



## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



I have something special and unique for you in this edition of the Equipper. The following paragraphs come from a splendid sermon that was preached in our church many years ago by Dr. Gordon Clinard. Dr. Clinard was our pastor from 1967-1970. This sermon is entitled *Is It Ever Right to Say No to God?* based on Matthew 21:28-32. The message is quite convicting and goes right along with our current emphasis on witnessing and disciple-making. Enjoy.

*It is our responsibility to bear witness to the Gospel. Only the Holy Spirit has the right to bring to decision. And he will leave people free to say yes or no.*

*You say, "What a dangerous thing to believe or to say! And it is as radical as the Gospel itself. How could it ever be right to say no to God?" It never is right in the sense of human destiny. The one vital thing in all the world is to say yes to God. The only true life is the life lived in the will of God. If we fail to say yes to the call of God, and find everything else there is in the world, life at last is empty. To miss Jesus—to say no to Christ—is to miss everything there is for life and for eternity. No one believes this more than me.*

*And yet, no is an answer to God as surely as a yes. And the whole point of this sermon is that a responsible "no" is better than an irresponsible "yes." Neither is good, but the first is preferable to the second.*

*Discipleship, you see, demands the most radical commitment. To the man who wanted to go home before he followed Jesus (Luke 10), the Master said, "You must not look back." Cut the umbilical cord of the past. The trouble with many of us is that we are not free to follow Christ. We are bound by too many other allegiances of other days.*

*The whole point is—a no would be better than an irresponsible yes. Jesus refused none of them. He just wanted them to know what it is all about so that they could decide. ~ Dr. Gordon Clinard*

Pastor James



**SUNDAY, JULY 30, 6:00 -8:00 PM**  
**LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Our last gathering of Galilee Baptist Church, Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, and FBC was such a wonderful time of encouragement and fellowship! Word has also spread to other churches and St. Paul Presbyterian is joining our fellowship, as well. Our time together has been such an overwhelming success that we're planning on getting together again very soon.

Please mark Sunday, July 30 from 6-8pm on your calendar for the next gathering. This time we will be worshipping together in song, prayer, and a message. Each church will prepare to lead in two songs, and Rev. John Pope will bring a great evangelistic sermon. This is also an excellent opportunity to invite people from the community to join us. We will gather at either the River Stage or City Park. This detail is being worked out at present, and we'll know something definite soon. Be watching and listening for more updates.



## Committee on Committees Recommendations

The Committee on Committees will present the following recommendations to fill committee vacancies in a brief Special Called Business Meeting on Wednesday, August 2 at 6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

The Committee on Committees recommends the election of the following to fill committee vacancies beginning immediately for the terms noted:

### CDC Committee

**Term Expires 12.31.2018**

Juanita Hardy

### Finance Committee

**Term Expires 12.31.2018**

Bill Hardy

### Properties Committee

**Term Expires 12.31.2018**

Alan Oxford

### Spiritual Formation

### Advisory Committee

**Term Expires 12.31.2018**

Laylan Bratcher

### FBC Foundation

**Term Expires 12.31.2018**

Craig Terrill

## WITH SYMPATHY

*We express our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones:*

**AJ & April Deardorff** in the death of her grandmother; **Zach and Zoe** in the death of their great-grandmother, Billie McCravey.

**Kay Smith** in the death of her husband, Darrell.

**Gregory & Kathy Smith** in the death of his father, Darrell Smith.

**Bill Spraggins** in the death of his wife, Leigh Ann.

**Bryan Spraggins** in the death of his mother; **Katelyn** in the death of her grandmother, Leigh Ann Spraggins.

**Tommy & Mary Gatlin** in the death of his sister, Leigh Ann Spraggins.

**William & Belinda Gatlin, Joanna and Mitchell** in the death of William's aunt, Leigh Ann Spraggins.

**Gary & Joanna Sturgill** in the death of his aunt, Yvonne Kahn.

**Iris Warren** in the death of her husband, Gene.

# FREE 8<sup>TH</sup>

## Organizational Meeting Sunday, July 23, CLC

There will be a Free 8th Meeting on Sunday, July 23 in the CLC following the morning worship service for those who would like to volunteer for our Free 8<sup>th</sup> after school program. Lunch will be provided. We will be discussing the next year's activities and calendar.



## THANK YOU

Please allow me to take this means to say thank you for the breathtakingly beautiful flowers that were delivered to the hospital, the many loving calls and visits, and the prayer for Bill and me during my illness. I am still weak but improving some each day. ~ Sharon Hollis

Thank you so much for letting us use your facilities for our sports camp dinner. We really appreciate it and I know it helped make the families' experience better. Thanks for all you do! ~ Annie, House of Faith

A simple gesture means so much! The flowers you brought to me while I was in Shannon were so beautiful and the card was heartwarming. To those that visit regularly...Thank you! Thank you for your warm, comforting presence and reminding me of the Christian presence. What a witness of our Lord and Savior. ~ Sue Gibson (Wendi Nikolauk's mother)

Words cannot express my sincere thanks for the beautiful Quilt of Valor. The Threads of Blessings team did such a beautiful job. You have no idea how proud I am of it; I will treasure it always ~ Dale Miller

Thank you for your prayers, for your many cards, for your visits and for letting us know how you care. ~ Bill Spraggins

## Adult Sunday School Directors' Meeting

**Sunday, July 23  
8:30 am  
Hospitality Room**

Directors, if you are unable to attend, please try to send a representative from your department to this very brief meeting regarding our adopted schools.

