

# The Baptist Voice

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*“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” (Colossians 3:1-4)*

During difficult days sometimes it is necessary to be reminded where our hope is found. This past month we saw tragedy befall those both at home and around the globe. That’s why it is so important that we remain situationally aware during times like this. Each news cycle only informs you in part, and if we are not careful the devil can twist each catastrophe to his own advantage. If he fails to win us to his side, he will settle with keeping us distracted from our true purpose. When we set our minds on Christ, we begin to see the world the way God sees it. Through His eyes we see a world that is both broken by sin and yet dearly loved. Loved so much that God would send His only Son as a ransom for all who believe. Evil will always try to divide us, but love can “bind everything together in perfect harmony.” (Colossians 3:14). As your hearts and prayers go out ask God to open your eyes and be willing to become His hands and feet in this world.

**\*Labor Day—office closed**  
September 6

**\*Sunday evening services will begin**  
**September 12. 6:00pm in the Parlor**

**\*Ladies Night @ D.Q.**  
September 14 6:00 pm

**\*Wednesday Night Meals**  
Beginning September 15 from  
5:30 –6: 30 for those attending Wednesday  
activities. RSVP by the prior Monday.

**\*Senior Adult Lunch**  
September 20 @ 11:30  
Bring side dish or dessert

**\*Deacons’ Meeting**  
September 26 @ 5:00 pm



**Week of Prayer for**  
**Texas Missions**  
September 12-19  
Church goal:  
\$1,000.00



I am blessed. Thanks to each and everyone for making my birthday so great.  
Loretta Leatherman

## Finance Report

July	\$44,951.00
Needed each month	\$60,857.08
YTD	\$383,839.73

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It's hard to believe summer is over! It's my favorite time of year! I try to keep the kids busy with fun activities to help pass the time until school starts again. Now it's time to start our fall activities! J.A.M. is right around the corner! I'm really excited about this new program. I hope the kids will enjoy it as much as they did Awana! In the next few weeks, I will start a J.A.M. Prayer Partner program with the church members. If you would like to participate, I will have envelopes in the foyer in September. In each envelope I will have the J.A.M. kids names and address along with a number of how many siblings from that household are signed up. There will be a numbered sign-up sheet. Please sign your name next to the number that matches the envelope you choose. That way if someone moves or has an urgent prayer request, I can let you, the J.A.M. prayer partner know. I ask that you commit to PRAY for these children daily all year. I ask that you send an encouraging note once a month just to let them know you are praying for them.

**PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE ANY GIFTS.**

This is strictly a prayer and encourager group.

If you want to include your name, that is up to you, but always add, "your J.A.M. prayer partner or friend" so they will know why they are getting cards. If you want to encourage them to write you back, I suggest you not share your personal address, but have them send it to the church as follows:

First Baptist Church  
C/O \*your name or prayer number from sign-up sheet  
401 South Main  
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Be blessed!  
Ludustia...aka Lulu

The Area Coordinators for

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

will be coming on **Sept. 1** during our normal Wednesday Night Bible Study time at 6:30pm in the parlor. They want to share with us how the Area Team functions and give updates about shoebox gifts.

**Our church is also receiving a 10 year volunteer award from Samaritan's Purse!**

**YOUTH NEWS**

I didn't get a chance to report on this last time, but we took 14 students to youth camp with 2 sponsors at no cost! We were able to do so because of the generous donations that were given earlier in the year at the potato bake fundraiser. We took several new faces with us who have now been continuing to come on Wednesdays and remain apart of our youth group. Please pray for the gospel to resonate in their hearts and in the lives of their families.

We are kicking off this Fall with youth group continuing on Wednesdays @ 6:30PM and now Sundays @ 6PM. In addition to the fun games and activities that we play as a group, we are intentionally studying God's Word together. On Wednesdays, we are going through the Parables of Jesus and Sunday nights we are diving into the Gospel of Luke. Our Sunday school curriculum is taking us through the books of the Bible with one lesson out of each book. We have a few adults who have volunteered to help teach Sunday School and be present during youth group times but we still need more help! More adult involvement means more interaction with students and receiving deeper investments into their lives for Christ. We will be hosting a **5th quarter** on September 17th after the football game, providing a meal and games for students in grades 6th-12th. **See You At The Pole** is also coming up. This is a nationwide student-led prayer meeting in front of their schools on the morning of September 22nd. Please pray for students to have the boldness and courage to stand in front of their peers as they pray for their school and our country.

Imagine for a moment that you are back in high school as a student. You are running late to your next class and as you walk into the room you hear the teacher say, "...and that is how you make an "A" in this course." Wait, what? "Excuse me, can you please repeat what you had just said?" I mean If you seriously cared about your grades, playing sports, or being involved in any other extracurricular activity, you would need to know this important information in order to maintain your eligibility for participation. There are many times in our lives where we may feel like we have walked in at the end of an important lesson. Did I miss the part that explained how I am supposed to do this? I often ask myself this question when I think about parenting my kids or even leading student ministry. Thankfully, we have not been completely left in the dark about how we are to raise our children or how we are to live as Christians in this world.

At the end of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He says, *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash"* (Matt. 7:24-27, NIV). Now, if you and I walked up at the end of His sermon and this is the story that we heard, we might think that Jesus was concerned with the foundations of our earthly homes and whether or not they are built sturdy enough to survive a potentially devastating storm. Yet, there was always a greater truth that was being communicated within Jesus' teaching. In the preceding three chapters, Jesus preached on the reality of the Kingdom of God and what this means for us if we are going to live as His disciples. He says that we are to love our enemies, to be peacemakers, to forgive one another, and He even teaches us how to pray. You wouldn't be able to get that message simply by catching the conclusion of His speech. In many ways, we often tune out the teachings of Jesus until it involves something that benefits us. We want to know how to be successful in life and to hear about the end of the story that proclaims Jesus' victory over sin and death, but we are unwilling to live each day as His committed followers. While we do have the blessed assurance of knowing where we're going when our time on earth is done, we are not there yet. There is much work to be done. What is the foundation that you are building on today? Are you willing to do more than just sit and listen?

*"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says"* (James 1:22, NIV).

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