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## FROM THE PASTOR, TERRY JOHNSTON

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*

*Colossians 3:1-2*

September is here! Summer has faded into memory, and now we embark on an exciting journey into fall. With fall's arrival, many of our regularly scheduled things restart and kick into high gear. Our Wednesday night ministry had the best spring attendance in my tenure here, and we want to carry that momentum into the fall. Gathering together in the mid-week is important for one's personal discipleship and for prayer.

Our Children's leaders do a fantastic job reaching kids each week through our TeamKid program. Through music, games, and Bible lessons, kids in grades PreK-6 come and have a blast throughout the year. After a much-needed break, we are excited to begin a second year of this fun curriculum!

In our adult Bible Study class, we will be starting a 13-week study of Paul's letter to the Colossians. Colossians is a short book with tremendous theology, especially about Jesus himself. It's not an intense study, but one that can only deepen your love for Jesus through God's Holy Word.

After a summer hiatus, our Sanctuary Choir also begins rehearsal again on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. Bro. Johnny welcomes everyone who enjoys singing to join. Our choir brings so much joy and life to our worship services, but it is strictly a volunteer-based group. We need all the help we can get to make a joyful noise each week.

Another program that we are restarting for the school year is our successful Reading Buddies program at McGregor Primary School. In visiting with Mrs. Adcock at MPS, she is so excited to welcome even more buddies to our program and the impact you can make. We had 4 FBC folks reading with buddies last year, and I would love to see even more join in during this school year. Every day spent with a child is an opportunity to reach out with the love of Jesus. Sign up for Reading Buddies in the foyer, or see Austin for more details.

We have so many fresh opportunities to grow in our faith this fall. If you don't participate, you're the one who will be missing out!

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.



The July and  
August financial  
information will be  
included in the  
October newsletter.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>Labor Day - Church Office Closed</b>	3	4 Westview MINISTRY  Midweek Activities	5	6 <b>Bulldogs at Bosqueville 7:30 p.m.</b>	7
8	9	10 	11 Westview MINISTRY  Midweek activities	12 <b>Latham Springs 50+ Adult Day</b>	13 <b>Bulldogs at Rogers 7:30 p.m.</b>	14
15 	16 	17	18 Westview MINISTRY  Midweek Activities	19	20 <b>Bulldogs vs Clifton home 7:30 p.m.</b>	21
22 	23	24	25 Westview MINISTRY  Midweek Activities	26	27 <b>Bulldogs at Whitney 7:30 p.m.</b>	28 <b>Men's Breakfast</b>
29 	30					



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

**Westview Manor**

Joy Erlanson      David Zacharias

**PRAYERS NEEDED:**

Please continue to pray for **David Zacharias** and **Cissy McKown**, as well as all the others on our church's prayer list.

Please keep the Johnny Tucker family in your prayers. Cheryl's dad, Delona "Pappy" Shiplett, 97, passed away on July 22. Her mom, Alyda "Nanny" Shiplett, 93, passed away August 21. They are survived by their children, Darrell Shiplett and Cheryl Tucker, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



First Baptist Church,

Thank you for the school supplies. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is much appreciated by the students, teachers, and staff at McGregor Elementary School. Thank you for supporting our students towards their goals for success.

Eunice Boedeker  
School Counselor  
McGregor Elementary School



Leslee Hyde	9/2
Betty Horton	9/3
Donnie Ramsey	9/3
Troy Tucker	9/3
Nancy Gordon	9/5
Rex Tucker	9/5
Daniel Alder	9/7
Carol England	9/7
Craig Huffman	9/8
Vickie Squyres	9/8
Karen Huffman	9/9
Victoria Milam	9/10
Jeff Squyres	9/11
Trisha Wallace	9/13
Scott Tucker	9/17
Carrie Sloan	9/26
Luke McAdams	9/27
Joann Cox	9/29



**September 10**  
8:30 a.m.  
Coffee Shop Cafe

**September 16**  
Noon  
Fellowship Hall



Satan does not care how many people read about prayer if only he can keep them from praying.

**Paul E. Billheimer**

Hey Church,

I hope your month has been well. I want to start by thanking all those who were able to assist with our school supply donation drive. The schools were extremely thankful for the support during this back-to-school season. I anticipate that we can meet this need in our community again next year.



This brings me to mention another amazing opportunity in which our church can serve others in our local schools. You may have read Bro. Terry's mention of McGregor Primary's reading buddy program in his newsletter update. Reading Buddy's is a program where volunteers assist and guide local primary school students who need a little extra help in learning sight-words and practice reading on their own. This is an area where volunteers are needed and ministry can be done in assisting our local school-children with the delicate start to their education. Volunteering for Reading Buddy's is something that many of us can do, as it requires as little as an hour commitment once a week at a scheduled time during the school day. For those interested, please reach out to me via text or email, and I will be happy to coordinate a volunteer time which works for you and the school.

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On another note, I am looking forward to the start of our KidZone Wednesday night program for our kiddos! Please be in prayer that we would be equipped through the power of the Holy Spirit to meet these kids where they are and that they would in turn be receptive to the life-change which comes in following Jesus. Pray that we are given the words and wisdom to minister effectively to them.

Finally I want to say thanks to those who were able to make the day at Urban Air. It was a great time to see the kids have a fun jumpin' around together. I look forward to outings like these becoming a more consistent part of our kids ministry. If you ever have any places to suggest for these, please let me know!

