



FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



A Peculiar People

What is your definition of “peculiar?” We oftentimes define the word in terms of something or someone being odd or seemingly out of place. For instance, I recently saw a video online of a dog and cat playing happily with one another and thought, “That’s peculiar!” In 1 Peter 2:9, the great apostle affirms the truth that Christians are a “peculiar people,” but did you know that he was not using our modern definition of the word? Peter used the word to mean something like “loved,” “set apart,” or “chosen by God.” To be a biblically peculiar Christian is to recognize one’s identity and responsibility as a child of God and co-heir with Jesus Christ. Yet, at the same time, to be a peculiar Christian also implies that we act in certain ways around others that may seem a bit out of place—loving our enemies, not making a spectacle out of worship, becoming a servant to be a leader, etc. Let me encourage you then to rally around the title of “peculiar” which is bestowed upon followers of Christ.

Wednesday Night Schedule

Please be aware of our Wednesday night schedule during the month of August now that VBS is over. The dinner line is open from 5-6pm. Bible study for all ages begins at 6pm. Shannon and I will be teaching a new/interested members class for the month at 6pm. Larry Howard will teach the adult Bible study in Fellowship Hall at 6pm. Choir rehearsal begins at 6:45pm.

Opportunities to Serve

If you are ready and willing to serve, then there are plenty of opportunities coming up for you! Free 8th for all CFC students begins August 29. Also, we are partnering with House of Faith to start a new Backyard Bible Club at Fort Concho Elementary. It will start September 21. Please also note that we always need help on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings with ministries to students and children. All you need to serve in these opportunities is a willing heart to make relationships with kids and their families. Please contact Vince for more details. Also, staff from House of Faith will be in our worship service on August 27 to give you a special challenge! Stay tuned.

Congrats to Boys Ranch!

This Saturday marks the 70th Anniversary for the West Texas Boys Ranch. Our church has enjoyed a long time connection with the Boys Ranch, and we’re grateful for the many lives that have been impacted by the Lord through their ministry. Let’s lift up an extra prayer of praise for His faithfulness in this anniversary celebration.

Praise Be to God!

Let’s be encouraged to take time and offer thanks to God for His blessings during this year thus far. Our efforts and approach to reaching the unchurched and equipping the saints for ministry is bearing fruit. For instance, through July 31, a total of 29 people have joined our church. 17 of these people have come for baptism. These figures are well up from previous years. Our offerings have also exceeded budget for the majority of the summer! As we have passed the halfway mark of the year, let’s keep the momentum going. Stay faithful, church family.

Pastor James

Sunday, August 6
5:00–8:00pm
FBC Lake Cabin
2018 Willow Dr.
(on Knickerbocker
just past Beaty Drive)

Bring your family & friends
for a fun evening at the lake!
Dinner will be provided.
Please bring a dessert to share.

**Concho Valley Home for Girls
Children's Emergency Shelter**

The Concho Valley Home for Girls/Children's Emergency Shelter is in need of basic hygiene items, such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, hair care products, lotions, toothpaste, and other hygiene items. Collection boxes will be available outside of the church office and Fellowship Hall until Thursday, August 10. Items may also be dropped off at 412 Preusser St., Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm.



Ft Concho & Central Freshman
 Teacher/Staff Back to School Lunch
 Thursday, August 10, 11:30 am
 Fellowship Hall

Sign up to help provide food
 in your Sunday School Department

Summer Bible Study



Tuesday, August 8
6 pm at the
FBC Lake Cabin

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Richard Jackson

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a sandwich supper, fun, fellowship and a great Bible study with your church family.

The Bible Study is hosted by Adult 5 but it's open to anyone who would like to attend. We just ask that you RSVP to Martha Gerber at 703-4139 by Sunday, August 6 so enough food can be prepared.

Children's K-2nd grade Sunday School Helper Needed

We are looking for someone to work weekly or a couple who can rotate Sundays.

Contact Vince at 655-4101 or smith@fbcсанangelotx.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2
Special Called
CHURCH
BUSINESS
MEETING
6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall

This brief meeting has been called to consider the recommendations from the Committee on Committees regarding new committee members which was printed in the last issue of *The Equipper*.

WITH SYMPATHY

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

Gary & Rebecca Hart in the death of his mother, Sarah Hart.

Family and friends of Laverna Lakey Stuermer.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 6

Preschoolers, children and youth will "move up" to their new Sunday School classes this week.

If you are not sure where that will be, please contact the church office at 655-4101.

KID'S TIME

KINGDOM KIDS AND YOUTH BIBLE STUDY/WORSHIP WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23. UNTIL THEN, ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE INVITED TO COME TO THE CLC EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FROM 5 - 7 PM FOR A SNACK SUPPER AND ACTIVITIES.

