teachers and our school's athletic department will team up and decorate all the hallways for this fun event! (Anyone is welcome to come up and help, especially the weekend of October 26 and 27!) Children are welcome to come in their costumes and get candy at each door! We are also excited to have Frank Aragon providing us with live music in the Activity Center, and we will close out with worship! If you would like to set up a booth for the children with a game or fall activity, let me know! We will have cookies and drinks in the Activity Center as well. It's going to be a great night of fun and worship!



Paw Prints

AFBCS - Students and teachers are settling in to the new school year! We currently have **170 students** enrolled; and there is a lot of activity up here, that's for sure! We have **junior high and high school volleyball teams** playing. Our **girls and boys cross country** team is at their first meet, as I type. We are in the middle of ordering **letterman jackets** and **senior rings** for our sophomores and juniors. Our seniors are picking out **graduation invitations** and ordering their **caps and gowns**! Our very first senior class is also decorating a bulletin board with lots of pictures of themselves as they were growing up! Wow! Time flies!

A big **THANK YOU** to Stephanie Bond, Physical Education Teacher, for the awesome Welcome Back signage on the first day of school!



PARENTAL PORTAL - Our school is going on line! It's exciting! This year parents are able to go on line and check their students' schedules, grades, tardies, absences, homework, and much more! We also hope to have on line payments up and running in about a month or so. We are easing into this new software, but it is exciting for sure! Parents received their individual log-in information at our "all student registration" in August. Looking forward to a super year! Check out our new website at afbc.org!

SECURITY GUARD - You might see someone new in the atrium and around our campus! **We have hired an armed security guard who will be here 12 hours a day Monday through Friday year 'round!** We are blessed to have this addition to our programs!

GLOW RUN FUNDRAISER - This was definitely the most fun we've ever had doing a fundraiser! The kids had a great time in the gym running, walking, being goofy, dancing, skipping -- whatever they had to do to complete their 36 laps! Thank you, Stephen Wilhite, who ran the big race in a chicken costume! He was a big hit! **AND we made \$19,285.44 that will go toward the purchase of a campus-wide P.A. system!** Thank you so much to all who donated!

FALL BREAK - Students and teachers will enjoy a fall break the week of October 15-19, 2018!

BOOK FAIR - AFBCS will host the first **Scholastic Book Fair** of the year the week immediately following our fall break, **October 22-26, 2018**. This is open to everyone! We hope you will come check it out!

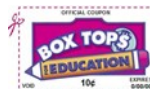
FIRE PREVENTION - **Santa Fe Fire and Rescue** will be here on November 1, 2018 to share about fire safety! We are thankful they take time to come and talk to our students! They do a great job!



VOLLEYBALL - Our Jr. High and High School girls season is coming to an end soon. It was a pretty good year! Grab a schedule from the front desk in the atrium and come out and cheer on our Lady Lions!



BOX TOPS!! 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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