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FROM THE PASTOR, TERRY JOHNSTON

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
--2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV)

Vacation Bible School is coming at the end of July, and I am so very excited about this year's theme—Fun Run! The passage above from the letter to Timothy is our theme, and I can't wait to see God work in the hearts of our children and adults during VBS. Most scholars believe these verses to have been written by Paul as he neared the end of his life. He used the common metaphor of physical activity to symbolically "pass the baton" to Timothy to continue the ministry of the church.

We as Christians have a similar charge—we are called to pass down the faith to the future generations. I know we are all busy, we are all tired, and we are all overwhelmed with responsibilities. But if we fail to pass the story on to the future generation, what will that look like for the Christ's Church?

We need EVERYONE to band together to make our VBS successful. Each year since I've been here, our attendance has gone up—more and more children are coming to know God loves them because of your hard work. If one child gives his or her heart to Jesus because of the ministry of VBS, every drop of sweat, every ounce of energy, every cookie crumb is worth it.

Jesus went to the cross for the sins of the world, bled and died for our pardon. Let's show the kids of McGregor that we serve a risen Savior with the best VBS we have ever had. Fight the good fight. Finish the race.

In Christ,

Bro. Terry



Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.



Westview Manor 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
KidZone/JAM Time 6:30 p.m.
Junior High Kids 6:30 p.m.
Youth 180 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday nights 7:30 p.m. in the worship center. Everyone is welcome to come and sing.



May 2015

Income: \$ 12,805.65
Expenses: 9,079.32
Surplus 3,726.33
Year-to-date: \$ 9,747.03

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Join us online

July 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Midweek Activities	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15 Westview MINISTRY Midweek activities	16	17	18
19 	20 	21	22 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	23	24	25
26 	27	28	29 Westview MINISTRY	30	31 	

VBS Fun Run 6:00pm-8:30pm

Connecting...Building...Transforming

Pray FOR Healing



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Westview Manor

Ann Goolsby Katherine Anderson
 Joy Erlanson

PRAYERS CONTINUE FOR:

Pat Johnston, Roy MacKenzie



July 14
8:30 a.m.
Coffee Shop Cafe

July 20 @ 12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church



Mary and Ernie

Most of you have probably heard about Ernie Andrus, the almost 92-year old man who is walking cross country in 2-4 years to raise money for the LST 325 SHIP MEMORIAL, INC. Plans were being made to return the ship to Normandy for the D day memorial service (D day plus 70, 2014) and beach it at the same location where it was on Omaha beach 70 years before. The cost of taking this ship across the Atlantic and back is tremendous. Shortage of finances caused the 2014 trip to be canceled.

June 22 Ernie was in Waco, and our own Mary Alder walked with him and his daughter for 6 miles. They then had breakfast at Denny's to finish the walk.

Congratulations, Mary, on your walk! That is so cool!



Kaitlyn Hudock-----	7/6
Karen Tucker-----	7/10
Courtney Wright-----	7/10
Bobbie Farris-----	7/12
Kathy Loveless-----	7/12
Caleshe Voges-----	7/14
Frances Lane-----	7/18
Steve Tucker-----	7/23
Brandy Nelson-----	7/28
Ron Montgomery-----	7/30





Vacation Bible School

July 26-30

6:00pm-8:30pm

First Baptist Church

700 W 6th St

McGregor TX 76657

Ages 4 by September 1-completion of 5th grade



Below is an updated list of items needed for the OCC Shoe Box Packing Party held each year in November. Added to the list is a need for 100 more shoe boxes, either the regular boxes shoes come in or the plastic kind with lids. Please consider purchasing items from this list. You can bring them to Noisy Sunday on the third Sunday of each month so the kids can gather the items during Children's Time, you can drop your donation off at the church office during business hours or bring them on any Sunday during the month. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of this ongoing ministry. Kathy McCulloch is, once again, chairman of this ministry, assisted by Mary Alder.