BIRTHDAYS

August 2 No FBC Birthdays	August 10 Andrea Bakurza Teresa Juarez Benjamin Kiser Brian Paul
August 3 Max Haralson	August 11 Debbie Lopez
August 4 John Conrad Ashley Garcia Dallas Mitchell	August 12 Olivia Bethune Chris Lovett
August 5 Kim Jones Loretta Koonce Lynda Parry Bailey White	August 13 Harry Elam Pat Hudspeth
August 6 No FBC Birthdays	August 14 Ashley Barnett Tina Bush Roy Eisenbach Jack Wakefield Beverly Williams
August 7 Lucas Giddens Cheyenne Pierce	August 15 Andy McCleer Charlie Millsbaugh Judy Smith
August 8 Trina Ponder	
August 9 Louise Jones Brayden Penland Mildred Stanley	

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mid-Week Meal

August 2

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

August 9

Shepherd's Pie, smoked sausage, sweet potatoes, yellow squash casserole, salad bar & dessert

August 16

Smothered chicken & sausage, Cajun stir fry, Cajun boiled potatoes, green beans, salad bar and dessert

Menu is subject to change.

COMING UP @ FBC

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

- 5:00 p.m. Youth & Children's Time, CLC
- 6:00 p.m. Special Called Business Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. New Members Bible Study, W203

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

- 12:00 p.m. Special Sewing Team, First Place

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- 9:00 a.m. New/Interested Members Class, Hospitality Room
- 5:00 p.m. VBS Back to School Family Lake Day, FBC Lake Cabin

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

- 11:30 a.m. Mary & Martha Class Lunch, BRC Main Street Cafe
- 5:15 p.m. Properties Committee Meeting, C201

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- 9:00 a.m. Mission Sewing Team, First Place
- 11:30 a.m. Encouragers' Class Lunch, BRC Main Street Cafe
- 6:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study, FBC Lake Cabin

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

- 5:00 p.m. Youth & Children's Time, CLC
- 6:00 p.m. New Members Bible Study, W203

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

- 11:30 a.m. CFC and Fort Concho Teacher/Staff Lunch, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- 5:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, C207

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

August 6	Kenny Wright, Don Ball and Craig Terrill
August 13	Greg Baucom, Roscoe Brown, and Gary Allen
August 20	Carson Cummings, Robert Dillard, and Laylan Bratcher

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

There are simply no adequate words to tell you how much I appreciate your ministries to me and my family during this time of Darrell's illness and the sadness at his passing. We were lifted, comforted and able to keep moving because of your prayers, cards, texts, visits, food and hugs. Thank you, thank you!

You all are truly my family and I thank God for the love that binds us in Jesus.

With love,
Kay and family

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

July 23

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	770
Attendance	265
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	9
GRAND TOTAL	274

July 30

FBC Sunday School	
Enrollment	772
Attendance	267
Baptist Retirement Center	
High Rise Class	11
GRAND TOTAL	278

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending July 23

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$20,210.16
YTD Budget Needs	\$818,770.96
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$824,907.35
2017 Budget	\$1,419,203.00

Week Ending July 30

Weekly Budget Needs	\$27,292.37
Tithes and Offerings	\$38,267.50
YTD Budget Needs	\$846,063.33
YTD Tithes & Offerings	\$863,174.85
2017 Budget	\$1,419,203.00

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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



WOW...What a month! First, I want to say thank you to all who helped to make VBS happen as well as those who participated! We feel that VBS was a huge success this year and we were able to learn a great deal because we stepped out in faith and tried something new.

This year we had 74 participants registered for Vacation Bible School while averaging between 40-45 attendees a night. What is even greater is that in the past 5 years we have averaged about 4-5% unchurched attendees. This year we had between 45-50%! This is amazing and we are excited to see how God leads as we try to continue to reach out to these families and minister to them. Please continue to pray as we do this and again thank you to our teacher/youth and all others that made VBS great this year!

Vince Smith



Our kids raised \$311.90 for the Missions Offering and got to see Vince and Bill turned into giant sundaes! The offering will be used to purchase a LifeStraw Community water purifier for a community in Peru.

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.

New Members & Interested Guests Monthly Gathering

Tom Dufresne leads this class designed to help new members and guests get to know FBC and how they can be equipped to do ministry. It's open to people of all ages or life stages who have just joined the church, are looking for a church home, or are curious about their spiritual formation. Child care is available in both our nursery and various Sunday School departments.

Sunday, August 6 at 9 am in the Hospitality Room

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