



FBC First Word

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FROM THE PASTOR, TERRY JOHNSTON

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

Matthew 13:31-32

One of the repeating themes of the Bible is how God takes something small, even something insignificant, and does great things with his power. Story after story reminds us of God's faithfulness to produce surprising results. As we recently studied in one of our Sunday school lessons, we talked about how our own hang-ups often get in the way of what it is God wants to do in us and through us.

By many measured accounts, our church is what some would call "small." We don't have some of the same luxuries that larger churches have in people or dollars. But aren't you glad that God can use "small" things to build his Kingdom in mighty ways. Our "small" church had one of the best VBS weeks we've ever had. Our "small" church sent its teenagers to experience a life-changing camp at Glorieta. Our "small" church hosts monthly women's and men's gatherings. Our "small" church had 17 folks come out on the hottest day of the year so far to pack food and serve at our Food Pantry. Our "small" church is well on its way to packing 325 shoe boxes for OCC. Our "small" church has even adopted a Brazilian missionary who is planting a church in Caapiranga in the Amazon state of Brazil. Our "small" church is watching our kitchen get remodeled and prepared in a new way to allow us to minister in even greater ways.

The list could go on and on of how God is blessing our "small" church. The witness of Scripture reveals that when we are faithful with the "small" things, God takes them and blesses them in a mighty, mighty way. While there may be churches out there with more people and bigger budgets, God is still working his power through us in our "small" church. We may never be what some would call a "big" church. But that's okay with me—as long as we are doing everything we can in our "small" ways to follow the Holy Spirit in building God's Kingdom all over this world.

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.



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

May 2017

Income: \$14,150.50
Expenses: 10,451.82
Surplus 3,699.68

June 2017

Income: \$11,303.00
Expenses: 12,423.30
Deficit: (1,120.30)

Year-to-date: \$13,450.36

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August 2017

Join us online



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	3	4	5
6	7	8 	9 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	10	11	12
13  Ice Cream Supper	14	15	16 Westview MINISTRY Midweek activities	17 First Day of School	18 Scrimmage Bulldogs vs Clifton 5:00 pm Home	19
20 	21 	22	23 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	24 Scrimmage Bulldogs vs Lorena 5:00 pm Home	25	26
27  Women on Mission	28	29	30 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	31		

Connecting...Building...Transforming



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Westview Manor

Ann Goolsby Katherine Anderson
 Joy Erlanson David Zacharias

PRAYERS NEEDED:

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

Roy MacKenzie, longtime member at First Baptist, died at his home July 3 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Judy; son Scott and daughter Terry; 5 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren. Please continue to keep Judy and the family in your prayers during this hard time.



Alyssa Bottoms, 10-year old daughter of Tim and Staci Bottoms, made a profession of faith on Sunday, July 30. She will be baptized August 20. Welcome to the family, Alyssa!



**August 8
 8:30 a.m.
 Coffee Shop Cafe**

**August 21
 Noon
 Fellowship Hall**



Whitney Spivey	8/1
Meagan Morris	8/3
Robert Snider	8/4
Karly Morgan	8/6
Terry Sloan	8/6
Lola Wolff	8/6
Sid Allen	8/7
Jo Marie Snider	8/8
Bonnie Coward	8/13
Cissy McKown	8/20
Emily Barton	8/21
Katherine Anderson	8/23
Rusty Toney	8/31



For the month of August, the suggested items are school supplies: pens, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils scissors, erasers, etc. I know Oriental Trading company has kids scissors one dozen for \$4.99.

Walmart crayons are 25 cents each. We have plenty of spiral notebooks, and could use some more coloring books. We also need some more shoe boxes, \$38.75 for 100 shoe boxes. You can order at: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/order-pre-printed-shoeboxes/> These are just suggested items to bring each month. Please feel free to bring any items you may find on clearance or get a good deal on.

Have a blessed week,
 Mary Alder



The children of Edd and Kathy McCulloch are celebrating their parent's 50th Wedding Anniversary by hosting a party on Saturday, September 2. It'll be held at First Baptist Church in Crawford at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP for a dinner count by August 15 by calling Kathy at 254-709-9873 or Crysta at 817-889-4550. Two notes were included on the invitation: "Please bring only your company and your appetite. Please do not wear perfume, cologne or after shave." Edd is highly allergic to these scents.



If you need to email the church office, please use the following new address: baptist.mcgregor@att.net. Emails can still be received from the old address but won't allow replies. Please refrain from using it. Pastor Terry's address is the same as before for now, but he, too, is unable to reply to messages on his current address. Hopefully, this issue can be resolved soon.



To My Church Family:

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, visits, phone calls. Thank you to the Hunters for the delicious meal and Bro Terry's visit. Thank you all so much. God has blessed me through all these weeks. Thank you all.

