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“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ...”
Colossians 4:2-3a

Dear Church Family,

The world has changed, but God’s mission has not. Because of God’s love for the world, it is his desire that all people of the world might be saved through their faith in Jesus Christ. As people of faith, we are a part of God’s redeeming work in the world, and our world is getting smaller and smaller. Due to new technology and strategy, we are able to find connections today that were impossible in past decades.

Last year, our church began a partnership through Texas Baptists and the Brazilian Baptist Convention with the Missionary Adoption Program. For almost a year now, we have sent a monthly donation to specifically sponsor Rhuan Kaique as he and his partner missionary Roni de Sousa plant a church in the Amazonian river community of Caapiranga. In February, Jair Campos, director of MAP for Texas Baptists came and preached here at FBC and gave us more information about an upcoming mission trip to meet, support, and work alongside the missionaries that Texas Baptists support, including Rhuan. Following Jair’s visit and through prayer, FBC voted to send myself and Terry Sloan on the first international trip to Brazil. From May 28-June 4, Terry and I will travel with 27 others from Texas to the Amazon.

While Terry and I will be physically representing FBC in Brazil, we cannot go without your prayer. Just as Paul wrote to encourage the Colossians, I encourage you also to devote yourselves to prayer. Pray that God will open a door for our message. Rhuan, Roni, and the other missionaries are already doing the work of the gospel. We are going not to bring anything “new” to them, but to encourage and strengthen our partnership in the gospel. Jair has emphasized that this is not a vacation—that it is a physically demanding and strenuous trip. Pray for our health and our stamina.

We will also have an exciting opportunity to bring various supplies to the missionaries. A list is found in this newsletter and also in the foyer at church. Some ordinary things that we find in great supply here in the US are in demand and hard to come by in remote places like the Amazon. I pray that your generosity will overflow as we deliver these gifts to be used by the missionaries to further God’s Kingdom.

It is my prayer that our initial visit will lead to more doors being opened for the gospel. I pray that the Holy Spirit will expand our local church’s involvement in what He is doing globally. I pray that this is just the start of how God is using FBC internationally, and that other as other opportunities arise, we will be faithful to sense the Spirit’s call and leadership.

I thank you in advance for your prayer and support.

Bro. Terry



Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Youth 5:30 p.m.



Westview Manor 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
KidZone/JAM Time 6:30 p.m.



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



January 2018

Income: \$12,375.85
Expenses: 10,896.88
Surplus: 1,478.97

February 2018

Income: \$11,915.72
Expenses: 14,378.61
Deficit: 2,462.89

Year-to-date: \$ -983.92

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Join us online



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	5	6	7
8 Baylor Senior Choir Concert	9	10 	11 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	12 CWJC Snack Bar	13	14
15 Noisy Sunday Women on Mission	16 	17	18 Westview MINISTRY Midweek activities	19	20 DBU Hymn Sing	21
22 	23	24 CWJC Snacks	25 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	26	27	28
29 Lord's Supper/ Benevolence Offering	30					

Connecting...Building...Transforming



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Westview Manor

Joy Erlanson David Zacharias
 Frances Rogers Kathryn Hoy
 Nelda Lofland

Heartis House

Elsie Muegge

PRAYERS NEEDED:

Please continue to pray for **Mary Jean Snider's** granddaughter Addie; Melvin Wyatt, **Pastor Terry's** father-in-law, and so many others on the church's prayer list.

Katherine Anderson, 91, longtime member at First Baptist Church, passed away March 9 after residing at Westview Manor Nursing Home for a couple of years. She is survived by three sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren, and fourteen great grandchildren.

The next **50+ Senior Day** at Latham Springs will be Thursday, April 5. If you'd like to go, please email the church office or add your name to the signup list in the church foyer. Transportation will be provided by those who plan to attend.