FUN THINGS

- Small toys
- 60 Cars
- 135 Slinky toys
- 45 Jacks
- 142 Jump ropes
- 75 Dolls
- 75 Barbie dolls
- 75 Teddy bears
- 135 Kazoos
- 128 Beanie babies
- 35 Footballs
- 35 Soccer balls
- 35 Basketballs
- 105 Air pumps for large balls
- 115 Small balls
- 75 Small footballs
- 53 Hot Wheel cars
- 150 Puzzles
- 150 Finger puppets
- 150 Hand puppets
- 150 Hard candy bags

PERSONAL NEEDS

- 150 Tooth brush holders
- 146 Hairbrushes
- 93 Combs
- 70 Hair bows
- 60 pkgs Ponytail holders
- 70 Barrettes
- 140 Flip flops
- 75 Scarves
- 75 Purses
- 150 Hats
- 129 Gloves
- 144 Stick deodorant
- 75 Sewing kits
- 75 Pattern
- 75 Cloth to sew
- 75 Fishing kit
- 75 Bobby pins decorated
- 150 Flashlights, extra batteries
- 150 Hand towels
- 150 Small pkg Kleenex

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- 150 Notebook paper
- 135 Spiral notebooks
- 142 Scissors
- 150 Markers
- 150 Map colors
- 106 Crayons
- 25 Pencil sharpeners
- 104 Glue sticks
- 600 Blue ink pens
- 600 Black ink pens
- 300 Pencil top erasers
- 150 Pink erasers
- 140 Small notebooks
- 150 Rulers
- 150 Backpacks
- 145 Pencil cases
- 144 Coloring books
- 150 Drawing paper
- 120 sets of Pencils in groups of 10
- 150 Packs construction paper



Recipes

Cheesy Bacon and Spinach Dip

Eula McKown

- 1 lb. pasteurized prepared cheese product (like Velveeta)
- 1-10 oz. pkg. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 4 oz. cream cheese
- 1 can (10 oz.) diced tomatoes & green chilies, undrained
- 8 slices bacon, crisply cooked, drained and crumbled
OR ½ to 1/3 cup real bacon bits

Cut cheese into ½ in. cubes; place in large microwaveable bowl. Add spinach, cream cheese, tomatoes, and bacon. Microwave on high for 5 minutes, or until cheese is completely melted and mixture is well blended, stirring after 3 minutes.

Serve hot with tortilla chips or assorted cut-up fresh vegetables.

Layered Nacho Mac and Cheese Bake

kraftrecipes.com

- 2 pkg. (7-1/4 oz. each) KRAFT Macaroni & Cheese Dinner
- 1 can (15 oz.) black beans, drained, rinsed
- 1 can (14-1/2 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 jalapeño pepper, stemmed
- 1 cup KRAFT Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 1 medium tomato, seeded, chopped
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1/4 cup Sour Cream

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare Dinners as directed on package. Pour into 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Spoon beans evenly over Dinner. Place canned tomatoes and jalapeno pepper in blender; cover. Blend until smooth. Pour tomato mixture over beans in baking dish. Top evenly with cheese. Cover with foil. Bake 25 min. or until heated through. Remove foil; bake an additional 5 min. to lightly brown. Sprinkle with chopped fresh tomato, onions and sour cream.

BLT Layered Salad

recipe.com

- 18 1/4 inch slices beefsteak tomato
- 1 pound mozzarella, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 1 1/2 cups arugula or any kind of lettuce/spinach
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
- 6 ounces turkey bacon, cooked
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

Arrange on each of 6 plates two alternating layers of tomatoes, mozzarella, arugula, basil, and bacon; salt and pepper to taste while drizzling each layer with vinegar and oil. Top each mound with remaining slice of tomato. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Lazy Cake Cookies

Mary Alder

- 1 box yellow or white cake mix
 - 2 eggs beaten
 - 1 stick melted butter
 - 2 C mini chocolate chips
- Directions

Spray a 9 x 13 pan with cooking spray. Mix together all ingredients and bake in pan on 350° for 20 minutes. Cut into bars.



GOOD
Stuff