## BIRTHDAYS

<b>July 19</b> No FBC Birthdays	<b>July 25</b> Pat Matschek
<b>July 20</b> Gabriel Begay Tyler Crumley Martha Featherston Joanna Sturgill	<b>July 26</b> Nick Dusckas
<b>July 21</b> Shannon Hassell Gary Hart	<b>July 27</b> Nancy Caswell Emory Gillum
<b>July 22</b> CT Aly John Brunson	<b>July 28</b> Patsy Porter
<b>July 23</b> Peggye Bowman Stormy Kimrey Maggie Pepper Eliza Ponder Jimmy Samaniego Ashley Terrill	<b>July 29</b> Jan Petitt
<b>July 24</b> Joshua Scott Chapito Valdez	<b>July 30</b> Pat Kimrey Paige Mershon
	<b>July 31</b> Ronald Huntley Luis Ocon Michael Wilson
	<b>August 1</b> Rachel Haralson Ramon Martinez

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

*Mid-Week Meal*

### July 19

Spaghetti & meat sauce,  
Italian green beans, corn,  
salad bar & dessert

### July 26

Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, corn  
Patsy's potatoes, salad bar and dessert

### August 2

Hawaiian chicken, glazed pork loin,  
steamed broccoli, glazed carrots,  
rice, salad bar and dessert

*Menu is subject to change.*

## INFORMATION NEEDED

If you or a family member is having surgery or is hospitalized for any reason, please make sure to let us know so that the staff may extend pastoral care. Contact Becky Powers at 655-4101 or powers@fbcsanangelotx.org.

## COMING UP @ FBC

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- 5:30 p.m. VBS Check In & Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. VBS Opening Session, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. VBS Children & Adult Crew Times

### THURSDAY, JULY 20

- 12:00 p.m. Special Sewing Team, First Place
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Lake Day, Lake Cabin

### SUNDAY, JULY 23

- 8:30 a.m. Adult SS Directors' Meeting, Hospitality Room
- 11:45 a.m. Free 8th Organizational Meeting, CLC

### TUESDAY, JULY 25

- 9:00 a.m. Mission Sewing Team, First Place

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

- 5:30 p.m. VBS Check In & Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. VBS Opening Session, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. VBS Children & Adult Crew Times

### THURSDAY, JULY 27

- 5:15 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting, C201

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

- 6:00 p.m. Gathering Worship, TBA

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission, BRC Highrise

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

- 6:00 p.m. Special Called Business Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. New Members Bible Study, W203

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

**July 23** Floyd Petitt, Tim Reid  
and Tommy Moran

**July 30** Carson Cummings,  
Charlie Smith and Bill Spraggins

**August 6** Kenny Wright, Don Ball  
and Craig Terrill

*Deacons, there will be NO Deacon Council Meeting in July. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 23 at 5:15 pm.*

## FBC WELCOMES

*New Members*

### Amber Flores

Amber made a profession of faith and joined FBC by baptism on July 16.

### Vanessa Chappa

Vanessa made a profession of faith and joined FBC by baptism on July 16.

### Chris Montag

Chris made a profession of faith and joined FBC by baptism on July 16.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

### July 9

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	776
Attendance	253
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	9
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>262</b>

### July 16

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	771
Attendance	253
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	7
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>260</b>

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Week Ending July 9

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$23,175.23
YTD Budget Needs	\$764,186.23
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$777,353.34
2017 Budget	\$1,419,203.00

### Week Ending July 16

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$23,343.85
YTD Budget Needs	\$791,478.60
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$804,697.19
2017 Budget	\$1,419,203.00



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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

**Dr. James Hassell**, Pastor  
**Bill Gillum**, Minister of Music

**Vince Smith**, Minister to Families  
**Melodie Penland**, Family Ministry Associate

**Dr. Jerold McBride**, Pastor Emeritus

**Charlie Millspaugh**,  
Broadcasting & Media Sound Tech

**Pam Granger**, Food Service Director

**Greg Baucom**, Director,  
Child Development Center

**Linda Bratcher**, Organist

**Becky Powers**, Pastor's MA

**AJ Deardorff**, Director of  
Broadcast Media

**Janet Faulkner**, Pianist

**Martha Bailey**, Minister of Ed/Admin MA

**Rocky Stone**, Building Engineer

**Mac McC Carson**, Financial Director

## FBC MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Live at 10:30 am on KCLL 100.1 FM; Rebroadcast at 8 am on KIDY, Cable Channel 10/110 and at 10 am on My San Angelo, Cable Channel 141

*back to school  
and vbs  
follow up  
lake day*

**Sunday, August 6  
5:00pm-8:00pm**

**FBC Lake Cabin  
2018 Willow Drive on  
Knickerbocker  
just past Beaty Drive**

*bring your family & friends for  
a fun afternoon at the lake!*

**Dinner will be provided.  
Please bring a dessert to share.**



**Vacation Bible School  
Wednesday, July 19 & 26  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

There will truly be something for ALL ages with VBS crews for ages 3-5 years, K-5th graders, and adults. The Youth will work with the children's crews and a nursery will be provided for workers and parents who are attending an adult crew session.

The dinner line opens as usual for members not checking in children for VBS. VBS Check in and dinner is from 5:30 - 6 pm with the opening session beginning at 6:00. Crew Time and adult classes are from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Classes for adults will be as follows:

- Bible 101: Pastor James and Johnny Matthews
- Parenting: Bill & Elaine Gillum
- Financial Management: Mac McC Carson
- Marriage: Dr. Jim Bush

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY

- 4:30 p.m. Library Open
- 4:15 p.m. REACH Youth Hang Time
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids
- 5:45 p.m. REACH Youth Worship, CLC
- 6:45 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Stitches of Love

### SATURDAY

- 10:00 a.m. BRC Highrise Bible Study

### SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Southern Gospel Worship Service at Baptist Retirement Center

See page 3 for changes in weekly schedule.

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