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Words of Encouragement....

Mark 6:31-32 > Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile...." So they left... for a quiet place, where they could be alone. NLT

Our church-wide retreat for next year, **Feb 2-4, 2018**, will be here before we know it.

I hope you are already making plans to attend and participate in this wonderful weekend away with our church fellowship.

This retreat will be a major focus for the church next year. Our theme for the weekend will be "How Great Is Our God!" And Mike Satterfield will be our guest speaker. Mike is on staff as a Teaching Pastor at Fielder Church in Arlington and regularly speaks at camps, retreats and conferences. He is a spirit-filled, energetic preacher and teacher – and I know the Lord will bring a timely message to us through him.



As the verse above indicates, Jesus encouraged His disciples to go with Him to an out-of-the-way place so they could be together away from the hustle and bustle of everyday activities. There is something refreshing and re-energizing about "getting away" to spend some concentrated time hearing from the Lord and fellowshiping with fellow believers. This retreat away to a quiet place affords such an opportunity for us as a church fellowship.

Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose, TX, will host our retreat. The cost we are charging for the weekend is only \$15 per person or \$45 per family of 3 or more. This includes 2 nights' stay, 6 meals, and honorariums for our guest speaker, worship leaders, and children's leaders.

Obviously, the cost we are charging will not cover all the expenses. Because we don't want the cost for the weekend to be a deterrent to anyone wanting to participate, we have intentionally kept the price low. The total estimated cost for the retreat with 135 people attending is \$15,000. The church plans to cover the difference in expenses and the money received, by budgeting for the retreat in the 2018 budget.

If you would like to help with the total costs for the retreat, a special activity account has been set-up to receive financial donations. Every dollar the church receives toward the costs of the retreat will be one less dollar needed in next year's budget.

Would you please prayerfully consider contributing toward our Church-wide retreat?

How wonderful and God-honoring it would be for all \$15,000 to be donated this year before we begin the 2018 budgeting process this fall. We all experientially know that God has repeatedly proven Himself to FBC Bangs by faithfully meeting our financial needs. And as a church fellowship, you have been so faithful to give to the ministries of our church and the work of God. I have every confidence that the Lord will meet this need as well.

So please pray that this financial need would be met – and whether the Lord would have you give toward this need. If you would like to give, please write "Church Retreat" on the memo line of your check.

Thank you for praying for this retreat, for planning to attend, and for considering giving to cover the costs of this important weekend for our church.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He show you His kindness and be gracious to you. May He watch over you and give you peace. *Pepper*

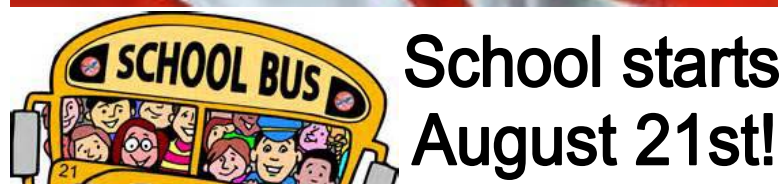


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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- July 2nd: No Children's Church, FAM JAM!
- July 4th: Independence Day, Church Office Closed
- July 6th: Clothes Closet OPEN
- July 10th-12th: Pre-Teen Camp
- July 16th: No Children's Church
- July 19th: Deacons' Meeting
- July 26th: Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting
- July 30th: No Children's Church, Fifth Sunday Potluck Fellowship Lunch
- August: School Supplies Drive
- August 3rd: Clothes Closet OPEN
- August 6th: Missions Committee Meeting/Luncheon
- August 13th: CMT Meeting
- August 16th: Deacons' Meeting
- August 20th: The Lord's Supper, Kids' Back to School Bash
- August 21st: School starts!
- August 23rd: Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting
- August 27th: Back to Church Sunday, Children's Sunday School Promotion Sunday

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
TUESDAY, JULY 4TH FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY.**



SENIOR PASTOR:	Dr. Pepper Dill
ASSOCIATE PASTOR/YOUTH MINISTER:	Zach Sharp
MINISTER OF WORSHIP:	Corey Ash
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR:	Joy Mitchell
OFFICE MANAGER:	Cindy Boyle
OFFICE ASSISTANT/WEB MASTER:	Marsha Zabecki



Thank you church family for ministering to the kids in our community through VBS! This is truly a church-wide inreach and outreach program! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and His LIGHT in this community and world!!!



