

# The Baptist Voice

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

Such a simple truth. Yet, many go through life without ever accepting it. On one extreme there are those that quite frankly deny it and live their lives opposing Christ and those who follow Him. On the other extreme are those "good" people who are respected by their community, loved for their benevolence, and may even attend a church or have a religious outlook on life but have never surrendered to the call of Christ. While these two extremes are both dangerous and deadly in their own right, I worry most of all for believers who live their lives as if this truth does not matter. Our culture wants us to believe that truth is fluid, and that your truth does not have to be my truth. You see it in politics, each news cycle, and unfortunately in too many churches. Our culture again teaches that what matters most is that your group believes it, and those that don't must be your enemy. The simplicity of the Gospel has always created a stumbling block for the proud and the elite within every culture. God has revealed His truth to us, and that truth is recorded in His Holy Word. There is no other source of truth. No alternative set of facts. Both nature and God's revelation to humankind agree and point to Christ as the only way and truth and life. Truth matters.

It is interesting to note that this profound statement, recorded by John, is the result of a conversation with His disciples and a direct answer to Thomas. The same Thomas who could not believe that Christ had risen unless he saw Him with his own eyes. It was by grace that Christ appeared to Thomas in His resurrected body to reveal to him the truth. Thomas like many of us struggled to understand the way, was hesitant to accept the testimony of his friends, and faced doubts in time of grief. Yet, this same Thomas became a witness to the truth and could confidently declare that Jesus was "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). For all those who come to know the truth of that day Jesus' response to Thomas is especially comforting. "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29). For those who believe in Jesus Christ let us not fall into the trap of accepting our culture's lies. Without Christ, there is no way to the Father. Your friends that are "good" people will share the same fate as those who actively persecute you.

Lord Jesus Christ I pray that you open my eyes to those in my life that are "good" people who do not accept the truth of Jesus as the only way to heaven. I ask that you give me the words to share, and the courage to confront them with grace. Please open their hearts to receive your love. It is in Your Name We Pray, Amen.

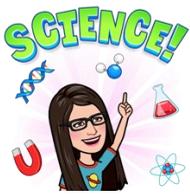
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### FINANCE REPORT

February	\$74,818.35
Needed each month	\$60,857.08
YTD	\$114,491.93



**Observance of The Lord's Supper**  
**April 2 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
Childcare for ages 3 and under



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

To say I'm excited about this year's outreach is putting it mildly! After 13 years of Kids Kamp, the children's committee has decided to try something new! Some of the rules for camps will not allow us to continue as we have in the past, plus there just aren't enough volunteers. Our theme for VBS is B.A.S.I.C. Elements.

This is a science based, Jesus focused VBS. The kids will be learning some science, experimenting with fun stuff as well as hearing the Gospel of Jesus! If you would like to help out in any way, see the sign up in the foyer or contact me or any member of the children's committee: Robbie Odom, Mary Sanders, Crystal Medellin, Jennifer Emert and Teysha Cornelius.

Mark your calendars! June 14-16 ~ 2:00-5:00pm

### THE AMAZING CHEMISTRY SHOW

Following up from VBS, we will have The Amazing Chemistry Show by Josh Denhart, writer of the B.A.S.I.C. Elements VBS. His show starts with an event that will engage the entire family, is highly interactive, allowing families to explore over 150 individual hands-on science experiences at their own pace. This self-directed "Traveling Science Center" allows enriching, inquiry-based interactions to evoke wonder within a powerful context – the family! This will conclude with a 1 hour show filled with fire, explosions and foam, all set to music. (Yes, it's safe!)



With audience involvement, laughter and fun, the message of Jesus Christ is clearly communicated using powerful illustrations!

Mark your calendars! July 7 ~ 5:00-8:00pm

It's gonna be a BLAST!! (Pun intended!) 🍌😄

Be blessed!  
Ludustia...aka Lulu

### VBS Supplies Needed:

- \* Volunteers
  - \* 2 Liter Bottles
  - \* Styrofoam balls-any size
  - \* Need to borrow long white lab coats
- Bring to church by May 9*

**\*Finance Meeting**  
April 8 @ noon

**\*Business Meeting**  
April 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

**\*Deacons' Meeting**  
April 18 @ 5:00 p.m.

**\*South Plains Food Bank delivery**  
April 19 @ 11:30

## Youth News

The weather was perfect for skiing. A light snow fell sporadically on the mountain as we equipped ourselves in ski gear and anxiously awaited the opening of the ski lift. We had just spent the majority of the previous day on the church bus as we made our way through the winding mountains to our destination at Glenwood Springs, Colorado. There was excitement among the eleven students and three sponsors that morning, some in anticipation of a new adventure, others in expectation of reliving an enjoyable past experience on the slopes. Many of our students took lessons on how to ski and snowboard, while others jumped on the ski lift without hesitation. I spent most of the morning teaching a few of our students what I knew about snowboarding, which proved to be very little. When I made it back to the bus for lunch, I found a defeated and discouraged group. This was not what I had expected when planning this trip and I don't think my coaching and challenging statements to "keep trying" earned me any endearing remarks from our students at that time. The fact was that many of our students had already given up. What had been an enthusiastic bunch of kids a few hours before had quickly soured into a demoralized and disheartened bunch who felt unworthy and unable to tackle such a difficult feat. Later that evening, we gathered together for a group devotional and reflected on the day. It was positive and extremely refreshing. We talked about our struggles, sang praises to God, and then discussed Jonah's predicament after being tossed overboard. Inside the belly of the fish, Jonah paused to acknowledge his failure and to praise God for His power and faithfulness. At God's command, after three days, the giant fish spit Jonah out onto the dry ground who then went on to his God-given responsibility of prophesying in Nineveh. Just as Jonah was given another opportunity to achieve God's purpose, so are we with each new day. We must not allow past mistakes or seemingly impossible situations keep us from responding in obedience to God and letting Him have complete control of our lives. The next day, as a group, we all went up the mountain, putting yesterday's failures behind us, and we all came back down with our skis and snowboards still intact. Everyone accomplished more than they thought was possible (some of us did more than our bodies were capable of...myself included). Sometimes the lens through which we see God at work in our lives is through impossibility, fear, and doubt. I pray that when those moments come that we will have our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, the only one who can bring life out of death. Praise God, Jesus is alive!

Horizon Youth Camp: July 19-23



Sometimes God teaches me in themes. Does He ever do that for you? For instance, the theme for me over the past few months (really since this year has started) has been all about battles, and how I can let God fight my battles for me! This theme has popped up over and over again in things like: the stories we've read together through the Bible reading plan; the songs that God has laid on my heart to sing for "specials" at church; and even in random devotionals that get sent to my email inbox. When God keeps nudging me in this way, I know I better be paying attention. He very well may be preparing me for something in the near future. Whether it be a personal battle that I will be facing, or a battle that a friend or family member will be facing that He is equipping me for ministry for. Here are a couple of verses from Scripture and a song that have been on my mind lately: Exodus 14:14, "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Deuteronomy 3:22, "Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you." "The weapon may be formed, but it won't prosper. When the darkness falls, it won't prevail. 'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph. My God will never fail. Oh, my God will never fail. I'm gonna see a victory! I'm gonna see a victory! For the battle belongs to You, Lord!" – See A Victory, song by Elevation Worship. I pray that this is an encouragement to you today to give your battles to the Lord, but also a reminder for you to pay attention when God seems to be nudging you with something over and over again.