

First Baptist Church News

Loving Christ by Loving Others



June

THE JOURNEY HAS BEGUN

June has arrived! Looking back, April and May were indeed a whirl. We saw Easter, Mother's Day, Baccalaureate and graduation just one after the other. Daylight is getting longer, and summer is here. Summer activities are already in full sway. Gardens are growing (and producing) and lawn mowers are humming. Yes, summer is here and promises to be a very busy time. Many activities are scheduled already. VBS, camps, mission trips, vacations and many other things will crowd our calendars. Yet we stop to take stock and evaluate our progress over the past few months.

In Mark 6, Jesus sent His disciples out on a mission journey. He gave them power over evil spirits and told them to preach. They were going to various cities in Israel to preach the gospel. They went in faith as Jesus told them not to take extra provision but to trust that God would supply. He told them they would face rejection as well as acceptance. Yet they were told to go.

Thinking back over the past few months, we have been given a similar challenge. We were told to go preach. We were told that God would provide. We were given abilities to reveal the glory of God. We were asked to walk in faith and trust God for all the needs. We stood for the living Nativity in December. We preached Christ risen at Easter. We proclaimed God's grace to the graduating class of 2019. We have seen God provide a new leader for Kingdom Kids. We are seeing opportunities to teach these kids about Jesus on a weekly basis. We were told to go, and we went. We have witnessed great things done by God!

But I find it interesting what Jesus told His disciples on their return. In Mark 6:30-31, the disciples returned and shared with Jesus all they had seen. I can almost hear them speaking fast and excitedly as they shared how demons fled and sick were healed, and people repented! Their excitement was great. You would think that Jesus would take that

excitement and zeal and send them again – strike while the iron is hot, ride the wave of excitement. But that is not what Jesus did.

In verse 31, Jesus told them to “come apart to a desert place and rest”. Their journey had been long and tiresome. The crowds were still pressing in for ministry. The needs were growing in number and severity. Yet Jesus told them to come and rest. Why would Jesus command this? I think we can see at least two things that are vital to ministry that we also need to observe.

First, rest indicates to take care of yourself. Have you ever been on a plane when the attendant is going over the flight safety manual? If you have, you have heard the speech that begins with “if the cabin loses pressure, oxygen mask will drop for the console above you”. Your first thought is “We’re gonna die!” But after you calm down, you are told that if you are traveling with a small child, place the oxygen mask on yourself FIRST and then assist the child. To our minds, as parents, this sounds absolutely backwards. But in logical thinking, if you pass out, who will take care of your child? This is the same thought that

Jesus is telling His disciples. You must care for yourself in order to care for other people. Church, through the summer, don’t forget to take care of yourself – yes physically but most of all spiritually. Don’t leave behind your daily devotionals, prayer times and personal worship. Stay connected in corporate worship and encourage one another to good works. Take this time to refuel spiritually because we are going to need it!

Secondly, rest indicates preparation. We have enjoyed great things in ministry for the past few months, but the journey is not complete. God has even greater things in store for this church and for your life. The journey is not complete. Even the disciples were headed for greater challenges, problems and obstacles. They needed this rest to prepare for the coming journey. Rest while you can because greater things await.

So, this summer, have fun. Relax and enjoy the family. But realize that this is a time to refuel and prepare for the continued, greater journey that lies ahead. I cannot wait to see what God does in the coming months! Are you ready?

- Bro. Weldon

CAMINO AL REINO

Camino al Reino is getting ready to enjoy the summer. In the month of June we will have picnics every Wednesday after church service. We had our first men's fishing trip in the month of May; we caught some fish and enjoyed fellowship. We (men) will have a camping trip in the month of June. Please pray that this small camping trip will be of a huge blessing since we plan on having bible study at night after a good day of fishing. As the Lord promised "and the Lord will add unto the church" as we continue to pray and share the good news in our community.

- Escobar Family



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Youth Garage Sale

June 7th & 8th

8AM—3PM @ Pond

*Come help us raise money to
send our youth to camp!*

Father's Day

June 16th

Special Sunday service!

Office Closed

July 4th—9th

Happy Independence day!

Heavenly Highway Hymns

July 6th

More info TBA.

Joint Service & Luncheon

July 7th

Join us in fellowship!

Vacation Bible School

July 8th—10th

6—8:30PM

KINGDOM KIDS PRESCHOOL

Hello everyone and happy summer! I am so excited to embark on this journey with you all here at First Baptist Dublin. Let me start off by introducing myself. My name is Ashley Garret, and I will be taking over as the new director of Kingdom Kids. I am so excited for this journey God has laid out for me to serve you as a congregation, and through the ministry of Kingdom Kids.

