

The MESSENGER

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Worship Words

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Josh McDonald

The last two months have been amazing. Erica, the boys and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all and we love being apart of an active church. We absolutely love you guys and we love living in this community. As a pastor it has been a pleasure watching you all put forth great effort in serving at various events like The Way to the Manger and The Christmas Eve Service.

We are so blessed to have had so much support during our transition. A huge thank you to all who helped us move, gave gifts, brought food and sent an encouraging word. I thank God that He has allowed me to work at a great place like our church while working on the greatest mission known to man. Every time I pull into the parking lot I say to myself "I can't believe I work here!"

I know for certain God has amazing plans for the future of Arcadia First Baptist Church. I am very excited about preaching through one of my favorite books, Joshua. As we work our way through Joshua we'll discuss themes like unity, serving, acting in faith and of course we'll cover tons of archaeology from that time period. On Sunday nights we'll spend some time looking at major archaeological discoveries over the past century. My prayer is that 2019 will bring a renewed excitement about the Gospel and the mission God has called our church to. I pray that we will grow spiritually and numerically as a body. I will keep reiterating the fact that God has an incredible plan to use us to further His Kingdom! Let's go church!

In His Name,
Pastor Josh McDonald



Stephen Wilhite

Church family, thank you so much for helping to make the fall season at AFBC such a success. Your willingness to rise to an outreach challenge never ceases to amaze me. Thank you to everyone who helped with "The Way to the Manger." Between 400 and 500 people attended the event on December 9th. An army of volunteers assisted in decorating, setting up, acting and breaking down for the living nativity. Much of that time was spent in extremely cold temperatures! Thank you for giving, for sacrificing your time, and for enduring the cold to make sure that our community heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. I know many seeds were planted and I look forward to the harvest that will come soon! I also want to thank everyone who helped with our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. We were blessed to enjoy a variety of musical presentations along with poetry, a children's story, responsive reading, scripture readings, beautiful candlelight, a wonderful message and more. I believe Jesus was honored during the service designed to celebrate His birthday.

Some of you have asked when we will get started on the next phase of the auditorium. The answer is.....SOON! We have the funds to move forward and we are hoping to start the next phase (which includes changes in the video projection system) in February. If you would like to give toward future phases, you can designate your offering to the "Auditorium Remodel Project."

Another upcoming event we can look forward to is our Annual Chili Cookoff which will be on January 27th. There will be gift cards up for grabs for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners and of course the fabulous swine-topped trophy will be passed on to our 1st place winner so that he or she may prominently display it in their home or office for one full year. Included in this time of fellowship will be a pounding for the McDonald Family. Bring gift cards so we can bless our new Pastor & his family. The cookoff fellowship is always a blast, and I hope you will all participate!

I look forward to an amazing new year as we explore the direction God has for our church! I love you and love being your Worship Pastor!