Bring your homemade Ice Cream and ALL the FAMILY to FAMJAM! Who will be the KING & QUEEN of ICE CREAM this year????

Parents! Don't miss FAMILY NIGHT at Preteen Camp this year! Wednesday, July 12th, 6:00 - 8:30 pm You may take your child home from camp at the end of Family Night.

Blessings on you! **JOY** 😊

We are THE CHURCH!
We LIVE READY TO LOVE, SERVE & GO!

If not us, then who
If not now, then when
God created us to.... *DO SOMETHING!!*

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." Deut. 6: 5-9

YOUTH NEWS

Church Family,
Just like that youth camp is already over and we are in the full swing of summer activities. I want to encourage you to stay involved in the life of the church over the summer. For the youth we are going through the Bible via The Gospel Project on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. It's a great way to stay rooted in God's Word and to study it with other believers. On Sunday nights at 6pm at our house we are going through a book called "Can I Ask That?". It is actually a second volume, as we completed the first book before summer. The youth loved it and are looking forward to the second book. It asks tough questions about God and faith and we search scripture for the answers to these questions and discuss them together. Teenagers are hungry for discussion about the issues of the day and that has shown through these studies. Stay plugged in with the bulletin and look for service opportunities as we are once again serving at Salvation Army and Good Samaritan this summer. We also have lots of fun outings scheduled for middle school and high school students. As always, feel free to reach out to me with questions or for more information. God bless you and thank you for your unwavering support of our youth. Have a great summer!

May God's Grace Abound,

Zach

SAVE THE DATES!

July 2nd: FAMJAM at Camp Bowie Aquatic Center
July 10th-12th: Pre-Teen Camp: Family Night: July 12th, Cost: \$150,
Theme: *Do SOMETHING! Serve one another in LOVE!*
Sign-up sheet and forms are in the foyer on the ministry table!
August 20th: Back 2 School Bash-6:00-7:00 pm
August 27th: Promotion Sunday/Back to Church Sunday

MISSIONS



Clothes Closet OPEN! Thursday, July 6th & August 3rd, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Bangs Food Pantry OPEN! First and Third Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.



School Supplies Drive in August!



MUSIC NOTES

Hello, Church Family!



The choir is taking a short break from rehearsals during the summer months as we all seem to have quite a lot going on during this time. As we look toward July, I am reminded that we are certainly blessed to live in a country that was founded on the principal of liberty. We are also a country that was founded on decidedly Christian principals and moral precepts. I hope that we'll keep this in mind as we celebrate the founding of our great land!

We're going to begin rehearsals again in August. So, keep your eyes open for news about the choir kick-off party! Over the years, many of you have told me that you are interested in being in our worship choir. Well, why not make this the year! If you have ever been in choir and want to be a part again, you could not find a better time. We will begin Christmas music while the sun is still hot! I know, hard to believe. So, come and join us as we get cranked back up. You'll be glad you did!

I'm so thankful for all of our wonderful instrumentalists. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful men and women who are willing to use their talents to help us have an awesome worship experience each week. Are you using your talents? Make sure that you do.

I hope that you are having a great summer! Have a blessed and productive week! You all bless me so much!

Soli Deo Gloria, Bro. Corey

BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

APRIL 2017 MINUTES

- April 2017 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted and new members were approved.
- The Deacon recommendation to amend the Bylaws concerning Roberts Rules of Order (Section CG 1.1.11) was accepted to be voted on in the May 2017 meeting.
- Miscellaneous items were mentioned.

MAY 2017 MINUTES

- May 2017 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted and new members were approved.
- The Deacon recommendation to amend the Bylaws concerning the use of Roberts Rules of order (Section CG 1.1.11) was approved.

<u>APRIL 2017 GENERAL FUND</u>	
Total Contributions:	\$40,177.91
Weekly Average:	\$8,035.58 (5 Sundays)
Weekly Requirement:	\$8,480.75
Fund Balance:	\$12,095.22
BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$105,405.88 (4/30/17)*
CHURCH ROOFS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$43,712.82 (4/30/17)
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$8,273.18 (4/30/17)

<u>MAY 2017 GENERAL FUND</u>	
Total Contributions:	\$26,610.62
Weekly Average:	\$6,652.66
Weekly Requirement:	\$8,480.75
Fund Balance:	\$8,088.16
BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$105,615.88 (5/31/17)*
CHURCH ROOFS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$43,877.82 (5/31/17)
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$8,273.93 (5/31/17)