Just to give you a little bit about myself I grew up in a little town

just west of here I am sure y'all are all familiar with Early, TX. I basically grew up in a barn, and I would not have had it any other way! My family owns a large scale show goat operation in Early, where I still reside as my dad's all around go to girl! I always joke around and say "kids" of all kinds are my passion. I love the Lord and thank him everyday for allowing me the ability to work with children!

– Ashley Garrett



KINGDOM KIDS PRESCHOOL'S 3RD ANNIVERSARY!



ACROSS THE STREET AT KINGDOM THREADS...

Our volunteers put together a great spread to celebrate Mother's day. The only problem we had was that the heavy rain kept all the mothers away. We celebrated anyway and served a great meal to all the volunteers who prepared it and three men who braved the weather and stayed to participate in our celebration. We had an opportunity to share what it meant to be a mother or a memory of our own mothers or women who greatly influenced us.


As we look forward to summer and garage sales proliferate, check them out for good bargains on pots and pans that you can donate to us. We are

running very short on these. The other thing we anticipate a demand for is fans and we have none on hand.

About once a month we find a box of food in our drop box. We don't know where they come from, but we put them out and people take them as needed. This month the donation was from a different donor. Tom Gordon orchestrated a huge delivery of food that blessed Kingdom Kids, our kitchen for use in feeding kids at the puddle and it all spilled over to us. We were blessed and so were the people who were able to use it.

- Wilma Earles





Are you ready to

ROAR!

VBS 2019

July 8th—10th

6—8:30 PM

Life is Wild 🐾 God is good

YOUTH NEWS

The youth have been going full steam this month. Finishing up activities at school and getting ready to slow down and, hopefully, enjoy some less structured time this summer.

We are actively gathering items for the upcoming garage sale. We have discussed the second weekend in June as the date for the sale. We will let everyone know the exact date when we get it nailed down.

Thank you to all who have so generously donated things to us.

We had a hugely successful day at the youth led service and lunch. I was very proud of the great job the youth did in leading out during that special service. They had very little time to prepare their music, but as usual, they did a fantastic job! Thank you for letting them step up and lead on a Sunday morning. It is great training and practice for them as they mature and become the leaders we need in the future. They enjoy getting to actively participate in a service and stretch their comfort zones as they jump in and do all the things involved in a worship service.

We truly appreciate everyone attending and so generously supporting our fundraising lunch. With your help, each youth raised about \$100 toward their camp fees. That is such a blessing for them as they are working hard to get their camp fees paid.

We were able to go to CiCi's for pizza and fun one Sunday evening. We are trying our best to do SNO (Sunday Night Out) at least once a month and do a fun and relaxing activity as a group. Thank you to the adults who took time out of their busy schedules to help us drive to Stephenville.

The youth were asked to help with the end of year activities for the Puddle kids. It is always fun to get to interact with the younger kids and lead them in fun and games. I'm not sure who had more fun, the little kids or the big kids!! Thanks, Mrs. Journey for letting us help with the fun night.

The youth were in on the secret preparations for Mother's Day gifts. We enjoyed bagging up the cute gifts Courtney provided. They were sworn to secrecy and did a great job keeping the info under wraps.

YOUTH NEWS CONT'D...

I hear we might get to work on Father's Day gifts, too. We had our assembly line going and were racing to see which side could be the fastest!

We are also looking forward to helping out with VBS in July! We always have a great time helping teach and especially leading in rec activities!

We look forward to a great summer and all the things that go with it.

- Donna Riley





Worship Schedule

Sunday

Prayer Group 8:00 AM

Bible Study 9:15 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Adult Bible Study 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Kingdom Threads 9:00 AM - Noon

Brown Bag Lunch 12:00 PM

Prayer Group 5:00 PM

June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 Marcelino Ruiz Mike Hall Isaac Ramirez	3 ♥ Wayne & Pam Black ♥ Joe & Glenna Ricks Aaron Crumal	4 ♥ Dennis & Patty Shumate Clayton Voigt	5	6 Linda Christopher Bart Greenway Bret Greenway Samantha Coburn	7 Youth Garage Sale ♥ Jim & Welda Johnson	8 Youth Garage Sale ♥ Steve & Donna Hightower
9	10 Chip Turner	11 Ricardo Vega	12 ♥ Blake & Rebecca Reeder Seth Rodriguez	13	14 Joe Mac Riley	15
16 Father's Day	17 ♥ Joe Mac & Donna Riley Nickey Jones Lisa Fritts Lyla Anderson	18	19 ♥ Jeff & Donna Timmons Chesta Schneider	20 Kay Del Bosque Lisa Weaver	21 ♥ John & Sara Button	22 ♥ Ronnie & Angie Cannon
23/30	24 Dennis Cox	25 Chance Ensminger Eunise Valades	26 Ancel Yarbrough	27	28	29