

The Baptist Voice

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“Kind words are like honey –
sweet to the soul and healthy
for the body.”
(Proverbs 16:24)

I would like to deeply express my gratitude for the kindness you showed my family after the unexpected loss of my father. We received flowers, memorials, notes of encouragement, handkerchiefs, text messages, phone calls, prayers and of course food. I'm not sure I can adequately express how much these simple gestures meant to me. While we prayed for a different outcome, I will always cherish the little graces of God's timing. God bridged an eight-hundred-mile gap so I could spend the last few days with my father and be with my mother during one of the most difficult days of her life. While my heart is broken, I can still rejoice for I know God loves us, cares for us, and longs for us to be with Him in heaven. This is a lesson my father taught me. As I think about my father's life and his love of music, I would like to encourage you to live as he did. May this simple chorus guide you all the days of your life.

*Let others see Jesus in you,
Let others see Jesus in you;
Keep telling the story, be faithful and true,
Let others see Jesus in you.*



J.A.M. (Jesus and Me!)

We are slowly getting closer to having enough volunteers!!

Here is what we have and what is needed:

MUSIC: I have 1 leader and 1 helper. 1 more helper would be IDEAL!

GAMES: I have 2 leaders. A few youth helpers would be IDEAL!

LARGE GROUP LEADERS: I have a leader for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. I NEED a leader for 4th grade.

This person will teach a Bible story or truth and help with the other groups!

WORKERS' NURSERY: I have 2. 1 more would be IDEAL!

If you are interested in helping, but don't want to be a leader, I need a person or two to rotate with each grade! Let me know if this is more your style!

Many Thanks!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

WOW!! HOLY MOLY!! VBS was so much fun!! Thanks a million to everyone who had a part! A big thank you to everyone that collected 2 liter bottles for rockets! It wouldn't have been possible without everyone jumping in to help!!



THE AMAZING CHEMISTRY SHOW

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

Volunteers will be needed for unloading, loading and behind the Hands-On stations! Please sign up on the volunteer sheet in the foyer! Help us reach our community!



SAVE THOSE LIDS!

YES! We are still collecting plastic lids for our recycled bench!!

Be blessed!
Ludustia...aka Lulu

Upcoming Children's Events:

July 7: THE AMAZING CHEMISTRY SHOW!! For the whole family!! Hands on science from 5:00-7:00 in the Fellowship Center, and 7:00-8:00 for the big show in the Sanctuary! (All kids must be accompanied by an adult!!)

July 12, 19, 26: Children's Book Club 1:00-3:30 for Kinder-5th, 3:30-4:00 for Mommy and Me Reading Time for Pre-K and Under

July 15: Picnic at the Park (Jimmie Lou Stewart park). Bring a lunch and hang out while the kids play! This is for all ages!

July 21: Painting with Libby. Please RSVP by July 5 so I can assure everyone gets a canvas! This will be for those who completed 1st-5th grades. 1:00-3:00pm in the Fellowship Center

August 5: (RSVP BY JULY 28!!!!) Fun Day at PBA. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:30am. This is for those who completed 1st-5th grades. I need to tell PBA how many to prepare for so RSVP is a must! Masks are necessary when around PBA staff! Be sure and have closed toe shoes for bazooka ball, a swim suit, towel and sun screen. We will be back around 4:30pm.

Youth News

Have you ever wondered what life would be like without gravity? Initially, I imagine that a world without gravity would be a lot of fun. We could float around everywhere and many of us would finally be able to jump really high and dunk a basketball like we've always dreamed of doing (Shout out to my vertically challenged friends!). Gravity, however, is an extremely important force that is constantly at work within our world whether we realize it or not. Without it, nothing that we know and love would exist as it does today. Aside from the difficulties that eating and drinking would present, without gravity, we would float off the face of the earth. Not only that, but the gravity of the sun is what keeps the earth revolving around it. This constant gravitational pull is what maintains the seasons, days and nights, and everything that we understand about life on this earth. The Christian life has a similar gravitational pull that causes us to orbit around Jesus. Just like the old hymn says, "Without Him, I would be drifting like a ship without a sail." Without God's constant love, grace, and the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we tend to gravitate towards our own fleshly desires. Our goal as followers of Jesus is that we all have a gravitational pull that causes us to orbit around Jesus, allowing Him to be the center of our lives. Whenever we allow anything other than Jesus to receive the core of our attention then we begin to orbit around that thing rather than Our Savior and Lord. As our students prepare to attend

Horizon Youth Camp in Brownwood this month, please pray that they would have hearts and minds open to see those things that have taken center stage in their lives and be willing to allow Jesus to assume His rightful position as Lord and Savior over their lives.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:2, NIV). Do you feel like you are being conformed or transformed? Do you feel like Jesus is the center of your orbit or is it something else, your job, your family, or your prestige? How are you being transformed to look more like Christ? What does a transformed like look like in our world today?

Horizon Youth Camp: July 19-23

Nathan

4th of July Celebration with Mt. Zion Baptist Church

We will have a joint service with Mt. Zion followed by hamburgers in the Fellowship Center.

Church will provide burgers and condiments.

Please bring a side dish or dessert.



South Plains Food Bank delivery

July 19 @ 11:30

Volunteers are needed for this program. Taking client attendance and handing out boxes.

FINANCE REPORT

May	\$55,841.86
Needed each month	\$60,857.08
YTD	\$253,718.94