For His Glory,
Stephen Wilhite

News and Events

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<p align="center"><u>AFBCS Re-Enrollment</u></p> <p align="center">Re-enrollment opens on February 1, 2019</p> <p align="center">New Student Enrollment February 1—March 15: \$125</p> <p align="center">New Student Enrollment After March 15: \$175</p> <p align="center"><i>Enrolling Kindergarten—12th Grade</i></p>		<p align="center"><u>Wednesday Night Supper</u></p> <p>Kim McCurdy is seeking additional Wednesday Night Cook Teams (1st & 3rd Wednesday rotation). If you're interested and need more information, please contact Kim McCurdy or the church office @ 409-925-2825.</p>	
<p><u>PINEYWOODS BAPTIST CAMP</u></p> <p>POWERPLUS YOUTH CAMP</p> <p>Monday - Friday July 15 - 19, 2019 7th - 12th Graders Total Cost \$275</p> <p>Spots fill up fast so if you're interested please contact <u>Sharon Bloomfield</u></p>		<p><u>Men's Breakfast</u></p> <p>8:00 am January 20 & February 17 F4 Fellowship Hall Gene Newton, Dir. All Men are welcome No need to sign up!</p>	<p><u>H.I.S. Ministry Donation</u></p> <p>H.I.S. Ministry is collecting <u>shampoo & conditioner</u> (for men & women) during the months of January and February.</p>
<p><u>D-Now for the Youth</u></p> <p>When: Jan 18 – 20, 2019 Description: "Overcoming Obstacles"</p> <p>Open to 7th– 12th graders</p> <p>Cost is \$30/student and includes t-shirt, student workbook and participation in an American Ninja Warrior obstacle course!</p>		<p align="center"><u>Sunday School Teacher Needed</u></p> <p>We are seeking someone to teach the College & Career Sunday School class at Arcadia First Baptist Church. If you are praying about a place to serve and are interested please contact Peggy Anderson.</p>	
<p><u>IMS International Mission Study—Refugees</u></p> <p>Saturday, January 19, 2019 8:45am—Noon AFBC Fellowship Hall</p> <p align="center">COME JOIN OUR STUDY!</p> <p>A Refugee Simulation will provide participants with a brief glimpse into some of the difficult decisions and struggles refugees face as they are forced to leave behind their homes & lives.</p> <p align="center">All are welcome to attend Cost is FREE</p>		<p align="center"><u>School Auction Workdays</u></p> <p align="center">February 9 — 10am — 4pm March 2 — 10am — 4pm March 23 — 10am—4pm</p> <p>Please join us for these come & go as you can School Auction Workdays. We will group items, assemble baskets and work on decorations.</p> <p align="center">This is our largest fundraiser of the year and takes the most volunteers to put on. We appreciate your support!</p>	
<p align="center"><u>NOW HIRING</u></p> <p>AFBCS is now hiring Certified Teachers for the 2019-20 School Year</p> <p align="center">-Elementary Teachers</p> <p align="center">-Secondary Teachers</p> <p>Please email your resume to <u>Julie@arcadiafbc.org</u></p>		<p><u>Quarterly Church Business Conference</u></p> <p>Sunday, January 20 6:00 pm</p> <p align="center"><i>Quorum Required</i></p>	<p><u>13th Annual Chili Cook-Off</u></p> <p>Sunday, January 27th</p> <p><u>4:00pm</u> Check In Time <u>4:30pm</u> Judging <u>5:00pm</u> Chili Supper & McDonald Pounding <u>6:00pm</u> Evening Worship</p> <p align="center">Bring gift cards to welcome the McDonalds</p> <p>Prizes awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners</p> <p align="center"><i>A fabulous trophy will be awarded for 1st place</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Please contact Stephen Wilhite with any questions</i></p>
		<p><u>Outreach Sunday</u></p> <p>4:00 pm January 20 & February 17</p>	
		<p><u>Spring Book Fair</u></p> <p>February 25—March 1</p>	

AFBC Senior Adult Events

January

- ♦ OWLS Council
January 10 @ 10:00 am — AFBC Conference Room
- ♦ Piecemakers Quilting Group—every Thursday,
10 am — AFBC F4
- ♦ Outreach Bible Study – every Tuesday
9:30 am, Amegy Bank Community Room

February

- ♦ OWLS Council
February 7 @ 10:00 am — AFBC Conference Room
- ♦ Piecemakers Quilting Group—every Thursday,
10am—AFBC F4
- ♦ Outreach Bible Study—every Tuesday
9:30 am, Amegy Bank Community Room

Adult Winter Retreat

The Senior Adult Winter Retreat will be held at Arcadia First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall **January 31—February 2**. The retreat is for Adults of all ages. Bro. Jerl Watkins will be teaching the Bible Study. The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. The cost will cover 5 meals, snacks and an honorarium for Bro. Jerl. You must pay by cash or check. Please put your money in an envelope marked for OWL's Retreat and drop it off at the church office or place in the offering plate. There is a sign up sheet located in the church foyer and the church office. We hope to see you at the Retreat. This is always a great time of fellowship, good food and informative Bible teaching.

Schedule:

Thursday: 5:30 pm—9:00 pm
Friday & Saturday: 8:00 am—3:00 pm

The Way to the Manger



Operation Christmas Child 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.



Deacons on Call

1/06—Kelly Creech/Mark Higginbotham
1/13—Sammy Belcher/John Rothermel
1/20—Doug Anderson/Loran Lance
1/27—Gene Newton/Doug McDowell

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AFBCS Events

1/1-1/4 AFBCS Teacher Student Holiday
1/14 - AFBCS Teacher Inservice/Student Holiday
1/15—3:30pm AFBCS Auction Kick-Off Meeting

