

The Banner

The Lord is My Banner. Exodus 17:15

June 14, 2018

First Baptist Church, Cuero

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A Note From The Pastor

An update on Lori – She is recovering well after her surgery. She will be making recovery for many weeks. She is free of the leg nerve pain which was crippling her; and she is free of the wheelchair. She will likely have to go through some physical therapy to get back to full function. Thank you all again for your love and food donations. You have been very helpful in our time of need.

Please keep Ray Holcombe in your prayers. He had a bad heart attack and is not doing well. At the time of my writing this letter, he is in Citizen's ICU.

As I indicated in my sermon I will continue the series on The Treasure Principle, by Randy Alcorn. As believers we walk in two realms. We have feet that walk on earth, and a spirit that walks in the heavenly realms. We are always caught between two worlds. This series will remind us that God is the owner of all things. Yet, he has graciously given us property to manage on His behalf. We call that stewardship. We are stewards of everything that God allows us to possess. Ultimately God owns it, and we are to give an account to Him of all we do with what we have in our possession. What is difficult is that God also wants us to use some of that which we "possess" for His kingdom purposes. Call it tithing, giving, or offerings, God expects us to let go of some of our money to serve the mission.

Let us consider our response to God who owns it all.

By the way. I don't know if you know it, but as of June 1, I have completed 25 years as your pastor. Blessings to all.

Larry's Notes



FINAL THOUGHTS ON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We had a wonderful VBS this past week. It will be the one that we measure the next few by. Great attendance – we averaged 129, with a high of 140 on Thursday. Great attitudes – the students were excited and participated well. The many volunteers worked hard and helped make everything run smoothly, safely, and effectively. Decisions – the Lord spoke to the hearts of several students. We will continue to work with them and help them understand the Lord's call to faith.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, prayed, and gave. May God bless His work and may we see fruit come from our labor. Praise the Lord!

HELP WITH TECHNOLOGY

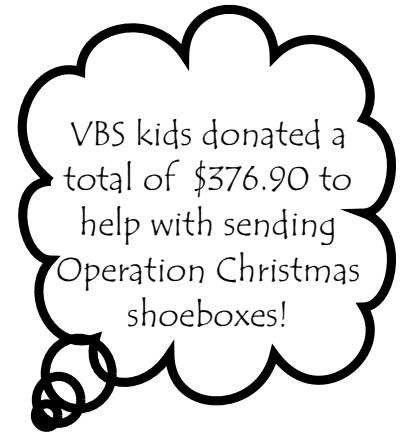
It is a part of the times we live in, and it is here to stay. I'm talking about technology. You use it personally and we use it at the church.

Way back in 2003, our church started using projectors hooked to computers to put the words to songs, Scriptures, and sermon notes on screens. There were some folks that were apprehensive about it. Now, 15 years later, we expect churches to use this kind of technology as an aid to worship and even teaching. Put the internet on a big screen and away we go!

Well, just like all of the other areas of service in the church, we need folks to help us operate some of this technology. Some of it requires specialized knowledge, but most of it is fairly simple and even somewhat intuitive.

I am making an appeal for folks to help with tech in the worship services. Specifically, we need help with the computer that runs the slides during worship. Before you panic and claim the inability to do anything with a computer, let me assure you that of all the things there are to do involving tech, this is fairly simple. You do not need to know how to run the sound system (which can get involved), or to program the computer for the worship services. Basically, you push a button (the "+" key) when it is time to go to the next slide. You can grow from that if you wish, but we really need a couple of folks willing to be on a rotation to do this 2 or 3 times a month to do this.

If you think that the Lord wants you to help out your church this way, please see me or Kim Clutter. Thank you!



Talking like Jesus

Recently, I was reading through Acts 15 and was struck reading these words in verse 10: Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are. It struck me partially because of the content but even more so because it closely resembles a scripture I mentioned in my sermon a few weeks ago-Matthew 23:4, where Jesus is rebuking the pharisees: They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. Peter, in Acts 15, is echoing the message of Jesus of putting a weight on others that even the most ardent followers do not carry. To me, this echoing is a powerful example of what it looks like to truly follow Christ. Peter's words are an overflow, or even a repeat, of the words he heard Christ speak. How is it that our words are an overflow of what we read Christ speaking or hear him speaking into our lives? In what way is God calling you to talk like him?

God at Work:

The Gospel Coalition is a site a link to often. I read this article this week and thought it was so cool. A guy started a mortgage company in 2008! <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/mortgage-company-loving-neighbors/>

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PRAYER REQUEST

Charles Benton	Faye Fisher
Lynda Grantham	Alicia Hannan
Flo Miller	Bertha Buch
Jo & Robert Smith	Lee Tillman
Bernice Hargrove	Betty Whitten
Pearl Kornfuehrer	Mary Simmons
Sarah Bell	Glenn Portis
Barbara Bowman	Lori Robertson
Mary Bird	



Sunday:
 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a m
 Bible Study 9:45 am
 Youth Choir 4:30 pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Apologetics 6:00 pm
 The Gospel Project 6:00 pm
 Bible Searchers 6:00 pm

Monday:
 Ladies Exercise 10:00 am

Tuesday:
 Praise Band 7:00 pm

Wednesday:
 Ladies Exercise 10:00 am
 Ladies Bible Study 12:00 pm
 Youth 6:00 pm
 Sanctuary Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday:
 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am

(With Christ in the School of Prayer" by Andrew Murray)
 (For more information please call Betty Afflerbach @ 361-649-8029)
 For More Information On Classes, Please Call The Church Office @ 361-275-3401.

We are here to be and make real followers of Jesus Christ



June 17th - 23rd

Hannah Sweatman - 17	Hannah Faus - 19
Amber Pawlik - 17	Curtis Boothe - 20
Harold Tiffin - 18	Carol Watson -20
Charles Benton - 18	Karlyne Tiffin - 21
Kirk McClellan - 18	Destiny Reeve - 22
Tommy Watson - 19	Wanetha Badgett - 23

Stewardship
June 10, 2018

Budget Requirements	\$10,938.97
Budget Receipts.....	\$8,259.00
Designated Receipts.....	\$1,619.75
Total Approved Budget.....	\$568,826.00
Requirements Year-To-Date.....	\$251,596.31
Received Year-To-Date.....	\$204,410.70
Month-to-date Expenses.....	\$17,425.43
Year-to-date Expenses.....	\$224,892.33

Renovation

Week To Date Giving	\$ 1,417.50
Month To Date Giving	\$ 15,445.00
Year To Date Giving	\$58,349.65
Monthly Note Payment	\$11,583.95
Loan Balance	\$2,093,398.99

GREETER SCHEDULE

June 17, 2018

8:15 & 9:30

Jeff Hall
Drenda Hall

10:45

Doug Sethness
Nancy Swenson

June 24, 2018

8:15 & 9:30

John Fuqua
Monica Fuqua

10:45

YOUTH

Deacon of the Week
Trent Watson

Nursery Worker Needed

We are in search of 2 paid staff nursery workers. One job will not start until after June 24th, the other will start in August. Please contact the church office for any questions or if you are interested.



Sat., June 16th
7:00 a.m.