God bless you,

Judy Killgore



*Women
on
Mission*

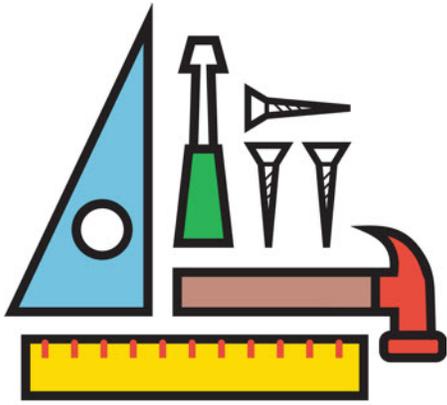
Women On Mission's next monthly meeting will be August 27th in the conference room after morning worship.

Please bring your favorite salad, sandwich and/or dessert.

Kim Johnston and Trisha Wallace will be sharing with us .

During our July meeting, Pam Mohondro from Christian Women's Job Corp shared with us about what CWJC does for women in the community including bible studies, journey partners/mentors, and helping women find employment. This year they are having a Baskets of Hope Benefit on Sept. 26th. Baskets will be donated and silent auctioned. We decided we would love to donate a basket, therefore we are putting together a coffee basket. We will collect items on

August 27th, our next meeting. If you would like to help with donating items for our coffee baskets please contact Misti McAdams at 254-742-5258 or at misti30112@gmail.com



Kitchen Renovation

In a Special Called Business Meeting on July 19, the Kitchen Renovation Committee brought their recommended bid from the Willis Design Group. After questions and discussion, the bid was accepted unanimously.

Just before 9:00 a.m. on July 26.....Demo Day!!! It didn't take long to have the entire kitchen gutted and the paneling removed from the fellowship hall.



Earlene Tucker, chairman of the Kitchen Renovation Committee, approves of the work so far.



Committee member, Jo Marie Snider, likes what she sees!



Committee member, Viola Mize, joins Earlene in celebrating Demo Day!



PROGRESS!!

The middle picture shows a totally gutted kitchen with that old behemoth of a stove/vent hood removed! Thankfully, there was no sign of mold anywhere which is a miracle with this near-50-year-old kitchen.

The bottom picture shows the fellowship hall with all those big ghastly gray partitions removed. It's amazing how much space they used and has totally opened up the room with their removal.

Today, August 2, painting has begun in the fellowship hall with the committee's choice of a very light gray. It's going to look awesome!



Jalapeno Popper Corn Fritters

closetcooking.com

2 cups corn (~4 ears)
1/2 cup flour* (or corn flour, or rice flour, etc)
1 egg
1/2 cup cheddar cheese, grated
1/4 cup cream cheese, room temperature
2+ jalapeno peppers, diced
2 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled (optional)
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
1 teaspoon coriander, toasted and ground
2 green onions, sliced
1 handful cilantro, chopped
1 lime, zest and juice
2 tablespoons oil

Mix the corn, flour, egg, cheddar cheese, cream cheese, jalapenos, bacon, paprika, coriander, green onion, cilantro and lime juice in a bowl.

Heat the oil in a pan over medium heat, form into 1/4 cup patties and cook until golden brown on both sides, about 2-4 minutes per side.

Note: Use enough flour that the mixture holds together to form patties.

Option: Top with jalapeno popper dressing.

Jalapeno Popper Dressing

1/2 cup cream cheese (light is ok), softened
1/4 cup Greek yogurt or sour cream or mayonnaise
1/4 cup buttermilk
1/4 cup fresh, pickled or roasted jalapenos
1 clove garlic
1 green onion
1 tablespoon cilantro
2 tablespoons bacon, cooked and crumbled (optional)
salt and pepper to taste

Puree everything in a food processor and optionally let sit in the fridge for a few hours.

Oreo Frozen Peanut Butter Dessert

kraftrecipes.com

30 OREO Cookies, finely crushed
3 Tbsp. butter, melted
1 cup creamy peanut butter
1-3/4 qt. (7 cups) vanilla ice cream, softened
1 tub (8 oz.) whipped topping (Do not thaw.)
1-1/2 pkg. (4 oz. each) Semi-Sweet Chocolate (6 oz.), broken into pieces
1/2 cup cocktail Peanuts, coarsely chopped

Combine cookie crumbs and butter; press onto bottom of 13x9-inch pan. Freeze until ready to use. Microwave peanut butter in small microwaveable bowl on HIGH 1 min.; stir. Swirl peanut butter into ice cream; spread over crust. Freeze 30 min.

Microwave whipped topping and chocolate in medium microwaveable bowl on HIGH 1-1/2 to 2 min. or until chocolate is completely melted and mixture is well blended, stirring after each minute.

Spread whipped topping mixture over ice cream layer; top with nuts. Freeze 4 hours. Remove from freezer 10 min. before serving; let stand at room temperature to soften slightly before cutting to serve.

Recipes

