




JULY 2026 THE CONNECTION



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Margarette Richards - 1st	Gary Gallant - 17th
Gabbi Kaufman - 2nd	Tracy Foster - 20th
Kathleen Skains - 2nd	Denise Brown - 22nd
Sierra Wilson - 7th	Pam Kelley - 22nd
Joe Stewart - 8th	Dalla Hopkins-Ross - 24th
Peggy Chamberlain - 9th	Linda Williams - 24th
Jillian Moore - 9th	Ashley Delgado - 25th
Ed Falkenstein - 12th	Johnny Eddings - 26th
Mary Ann Frederick - 13th	Juan Sanchez - 28th



Lewis Stphens - 28th
Brenda Simmons - 29th
Joyce Harberson - 30th
Linda Gunnels - 31st

Youth/Children Midweek Activities are **canceled** for the following dates due to the vans being in use for Summer Camps:

July 1st, 8th and 29th

They will be meeting on Wednesday, July 15th & 22nd! Wishing all our students a wonderful summer vacay!

If you don't happen to see your name on the birthday list, contact Emily in the church office so we can update our records.

PRAYER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

10:45 AM

July 5th / Debbie Stoddard
July 12th / Brenda Simmons
July 19th / Patti & Jerri Batis
July 26th / Kathy Cox



SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School For All Ages / 9:15 -10:30 AM
Worship / 10:45 AM
Youth & Children's Activities
6:00 - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Youth & Children's Meal & Activities / 5-7:00 PM
Adult Fellowship Meal / 5:00 PM
Adult Prayer Meeting / 5:45 PM

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. / 8AM - 4PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1st
Children & Youth Activities
Canceled (Children at Camp)

July 4th
Independence Day

July 5th
No Evening Services

July 6th - 10th
Youth Mission Camp/SWBTS Dallas

July 8th
Children & Youth Activities
Canceled (Youth at Camp)

July 12th
New Member Class
SS Director/Teacher Training

July 14th
Youth Pray & Swim

July 19th
Deacon's Meeting

July 20th
Grocery Ministry

July 21st
Youth Pray & Swim

July 26th
Quarterly Family Conference &
Covered Dish Meal

July 29th
Children & Youth Activities
Canceled

Connection Corner every Tuesday at 1:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU FOR JULY

July 1st - Baked Potatoes (w/all the fixins) & Salad
July 8th - Spaghetti, Salad & Garlic Bread
July 15th - Pizza & Salad
July 22nd - Shrimp Scampi, Salad & Garlic Bread
July 29th - Covered Dish/Mexican Theme

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

WE WILL NOT BE MEETING SUNDAY, JULY 5TH FOR EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE OR YOUTH/CHILDREN ACTIVITIES.

YOUTH PRAY & SWIM



The youth will be meeting the following Tuesday's at 11:00 AM for Pray & Swim. Please contact Sam Brubaker for all the details.

July 14th
July 21st
& Aug. 4th

GROCERY MINISTRY

Did you know that once a month for about 3-4 hours you have the opportunity to serve along side Bro. Sam and some other dedicated church members as they serve those in need in our community? On Monday, July 20th at 9:00 AM you are invited to come out to Brookshire Brothers and join us for prayer before we shop for a few items. We will then return to the church and load the vans with food boxes before we begin making our deliveries. This is such a simple act of kindness and the perfect example of being the hands and feet of Jesus. Contact Bro. Sam if you would like to learn more about this ministry effort.

YEAR TO DATE

INCOME AND EXPENSES - CHURCH

YTD Tithes/Offerings: \$292,714.81

YTD Total Expenses: \$267,497.06

(Figures as of June 24th, 2026)

Matthew 6:33

We would like to extend a sincere “THANK YOU” to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to make sure “Illumination Station” VBS was a true ministry to the children of our community. We appreciate YOU!

MFuge Youth Mission Camp

Our Youth campers will be leaving Monday, July 6th headed to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. They will be attending a Mission minded camp where they will be doing various acts of service throughout the surrounding communities. Please be in prayer for our students and the leaders that will accompany them. This is such a special time in their life where they will have time to reconnect with the Savior as they serve.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL REMINDER

As a reminder, we no longer have a tear-out portion of the bulletin where you can sign up for the Wednesday Night Meal. Instead, there are blue reservation slips in the pew racks. If you plan on attending the weekly meal please fill out a slip and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed. You can also contact the church office by noon on Monday's to sign up. The menu for July is printed on the front of this Newsletter.

Our Quarterly Family Conference formerly known as *Church Business Meeting* will take place on Sunday, July 26th at the close of the AM Worship Service in the Family Life Center. Please bring a covered dish to share during this time and come and join us.

This past Sunday morning I shared our new mission statement with the church: Love God, Love People, Reach the World. Our mission statement reminds us that we must reach people with the gospel. After I sat back down my mind immediately raced back to a story I had heard many years ago. Here is the story...

“After a few of the usual Sunday evening hymns, the church’s pastor once again stood up, walked over to the pulpit, and gave a very brief introduction of his childhood friend. With that, an elderly man stepped up to the pulpit to speak. ‘A father, his son, and a friend of his son were sailing off the Pacific Coast,’ he began, ‘when a fast-approaching storm blocked any attempt to get back to shore. The waves were so high that even though the father was an experienced sailor, he could not keep the boat upright, and the 3 were swept overboard and into the ocean.’

The old man hesitated for a moment, making eye contact with 2 teenagers who were, for the 1st time since the service began, looking somewhat interested in his story. He continued, “Grabbing a rescue line, the father had to make the most excruciating decision of his life...to which boy would he throw the other end of the line. He only had seconds to make the decision. The father knew that his son was a Christian, and he also knew that his son’s friend was not. The agony of his decision could not be matched by the torrent of the waves. As the father yelled out, ‘I love you, son!’ he threw the line to his son’s friend. By the time he pulled the friend back to the capsized boat, his son had disappeared beyond the raging swells into the black of night. His body was never recovered.

By this time, the 2 teenagers were sitting straighter in the pew, waiting for the next words to come out of the old man’s mouth. ‘The father,’ he continued, ‘knew his son’s friend would step into eternity without Jesus. Therefore, he sacrificed his own son. How great is the love of God that He should do the same for us?’ With that, the old man sat back down in his pew as silence filled the room.

After the service ended, the 2 teenagers were at the old man’s side. ‘That was a nice story,’ politely stated one of the boys, ‘but I don’t think it was very realistic for a father to give up his son’s life in hopes that the other boy would become a Christian.

‘Well, you’ve got a point there,’ the old man replied, glancing down at his worn Bible. A big smile crossed his narrow face and he once again looked up at the boys and said, ‘It sure isn’t very realistic, is it? But I’m standing here today to tell you that that story gives me a glimpse of what it must have been like for God to give up His Son for me. You see...I was the son’s friend.’”

Oh, how He loves you and me.

Awaiting the Shout,
Brother Bill Jones