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>6</p> <p>8am Praise Band Rehearsal—WC 9:15am SS/Bible Study—All ages 10:30am Worship Service—WC 5:30pm Open Gym/Youth Groups—AC 6pm Children's Choir/Adv Night—TYC 6pm Worship Service—WC</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6pm Handbells Rehearsal—TYC 6pm Ladies Bootcamp-AC</p>	<p>1</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S DAY 6pm Ladies Kickboxing-AC 6:30pm MA Community Prayer Joe Tambrella Park</p>	<p>2</p> <p>No WNS No AWANA's 6pm Youth Worship Service — TYC 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study— F6 No Worship Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10am OWLS Council Mtg. — CR 10am-2p AFBC Piecemakers-F4 6pm Ladies Bootcamp-AC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6am-6pm Prayer Force One</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8am-4pm Church wide Workday @ AFBC</p>
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<p>20</p> <p>8am Men's Breakfast—F4 8am Praise Band Rehearsal-WC 9:15am SS/Bible Study — All ages 10:30am Worship Service-WC 4pm Inreach/outreach Visitation 5:30pm Open Gym/Youth Groups-AC 6pm Children's Choir rehearsal—TYC 6pm Church Business Conf—WC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6pm Handbells Rehearsal—TYC 6pm Ladies Bootcamp-AC</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day AFBCS Teacher Inservice & Student Holiday</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30am Outreach Bible Study @ Amegy Bank Community Room 6pm Ladies Kickboxing-AC</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:15pm WNS - F4 6pm AWANA's—AC 6pm Youth Worship Service — TYC 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study— F6 7:30pm Worship Choir Rehearsal-WC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10am-2p AFBC Piecemakers-F4 6pm Ladies Bootcamp-AC</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6am-6pm Prayer Force One</p>	<p>26</p>
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2/03 - Will Leach/John Rothermel
2/10 - Kelly Creech/Loran Lance
2/17 - Sammy Belcher/Doug McDowell
2/24 - Doug Anderson/Mark Higginbotham

AFBCS Events

2/6 - 8am-5pmAFBCS Auction Mail-out - F4
2/6 - 9:30 3's & 4's MDO Chapel—WC
2/9 - 10am-4pm AFBCS Auction Workshop - F6
2/15 - AFBCS TABS Training/Student Holiday
2/18 - AFBCS Teacher-in-service/Student Holiday
2/25-3/1 AFBCS Spring Book Fair
2/28 - 6:30pm - AFBCS Preview Night

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6am-6pm Prayer Force One	2 Ground Hog Day 8am-4pm Church wide Workday @ AFBC
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Spring Book Fair						

Kids Korner and AFBCS - Paw Prints

By: Julie Beanland

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PRETEEN CAMP

Pineywoods Baptist Camp, July 27-31, 2019; Cost is \$270 per child. Registration forms are available now. Complete and turn in your form along with \$50 to secure your child's spot!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

New children's musical "Back to the Cross" - Sunday evening practices from 6:00-7:00 in the youth center!

AWANA's

Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30; for children 3 (by Sept. 1, 2018) through the 6th grade; Theme Nights - 1/9 - Double Ticket Night / Old Fogey Night (Dress Old Fashioned); 1/16 - School Shirt Night; 1/23 - Fashion Disaster Night; 1/30—AWANA Store / Sports Jersey Night; 2/6 - Love Bears All Things (Bring your favorite teddy bear); ***Sunday Feb. 10 - Grand Prix Workshop - 4:30 - 5:45 Activity Center;** 2/13 - Valentine's - Wear red or pink; ***Sunday Feb. 17 - Grand Prix Workshop - 4:30—5:45 - Activity Center;** 2/20 Grand Prix Registration begins - President's Day (dress patriotic); **2/27 - Grand Prix** - Check-in between 5:00-5:30; Judging @ 5:45; Race Begins @ 6:00 in the Activity Center!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Weekly from 9:15—10:15

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Offered weekly during the morning worship service for pre-k through 4th grades; Last Sunday of the month is family day (Children stay in the worship service).

MOTHER'S DAY OUT / PRESCHOOL

M/W - 9:00-2:00; T/TH - 9:00-2:00; and M-TH - 9:00-2:00.

FULL-TIME CHILD CARE

M-F from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

M-F from 6:30—7:30 a.m. and 3:00—6:30 p.m.

AFBCS BASKETBALL TEAMS

Game schedules can be picked up at the desk in the atrium or the school office!

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

February 9, 2019 in the Activity Center from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

See school office to purchase tickets (School fundraiser)

BOOK FAIR

February 25-March 1, 2019

BOX TOPS FUNDRAISER

Keep those box tops coming! Please turn these in to the school office!

PREVIEW NIGHT

February 28, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary



PO Box 128
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Staff Office Hours
8:30am—5:00pm

Josh McDonald
Senior Pastor

Stephen Wilhite
Associate Pastor of Worship

Reggie Crosby
Minister

Julie Beanland
Director Children's Ministries
Administrator's Assistant
AFB Christian School

Tammy Berryhill
Financial Administrator

Amanda Sweat
Media Secretary

Peggy Anderson
Receptionist

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



Sunday Worship Schedule

9:15am — Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30am — Morning Worship Service
5:30pm — Youth Discipleship
6:00pm — Children's Choir/Adventure Night

Wednesday Worship Schedule

5:15pm — Wednesday Night Supper
6:00pm — AWANA Club (3 years — 6th Grade)
6:30pm — Youth Activities
6:30pm — Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
7:30pm — Worship Choir Rehearsal

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