



# FBC First Word

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## FROM THE PASTOR, TERRY JOHNSTON

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." --Acts 1:8 (NIV)*

Dear Church family,

For several months now, we have been talking about how FBC McGregor can become more involved intimately with what God is doing on a global scale. Our church has a rich history of supporting missions and missionaries through our Cooperative Program, as well as through special offerings like Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, and Mary Hill Davis. In November, we learned about a new initiative that Texas Baptists were beginning in their Missions Department called the "Missionary Adoption Program" or MAP. Through MAP, Texas Baptists have begun partnerships with other Baptist conventions across the world, starting with Brazil. The process is fairly simple: the Brazilian Baptist Convention discovers an area where churches are needed, appoints and trains local missionaries to reach that community, and Texas Baptist churches and individuals provide financial support to an "adopted" missionary.

Through prayer and consideration, I am very excited to share that we at FBC voted unanimously to begin sponsoring a Brazilian missionary. Inside, you can read more about Rhuan Kaique and his journey. Rhuan, along with Roni de Souza, will be planting a church in Caapiranga, in the state of Amazon, Brazil. Through MAP, we will receive updates on a quarterly basis from Rhuan, as well as future opportunities to send teams to Brazil to work alongside them in their mission endeavors. We are also praying for another church or individual to sponsor Roni, and open up the possibility of partnership with that church on mission trips.

Our work as Christian witnesses knows no end. We are fortunate to be able to participate in what God is doing right here in McGregor, in McLennan County, in Texas, and in the world, just as the Acts passage reminds us. What an amazing time to be a part of FBC McGregor and the Kingdom of God!

Blessings,

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.

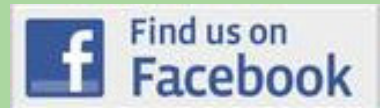


Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday nights 7:30  
p.m. in the worship center. Everyone is welcome to come and sing.



### April 2017

Income: \$13,758.71  
Expenses: 10,694.71  
Surplus 3,064.00  
Year-to-date: \$10,870.98



| Sunday   | Monday                 | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                                  |
|--|------------------------|---|---|----------|--------|---|
|  |                        |   |   | 1        | 2      | 3<br>All church<br>workday &<br>breakfast |
| 4<br>Church<br>Cookout/<br>Worship<br>outdoors   | 5                      | 6   | 7<br>Westview<br>MINISTRY<br><br>Midweek<br>Activities  | 8        | 9      | 10  |
| 11   | 12                     | 13<br> | 14<br>Westview<br>MINISTRY<br><br>Midweek<br>activities | 15       | 16     | 17  |
| 18 Noisy<br>Sunday<br><br>Father's Day   | 19<br>No LIFE<br>Group | 20  | 21<br>Westview<br>MINISTRY                              | 22       | 23     | 24  |
|       |                        |   |   |          |        |   |
| 25<br> | 26                     | 27  | 28<br>Westview<br>MINISTRY<br><br>Midweek<br>Activities | 29       | 30     |   |

*Connecting...Building...Transforming*

# Pray FOR Healing



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## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

### Westview Manor

Ann Goolsby                      Katherine Anderson  
 Joy Erlanson                     David Zacharias

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### PRAYERS NEEDED:

Please continue to pray for **Mary Jean Snider's** granddaughter Addie, Eric Moeller, Paul Stripling, **Joe Dee Kirkpatrick**, **Roy MacKenzie** and so many others on the church's prayer list.



## Men's Breakfast

EVERYONE is needed and invited to the Men's Breakfast, Saturday, June 3, for a Church Work Day! To get everyone started off on the right foot, breakfast will be served promptly at 8:00 am! We'll be working on projects to prepare for summer. The more workers we have, the quicker we'll get the work done!



June 13  
 8:30 a.m.  
 Coffee Shop Cafe

No LIFE Group this month due to VBS



- Joe Etheredge-----6/1
- Brian Rinehart-----6/1
- Beth Nickerson-----6/2
- Shane Tucker-----6/4
- Mica Cathey-----6/4
- LeAnne Fuller-----6/5
- Roger Meyers-----6/6
- Joshua Spivey-----6/6
- Nickolas Menchaca-----6/7
- Johnnie Hallmark-----6/8
- Josh Hobday-----6/13
- Norma Jean Schaefer-----6/14
- Suzanne Bohne-----6/16
- Judy MacKenzie-----6/21
- Joshua Milam-----6/23
- Wayne Marshall-----6/24
- Eula McKown-----6/24
- Teresa Trejo-----6/24



Audrey Johnston, 8-year old daughter of Pastor Terry, is the newest member of First Baptist after her profession of faith. She was baptized by her dad on Sunday, May 21. Welcome to the family, Audrey!