Wishing you a great September,

Austin Molnar



Online giving is now live and ready to be used by anyone who chooses to give this way. All you have to do is go to the church website at [fbcmcgregor.org](http://fbcmcgregor.org), on a computer or your phone, and click on the Giving tab. Just follow the prompts, and you're good to go. There's also an app to use on your phone. Search for Give Plus Church in the app store. Try it! It's fun!



Wow, what a great noisy Sunday we had last month with tons of school supplies. Thank you all. This month we need to collect more toys. Items we need are stuffed animals/beanie babies, small balls/small footballs, plastic dinosaurs, marble sets, jump ropes. We could also use some flip flops and soap. We have plenty of hot wheels and wooden cars to put 2-3 in each boy box. We'll extend our collection time one more month through October to insure we have plenty of toys to fill the boxes.

Thank you for your generosity, Mary



Choir rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Do you love to sing? Do you have a heart for worship? Then join the worship choir! There are no auditions....all you need is a voice that can make a resounding noise to the Lord! It's tons of fun with Johnny Tucker as the director. Come one, come all! Join in!



### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are such a vital part of the operation of our church. What would we do without all the wonderful hours of service that are put in to make our church what it is! Following is a list of volunteer opportunities for men, women, and youth. Please consider signing up for any of these areas where more volunteers are needed. Further below is the volunteer schedule for March, therefore you can see how your time to serve is on a rotational basis. Please call or email the church if you'd like to serve in any of these areas. Thanks!

- **Usher/Greeter**- both men, women, and juniors (4th-12th grade) - you can form your own husband/wife team if you'd like
- **Nursery** - team member and/or substitute (**please consider forming a 2-person team**)
- **Hall Monitors** - needed only the first Sunday of the month during Sunday school, worship, or both
- **Sound Booth** - training provided

#### Nursery Schedule for September

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

#### Sound Booth Schedule for September

September 1 Mary Jean Snider  
 September 8 Terry Sloan  
 September 15 Troy Tucker  
 September 22 Mary Jean Snider  
 September 29 Terry Sloan

#### Usher Schedule for September

September 1 Justin McAdams, Carol England  
 Hall Monitors  
**Lydia Johnston, Caleb Glaser**  
 September 8 Mary Alder, Dianne Hunter  
 September 15 Jeff Squyres, Mitch Bennett  
 September 22 Harold Hunter, Justin McAdams  
 September 29 Zane Dunnam, Sid Allen

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES**



### Peanut Butter S'mores Bars

pinchofyum.com

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 graham crackers, crushed into fine crumbs
- 2 Giant Hershey's milk chocolate bars, 7 ounces each
- 1 jar marshmallow cream, 7 ounces
- 1/2 cup peanut butter

Preheat the oven to 350°. Line a square baking dish with parchment paper.

Beat the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add the egg and vanilla and mix well. Add the flour, baking powder, and salt. Stir in the graham cracker crumbs.

Press 2/3 of the dough into the bottom of the baking dish. Press the chocolate bars on top of the dough. They should make an even layer in an 8x8 pan. Melt the peanut butter for about 30 seconds in the microwave and drizzle it over the chocolate bars.

Spread the marshmallow cream over the chocolate and peanut butter.

Roll the remaining 1/3 dough onto the chocolate foil wrappers (or some other nonstick surface). When you've made an even square, gently peel it off and press it on top of the marshmallow cream.

Bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown on top. Let cool for best serving results.

#### Notes from the baker:

For best cutting and serving results, i.e. the least amount of goey mess, let cool 12 hours (I let mine cool overnight). Remove parchment paper and slice with a knife, wiping it down between each slice to remove the lovely mallow fluff.

I baked for 30 minutes and the edges got a teeny bit dry. The non-edge pieces were perfect, though. If your oven runs hot (like mine) I'd go for closer to 25 minutes bake time.

I used crunchy peanut butter!

### Light Chicken Pot Pie

foodnetwork.com

#### For the Crust:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon fine salt
- 4 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons 2% milk

#### For the Filling:

- 2 small russet potatoes
- 4 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 5 medium carrots, cut into large chunks
- 1 to 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely diced
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup 2% milk
- 3 stalks celery, sliced
- 3 cups shredded rotisserie chicken, skin removed
- 1/2 cup fat-free plain Greek yogurt
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1/2 cup minced fresh parsley
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

Prepare the crust: Pulse the flour, baking powder and salt in a food processor until combined. Add the butter, one piece at a time, pulsing until the mixture looks like coarse meal. Separate the egg; refrigerate the egg white. Beat the egg yolk and milk in a bowl, then add to the food processor, pulsing until the dough comes together. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and gather into a ball. Flatten into a disk, wrap in plastic wrap and chill at least 1 hour.

Meanwhile, make the filling: Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Prick the potatoes with a fork and bake directly on the oven rack until tender, about 45 minutes. Cool slightly, then peel and break into small pieces.

Bring the chicken broth, carrots and thyme to a simmer in a small saucepan over medium heat and cook 2 minutes; cover and keep warm. Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until soft, about 8 minutes. Sprinkle in the flour and stir until lightly toasted, about 3 minutes. Add the milk, celery, potato pieces and the warm broth mixture and simmer until thickened, about 15 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the chicken, yogurt, peas and parsley. Season with salt and pepper.

Transfer the filling to a 2-quart casserole dish. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface until about 1/2 inch thick and slightly larger than the dish. Beat the reserved egg white in a bowl; brush over the dough and season with salt and pepper. Press the dough against the sides of the dish. Place on a baking sheet and bake until the crust is golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes.