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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- September 1st: Clothes Closet OPEN
- September 4th: The Lord's Supper, no evening services
- September 5th: Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 11th: Missions Committee Meeting/Lunch, Children's Choir Kick Off
- September 11th-18th: Week of Prayer for Texas Missions
- September 13th: Advanced Group Potluck Luncheon
- September 18th: Baby Dedication
- September 21st: Deacons' Meeting
- September 25th: Children's Ministry Fundraiser Meal
- September 28th: "See you at the pole" Youth Event, Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting
- October: Ministerial Staff Appreciation Month
- October 2nd: Missions Committee Meeting/Lunch, Girls' Night In
- October 5th: Calendar planning meeting
- October 6th: Clothes Closet OPEN
- October 9th: CMT Meeting
- October 10th-12th: Youth Conclave-Arlington
- October 11th: Advanced Group Potluck Luncheon
- October 12th: Youth Fields of Faith Event
- October 15th: Church Budget Workshop
- October 19th: Deacons' Meeting
- October 26th: Kids' No Fear Party, Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting
- October 30th: Fifth Sunday Breakfast served by the Deacons, The Lord's Supper, Family Sunday & Movie Night
- October 31st: Trunk or Treat



THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH  
FOR LABOR DAY.

October is Ministerial Appreciation Month

It is Biblical for a church to recognize and honor the godly ministers who serve faithfully the flock of God.

Paul wrote the following words to the church at Thessalonica:

*"Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work..."*

*(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)*

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Words of Encouragement...

*So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness...(John 1:14)*  
*...He has revealed God to us. (John 1:18)*

Jesus. It's all about Jesus.  
Scripture ransacks the human language looking for superlatives enough to give mankind some kind of idea who this Person was who was born of a virgin, lived without sin, taught us of Heaven, and died in our place.  
Earth has never seen another like Him. He is unique. Christianity and the Christian life are all about Jesus. Regardless of what they tell you, the Christian faith is not about love. It's not about morals and doing good. The Christian faith is not about helping one another or being kind or attending church. Those are good things, but they're not what it's about.  
Love and morals and doing good, helping one another and showing kindness and attending worship are the *byproducts* of the Christian faith – when done right. The Christian faith is all about one Person and One Person Only: The Lord Jesus Christ.  
He is the only Savior. He is the only sin-offering. He is the one and only mediator between God and man. He alone reveals God the Father to us. His is the only Name by which we must be saved.

The Old Testament told about the coming of Jesus in a hundred different ways. Every altar pointed to His cross, every offering to the Savior Himself. The prophets prophesied repeatedly of the One who would suffer for the sins of His people, who would bear their iniquities, and who would be the offspring of a virgin. The prophets spoke of His sinless nature, His horrible death, and His resurrection.

The four gospels present four stories of His coming, many aspects of His life and ministry, and much about His death and resurrection. The Acts of the Apostles continues the story of the expansion of the Christian faith. The epistles which follow are letters written from church leaders to congregations or individuals regarding doctrine, practices, heresies, and such. The last book, called Revelation, presents Jesus as the Victorious Ruler of the universe and Judge of all who have lived on earth.

It truly is all about Jesus.  
It's important to bear in mind the following: The Holy Spirit makes much about Jesus. The Scriptures make much about Jesus. The heart of every person saved by the blood of the Lamb cries out to make more and more of Jesus.

- Scripture tells us:
- ✓ He is the visible image of the invisible God.
  - ✓ By Him were the worlds created. Without Him nothing was made.
  - ✓ He is superior to the angels, prophets, and every other portion of creation.
  - ✓ He is the Word made flesh.
  - ✓ He will sit on the throne of judgment at the end of this world.
  - ✓ Every eye shall see Him; every tongue shall confess Him as Lord; every knee shall bow before Him.
  - ✓ He is the only One who knows the Father. Anyone who knows the Father got that information from Him.
  - ✓ He is the sole mediator between God and man.

Therefore...

- ✓ For us to make too much of Jesus would be impossible.
- ✓ It is absolutely essential that we come to God by Jesus, for He alone is the way. There is no other way.
- ✓ His death on the cross and His subsequent resurrection stand in recorded history as the ultimate judgment on the world, the absolute and final sentence on the devil, and the unanswerable statement of the love of God for mankind.
- ✓ All other religions, even the noble and well-meaning ones, are attempts from humanity to build a bridge to God. Jesus Christ is God's bridge to us.

Blessings to you on this journey of making more of Jesus.

Pepper



# CHILDREN'S NEWS

JESUS LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE!

What a blessing it is to serve in our Children's Ministry at such a time as this! God is doing great things at Bangs FBC and we invite you to be a part of it. Parents, we desire to partner with you to raise children in the Lord! We are truly raising arrows! Arrows that will be sent out to their sport's teams, classrooms, locker rooms, cafeterias, and friend's houses to take the saving message of Jesus Christ to our community and our world! There will be several opportunities this Fall and Winter to go and tell the Good News! Let us LOVE GOD and LOVE PEOPLE with all of our hearts!

Raising Arrows: Psalm 127: 3-5

*Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.*

Join us for Children's Choir, Sept. 11th! Come worship and use your talents for the Lord as we begin our Christmas musical!

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – Children's Ministry Fundraiser Meal! Join us for homemade soup, cornbread and desserts. Donations accepted.

Get those costumes and decorations ready and join us for Trunk or Treat! Lots of FUN, FELLOWSHIP & CANDY! Meet at the church parking Lot, Oct. 31, 5:30-7:00 pm.

Join us each week! We have a place for you to serve in our children's ministry. Please pray about where God wants you to serve in our children's ministry or in our church!

I thank God for YOU!

**Joy** ☺



- ☺ Sept. 11th: Children's Choir Kick Off at 6:00 pm in the Children's Church Room
- ☺ Sept. 25th: Children's Ministry Fundraiser Meal-Soup, Cornbread and Dessert
- ☺ Oct. 26th: Kids' "No Fear" Party, 6:00 pm in the Children's Church Room
- ☺ Oct. 30th: Family Sunday & Movie Night
- ☺ Oct. 31st: Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:00 pm in the Church parking area
- ☺ Dec. 10th: Parade/Live Nativity/Christmas in the Park
- ☺ Dec. 11th: Adult & Children's Christmas Musical
- ☺ Dec. 14th: Christmas Meal/Happy Birthday Jesus Party

## HELP WANTED!

Our Children's Department has a great need for volunteers to help on Wednesday nights: 3rd/4th Grade Teacher and 5/6th Grade Teacher and Helper. If you feel led to serve in this ministry, please call  
Joy Mitchell at 325-203-0531.

Our Church Nursery is in need of Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteer Workers. Would you prayerfully consider serving in this area? Contact Heather McCullough at 325-998-2144.

## SAVE THE DATES!


Wednesday, Sept. 28th  
"See You at the Pole"  
at 7 am  
Wednesday, Oct. 12th  
Fields of Faith at 7 pm  
Gordon Wood Stadium

Bible studies for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am and our youth life group meets on Sunday nights at 6pm, both in the youth room. Of course, we still have worship on Wednesday nights at 6:15 pm, as well. The summer was awesome but we are ready to get back to the school routine as we continue to try and reach students and make an impact for God's Kingdom.

May God's Grace Abound,

**Zach**

# MISSIONS

 I am TEXAS Missions  
MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING

Week of Prayer for Texas Missions  
and the Mary Hill Davis Offering 2016  
**September 11th-18th, Goal: \$2,000**  
A Special Offering will be collected on Oct. 2nd.



**Clothes Closet OPEN!** Thursday, September 1st & October 6th from 10:00am to 3:00pm.  
**Bangs Food Pantry OPEN!** First and Third Thursdays from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

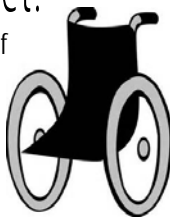


Thank you, FBC Family for your generous giving to our Fall School Supplies Drive! With your help we were able to provide much needed school supplies for 12 students on the first day of school.  
**Patty**



## Our Medical Closet!

We have a wide variety of equipment to loan out including wheel chairs, walkers, beds, bed rails, and shower chairs.



# MUSIC NOTES

Hello, Church Family!

It's that time again!...football and band, school and piano lessons! What a great time of year!

And, Thanksgiving will be here before we know it!

The worship choir is meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm, and we've got some great music that we are working on! We always have fun rehearsals! You really should check it out!

We're always seeking others who would like to give the gift of music. So, if God has gifted you to sing, and you aren't using your voice for ministry to His body, well.....do I actually have to finish this idea for you?

I'm also always so excited to have new folks who want to share their singing and instrumental talents through special music and offertories. If God has gifted you in these ways, please, be sure to let me know. We'd like to add you to our list of regulars. It's so great to see boys and girls using their talents for the Lord's glory. If you have or know of young'uns who have musical gifts, we love to have them use them!

Thank you so much for the blessing that each of you are to me! I am always so encouraged and uplifted every time that we get to worship together! Your encouragement reminds us to keep on keeping on in what God has called us to do!

Have a blessed and productive week! See you at church!

*Soli Deo Gloria, Bro. Corey*

## BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

### JUNE 2016 MINUTES

- May 2016 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted, letters of transfer were granted and new members were approved.
- There was no old or new business.

### JULY 2016 MINUTES

- June 2016 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted.
- Approval was given to move \$5,000 from Building Fund Savings to the Activity Building Fund account.
- Approval was given to purchase a new church phone system when the current system no longer functions.

### JUNE 2016 GENERAL FUND

Total Contributions	\$33,133.71
Weekly Average	\$8,283.43
Weekly Requirement	\$8,313.75
Fund Balance	\$14,767.53

BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$124,404.78 (6/30/16)  
(Includes roof funds)

CHURCH ROOFS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$55,624.82 (6/30/16)

GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$8,266.32 (6/30/16)

### JULY 2016 GENERAL FUND

Total Contributions	\$42,595.48 (5 Sundays)
Weekly Average	\$8,519.10
Weekly Requirement	\$8,313.75
Fund Balance	\$14,670.87

BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$121,454.82 (7/31/16)  
(Includes roof funds)

CHURCH ROOFS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$57,674.82 (7/31/16)

GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$8,266.98 (7/31/16)



Church Family,

What a summer! It was a blast to see our youth group grow even closer together this summer. From serving at Salvation Army and Good Samaritan to a week at Camp Eagle. Memories and friendships were made that will last a lifetime. We hope to carry the momentum from summer into the school year as we continue our ministry to students here in our community. Just a reminder that we have