## PROFILES: FIELD & MISSIONARY

**MISSIONARY:** Rhuan Kaique Pereira da Silva (Aug. 18)

**PROJECT: AMAZÔNIA**

**COMMUNITY:** Community of Caapiranga - Manacapuru, Amazonas

**MINISTRY:** Radical Amazônia

**E-MAIL:** [rhuan.silva@missoesnacionais.org.br](mailto:rhuan.silva@missoesnacionais.org.br)



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. The physical, emotional and spiritual health of the missionary;
2. The conversion of the riverines\* in Amazônia, AM;
3. For Baptist churches and believers to become partners, contributing to the financial support of the missionary.

**CHALLENGE:**

The state of Amazonas is the largest Brazilian state in extension, occupying an area of 606.500 square miles and has a population of 4 million inhabitants. The name is of indigenous origin, which means "noise of water, water that rumbles". It is the second most populous state of the north of the country. Its capital, Manaus, is the largest and most populous city of the Amazon region.

The biggest challenges of evangelization of the riverines are: child prostitution, human trafficking, drugs, alcohol, lack of infrastructure for water treatment and sewage, religious syncretism and illiteracy. These conditions coupled with beliefs in legends and fables, as well as Indian superstitions and Catholicism add to the challenges.

In the Amazon region, the riverines have difficult living conditions with many shortcomings of resources. The vision of the Radical Amazon Project is to mobilize and empower workers to evangelize and disciple these people so that churches that plant churches will become a reality in the cultures and communities in the area. There is no way to ignore these areas. Today there are more than 6,000 of these communities, only in the state of Amazonas, that are not yet reached with the Gospel. Planting churches to reach the riverines only in the city of Manaus, Amazonas, is a great challenge.

\*riverines = people who live along the river

**BIOGRAPHY:**

Rhuan was born on August 18, 1994. His parents were not Christian, but his family was stable. At age 13, Rhuan began walking with traffickers, so he began to rob and use drugs, without his parents being aware. Then, at the age of 14, he was arrested. His family discovered everything and they were deeply saddened. Then he went to an institute for minor violators. When he was released, he returned to become involved with crime, now doing the drug trafficking himself. But soon the family discovered, which was a new disappointment for them.

However, everything changed when a girlfriend called him to go to church with her. In the worship service God spoke to him. Rhuan continued attending church, accepted Christ on February 12, 2012, and was baptized on June 28, 2012. Rhuan was rescued and genuinely transformed. He began working with the Home Mission Board in July of 2015.



**Vacation Bible School is June 18-22** and is open to all kids ages 5-12. The theme for VBS this year is “Rome - Paul and the Underground Church.” Experience the thrill of visiting an underground church! Explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tip-toe past watchful Roman guards, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, race chariots, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God’s love. If you’re interested in helping with VBS, please contact the church office or one of the co-directors, Terry Johnston and Misti McAdams. You can also pre-register your child(ren) by going to the church

website and completing the form located right under the VBS article.

How about some good old-fashioned fun on Sunday, June 4, with a cookout and services held outside, weather permitting, of course! Everyone can feel free to wear comfortable clothes and plan to spend a day of play and rest. The church will provide the hamburgers and buns; we will just need folks to bring chips and dips and other sides and desserts to join in. It would be convenient for the sides to be finger foods so we don’t have to hassle with balancing a plate and using a fork. After the cookout, we will have a Youth/Children vs Adults game of whiffleball on the field east of the church. This will be a great opportunity to invite family and neighbors to join us. Sunday School will not be held that morning to allow the cooks longer to prepare their food. Yum!



Joe Dee and I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, visits, texts and encouragement during his healing period. Hopefully very soon, he will begin the 2nd phase

which is rehab/PT of learning to walk again. Please continue to pray for us.

In Christ love,

Martha and Joe Dee



**What a blessing!** Thank you to Rocket Federal Credit Union for the donation of the new BBQ trailer! We are excited to use it Sunday for our Cookout after worship!