The Dallas Baptist University **Norvell Slater Hymn Sing** will be Friday, April 20. The concert by the Praisesingers from Travis Avenue Baptist Church will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the hymn sing following at 2:00 pm. Please let the First Baptist office know if you'd like to go. Again, transportation will be provided among those who attend.



April 10
8:30 a.m.
Coffee Shop Cafe

April 16
Noon
Fellowship Hall



Matt Voges	4/1
Stuart Gray	4/9
Sheryl Huffman	4/9
Brooklynn McAdams	4/17
Andrew Craig	4/18
Frances White	4/20
Keith Pierce	4/23
Tracy Ramsey	4/23
Judy Killgore	4/25
B J Killgore	4/26
Brooke Marshall	4/26
Sherilyn Segrest	4/27
Brad Nelson	4/28



The Baylor Senior Choir will be performing at First Baptist on Sunday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m. Please bring two dozen cookies for the after-performance fellowship with all the choir members. The choir us under the direction of Phillip Sitton who often fills in as worship leader right here at FBC.

Christian Women's Job Corps

Our church will be providing snacks for both the GED class and the Spring Career Track class of Christian Women's Job Corps on Tuesday, April 24. We will need snacks for approximately 18 women, plus enough for our group if we plan to visit with the women during their break. If you would like to help provide the snacks, please let Eula McKown (855-9208) know.

If you would like to go to CWJC on April 24 to take the snacks and visit with the women, you are welcome to do so. We will leave the church at approximately 9:30 A.M. so we will have time to set out the snacks before the break time at 10:30 A.M. This is a wonderful way to provide support for these women who are working to get back on their feet and learn about the Lord.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® is named after Annie Armstrong who was the first corresponding secretary for the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU). This annual offering celebrates Annie Armstrong's life and legacy--one that centered around encouraging and stirring up others to support and be involved in missions endeavors. She wrote over 18,000 letters in one year to spur on giving towards missions. Her love to reach the lost did not start there. Annie Armstrong also worked diligently in her community to reach out to those around her through a kind word, giving a hug, or handing out clothing. The offering is given to missionaries serving in North American through the North American Mission Board (NAMB).

First Baptist Church will collect for the offering throughout the month of April, beginning Easter Sunday, April 1. Our church's goal is \$1,000.



The next Women on Mission luncheon will be April 15th immediately following worship service. We will be making cards with Jo Marie.

April 11th after Wednesday night prayer meeting, we will be putting together our candy bar for CWJC. We will be leaving the church April 12th at 9:30 if anyone would like to join us to deliver and set up the candy bar. Thank you ladies for all your hard work!

Nursery Schedule for April

April 1	Viola Mize, Kim Johnston
April 8	Caleshe Voges, Melinda Mullens
April 15	Tom & Lola Wolff
April 22	Becca Hudock, Misti McAdams
April 29	Viola Mize, Kim Johnston

Usher Schedule for April

April 1	Harold Hunter, B. J. Killgore
April 8	Mary Alder, Leslee Hyde
April 15	Justin McAdams, Sid Allen
April 22	Rex Tucker, Jeff Squyres
April 29	Mitch Bennett, Harold Hunter

Sound Booth Schedule for April

April 1	Becca Hudock
April 8	Troy Tucker
April 15	Leslee Hyde
April 22	Mary Jean Snider
April 29	Troy Tucker

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES



Living My Legacy

an evening with renowned Christian author and speaker,

Esther Burroughs

Save the date!

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

6:30-8:30 PM

The Venue | 110 Ritchie Rd. | Woodway, TX

Come discover the power of a legacy in your life, marriage, family and career. Join with women across Waco and be inspired by Esther Burroughs along with Christian author and speaker, Cindy Janecka.

A special reception and book signing to follow.
www.estherburroughs.com | www.cindyjanecka.com

For more info go to firstwoodway.org/women
or email livingmylegacywaco@aol.com



Here is the list of things we will be taking with us on the Brazil mission trip. These are things we will take to give away. We will ask you to also take Zip Lock bags with reading glasses. Maybe 2 large bags per participant. I will make sure these glasses get to you before you start packing. On another post I will send you your packing instructions.

