



THE MESSENGER

Discover A Place to Call Home

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Pastor's COLUMN

When I was a child, probably pre-school age, I remember singing a song in Sunday school, "Jesus Loves the Little Children." It went something like, "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white; Jesus loves the little children of the world."

I have not heard that song in years. I'm curious as to why no one sings it anymore? Maybe it just became out dated? Or, maybe our children sing it and I just don't know it.

One thing I do know now that I'm grown, my home church wasn't very good at putting the words into practice in the 1960's. God may have loved the little children, but he wanted them to all stay on their side of town. But, we weren't the only ones.

Kathy and I met a young doctor and his wife who had immigrated from South America and attended First Baptist Church in Artesia, New Mexico. This is where I grew up and did an internship prior to leaving for seminary. One evening, we had dinner with them and he told us that

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"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:4

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while he was in medical school in Lubbock, he wanted to join a Baptist church - because he was a Baptist. That particular church was very mission-minded and supported a host of missions around the world that included South America. Yet, when he and his family attempted to join, the church wasn't quite sure what to do with them. It was okay to go on mission to South America; it was quite another thing for South Americans to come to them.

Sometimes even our church scholars get into the act of segregation. Dr. Peter Wagner, a church growth specialist, included in his list of principles for church growth: the Homogeneous Unit Principle. The idea is, if you want to grow a church, just reach out to people like yourself. My friend from seminary, Don Parker, who happened to be of African descent, objected to the idea. While he agreed that it may be true that people who are alike tend to congregate together. However, to make it

a principle for church growth, gives an excuse to be intentional in excluding people.

We live in a time of racial and immigration volatility. I don't know if I have any answers for our country, but I do have some thoughts on the church and the biblical patterns we need to be aware of and follow. Revelation 21:24-26; 22:3 says of the New Jerusalem, when all things are restored by Christ, "The nations (the people of the earth) will walk by its light... the glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.... And the tree of life... is there for the healing of the nations."

The people of the earth, whose names are written in the book of life, will not be segregated in heaven. Until then, the church must do all it can to increase the count in heaven. We must love, listen, and lead others to Jesus. We must learn to set the example and be the conscience for the world in regards to the nations. Pastor Mark



It's that time of year again – school has started, families are settling back into their normal routines and choir is ready to start. This year we will be presenting “Wonder and Glory”, a multi-generational presentation. Our children, youth and adults will be practicing over the next three months as follows:

Children – Wednesdays 6:00 PM
(Children will move to Team Kids immediately following practice.)

Youth – Sundays 5:00 PM
(with adults)

Adult Choir – Sundays 5:00 PM

We will share in worship with the congregation on December 10 at 6:00 PM.

All interested individuals are invited to come join us! You don't have to “audition”. All you need is love for the Lord and a desire to sing. I'm excited about what God has in store for us as we seek Him together. Cherry Lindenborn



BISD's Family Night in the Park
Wednesday, September 20

Starting at 5:30, there will be free hot dogs and water.

Church youth groups will meet from 6:00—6:50.

BISD campuses will provide entertainment 7:00—8:00 PM.



“The Battle Plan for Prayer”

Ladies' weekday Bible study will be starting on Tuesday, September 5th at 1:00 PM. If interested, please contact Mary at 569-3762 so enough books can be ordered for all who want to attend. It will be an exciting time of Bible study!



United Supermarket
Saturday, September 16
10:00—2:00

Help support
Grace Ministries!
Stop by to have a hot dog and get your car washed.



An informative meeting was held Sunday, August 20 after the morning service:

- July's financial statement was reviewed.
- Sunday School average for the summer was 55.
- Our annual business meeting will be held October 29.
- Business meetings will be held every third Sunday after the morning service.
- Will vote fiscal year to start in September (not in October).



USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Steve Jones, Dennis Smith, John King and Scott Simmons



**MENS I & II
TUESDAY, SEPT 19**

Rathgeber House Report

Thank you to the Men's Class III for supplying the meal for Rathgeber House on Tuesday, August 15. Also, thank you to John Naas for delivering the meal.

Fran Koch

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Please feel free to call any of us at any time.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3</p> <p>MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>FAMILY NIGHT NO EVENING SERVICES</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>PRAYER 5:00 PM MEAL 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>7:30 PM</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES</p> <p>CHOIR 5:00 PM BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>PRAYER 5:00 PM MEAL 5:30 PM WORSHIP 6:00 PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>UNITED SUPERMARKET PARKING LOT 10-2</p>
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AUGUST 2017 Sunday School Attendance Record

August 6	55
August 13	59
August 20	70
August 27	48

Average Attendance: 58

Average based on 4 Sundays

SEPTEMBER 2017 Deacon of the Week

August 28—Sept 3	Marvin Maherg
September 4—10	Robert Ritter
September 11—17	Rick Griffin
September 18—24	Bill Lindenborn
September 25—Oct 1	Marvin Maherg

Prayer Chain

If you have an e-mail address and desire to be on the prayer chain, please call the church office with your email information.

Questions? Call Carlene @ 569-1211

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AUGUST 2017 Financial Report

Tithes	\$11,249.55
Designated	1,627.00
Total	\$12,876.55

Estimated monthly budget needs for
2016-2017: \$14,562.12



Jan Lee Baptist Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:30 AM
MORNING SERVICE	11:00 AM
ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE	5:00 PM

MIDWEEK RENEWAL SERVICE

PRAYER	5:00 PM
MEAL	5:30 PM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY	6:00 PM
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	6:00 PM



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