### **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes/Items**

This year our goal is to pack 325 shoe boxes at our yearly packing party in November. Yes, it’s just the first part of June, but the party will be here before you know it. So far, we’re extremely short on boxes. If anyone would like to purchase a bundle of 100 shoe boxes please follow this link: [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/order-pre-printed-shoebboxes/](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/order-pre-printed-shoebboxes/) The purchased plastic boxes and regular shoe boxes are always welcome and can be brought to the church any time. The suggested items for June are clothing items: tshirts, cotton dresses, shoes, flip flops, ball caps,

hats, etc. Shirts were found at Walmart that were marked clearance for \$3.00. After a price check, they were marked down to \$1.00. Mary ALWAYS seems to find good bargains for the boxes! Thank you, Mary!

## Salted Caramel Chocolate Brownies

homemadehooplah.com

### Salted Caramel Sauce

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 6 tbsp butter unsalted, softened, cut into pieces
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream room temperature
- 1 tsp sea salt fine, can use up to 1 1/2 tsp, to taste

### Chocolate Brownies

- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup butter unsalted, cut into pieces
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp sea salt (fine) plus more for topping

### For the Salted Caramel Sauce

In a medium saucepan, add the sugar and cook over medium-high heat for 5-7 minutes. Use a spatula to stir the sugar every 1 to 1 1/2 minutes, making sure to rotate sugar off the bottom of the pan. Cook until lumps in sugar dissolve and melted sugar turns a dark amber hue.

Remove saucepan from heat and add in chopped butter. Mixture will bubble and boil - this is okay. Stir sugar and butter until completely melted and combined, about 2-3 minutes.

Add cream and salt to saucepan, stir together, then return the saucepan to heat for 30 seconds, stirring constantly.

Allow sauce to cool for at least 15 minutes. Sauce can also be stored in the refrigerator and warmed up when ready to use.

### For the Chocolate Brownies

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 8x8 baking dish with aluminum foil and spray with cooking spray.

Add the semi sweet chocolate chips and butter to a microwave safe bowl. Heat bowl in the microwave for 1 minute, then stir. Continue to heat & stir in 30 second increments until chocolate is smooth. Be careful not to burn chocolate. Let chocolate cool for 10 minutes.

While chocolate cools, add 3 eggs, 1 egg yolk, and sugar to a large mixing bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on medium high speed for 3 minutes until mixture is light and thick (like runny frosting). Add the vanilla and beat for another 30 seconds.

Dropping mixer speed to low, slowly blend in flour, salt, cocoa, and then cooled chocolate. Continue to beat on low until mixture becomes a little thick, roughly 3 minutes.

Pour a little less than half of the brownie mix in the prepared 8x8 baking dish and smooth out with a spatula. Next, use the spatula to spoon out more brownie mix and press it up against the walls of the baking dish about a 1/2 deep, creating a pool in the center of the batter.

Pour 1/2 of the caramel sauce in the middle of the brownie batter, stopping when the caramel reaches the top of the ledge you created around the sides.

Starting at the corners, pour the remaining of the brownie mix on top, using your spatula to spread it evenly so the caramel sauce is mostly covered.

Place in the oven and cook for 38-40 minutes. The top of the brownie should have delicate cracks across the surface in done. If using a tester, test in an area near the sides.

Place brownies (still in baking dish) on a wire rack to cool for at least one hour. When ready to serve, use the aluminum foil to lift brownies out of the baking dish, then peel aluminum away from the sides of the brownie. Cut into pieces and serve garnish with more caramel sauce and sprinkled with coarse sea salt.

## Steamed Broccoli

Leslee Hyde

Fresh broccoli

Break broccoli into florets and place in a microwave safe dish. Season as desired. Add small amount of water, just enough to produce steam. Use the automatic Fresh Vegetable button on the microwave, if available, or cook on high for about four minutes, depending on desired doneness. Add a pat or two of butter, and wa la, it's ready and ohhh sooooo good!!

Note: the broccoli is also good with a sprinkling of cheddar or mozzarella cheese.

## Starbucks® Caramel Frappuccino Copycat Recipe

allrecipes.com

- 2 cups ice
- 1 cup strong brewed coffee, cooled
- 1 cup low-fat milk
- 1/3 cup caramel sauce
- 3 tablespoons white sugar

Blend ice, coffee, milk, caramel sauce, and sugar together in a blender on high until smooth. Pour drink into two 16-ounce glasses.