- *Tooth Paste
- *Tooth brushes
- *Soccer balls needles and pumps
- *Dental Material
- *Candy - 5 lb bags
- *Good t-shirts as presents - Sizes small, medium and large
- *Caps as presents
- *Tylenol (Large bottles)
- *Ibuprofen (Large bottles)
- *Aspirin (Large bottles)
- *Zip lock bags - small and large
- *Small medicine bottles (little containers for capsules)
- * 2 presents for the local missionaries, crew, etc. (These will be put all together and distributed at the appropriate time)
- *Other ideas = shampoo, anti fungal creams, allergy cream, gifts can be about 10-15 dollars each.



Recipes

Double Stuffed Carrot Sweet Potatoes

hiddenvally.com

- ½ cup Hidden Valley® Original Ranch® Dressing
- ½ cup orange juice
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup carrots diced
- 1 cup pecans chopped
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 4 large sweet potatoes (about the same size so they cook evenly)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise. Place potatoes cut-side down on a baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Bake for 35-45 minutes until potatoes are soft. Allow to cool enough to handle with oven mitts.

Meanwhile, pour the orange juice into a sauce pan over medium heat. Add the diced carrots and cover.

Simmer over low heat for 15 minutes until carrots are softened. Remove the carrots from the pan and dump into the bowl of a food processor.

With a spoon, scoop out the sweet potatoes—careful to leave the skins to restuff. Add the sweet potato meat to the food processor bowl along with the nutmeg, brown sugar and Hidden Valley® The Original Ranch® Dressing. Process for several minutes until well pureed.

Restuff the potato skins with the potato/carrot puree and bake for another 25 minutes. Garnish with chopped pecans and serve.

Easter Brunch Punch

mrfood.com

- 1 (12-ounce) can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 1 (12-ounce) can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
- 3 cups pineapple juice
- 2 cups peach nectar
- 1 (1-liter) bottle ginger ale
- 5 cups ice cubes
- Orange, lemon, and pineapple slices for garnish

In a large punch bowl, combine orange juice and lemonade concentrates, and pineapple juice and peach nectar; stir until well combined.

Cover and chill until ready to serve then stir in ginger ale and ice cubes, float fruit slices on top, and serve immediately.

Orange Chicken

tasteofhome.com

- 1 large egg
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 1 to 1-1/2 cups herb-seasoned stuffing mix, crushed
- 1-1/2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 8 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted
- Orange slices, optional

In a shallow bowl, beat egg and orange juice. In another bowl, combine stuffing mix, paprika, orange zest and salt.

Dip chicken in egg mixture, then in crumbs, turning to coat well. Pour butter into a 13x9-in. baking dish. Place chicken in baking dish, turning once to butter both sides.

Bake, uncovered, at 375° for 45 minutes or until a thermometer reads 170°. If desired, garnish with orange slices. Yield: 8 servings

Key Lime Cheesecake

allrecipes.com

- 1 1/2 cups finely ground graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 1/4 pounds cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup key lime juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

To make Crust: In a bowl stir together the graham cracker crumbs and 2 tablespoons sugar, stir in the butter well. Pat the mixture into the bottom and 1/2 inch up the side of a buttered 10 inch springform pan and bake the crust in a preheated 375° oven for 8 minutes. Transfer the pan to a rack and cool.

In a large bowl with an electric mixer, beat cream cheese and 3/4 cup sugar until smooth, beat in the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the sour cream, flour, lime juice and vanilla. Beat the mixture until it is smooth.

Pour the filling over the crust. Bake the cheesecake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes, reduce the temperature to 250° and bake for 50 to 55 minutes longer, or until center is barely set.

Let the cheesecake cool on a rack, then chill it, covered, overnight. Remove the cheesecake from the pan and transfer it to a cake stand.