

August 2024

FIRST EXPRESSIONS

First Baptist Church of Warner Robins

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"We Seek to Glorify God By Making Disciples of ALL Nations"

Our Ministerial Staff:

Casey Matthews

Pastor

Worship & Youth Pastor

Hey Church Family,

At the end of June, we took eleven people to serve our missionary partners, Kent and Elizabeth Woodfin, in Pinedale, WY. We helped prepare the building of their future church plant, Rendezvous Church. Our crew cleaned, organized, painted, stained, prayer walked, and hosted a community outreach in our time in Pinedale. What a joy to invest in the kingdom of God! We hope to share more with you in the weeks to come.

As I was talking with Kent and Elizabeth about their plans to launch Rendezvous Church, God reminded me of the importance of a church being united around a common vision and mission. Whether a church plant or established church, members need to be united around a common vision and mission. That vision and mission must be at the forefront of their minds and decision making. I'm hesitant to ask, for fear of no one answering, but can you state the mission of our church? Can you share the mission or strategy we want to use to help accomplish the vision? If you can't, don't be discouraged. Though we've talked about it over the last few years, I realize I could do better at communicating it more clearly and regularly. Here are our vision and mission:

Vision: Our vision is to see lives transformed by the power of the gospel from Houston County to the ends of the earth.

Mission: To help people know God, worship Him, grow together, and serve others.

I deeply desire to see lives transformed by the power of the gospel both locally, nationally, and internationally. I deeply desire our church to help people know God, worship Him, grow together, and serve others. There are many facets to each of these that can't be explored in an article like this, but how do you think we are doing? I see areas where we are seeing life transformation, but there could be more. I see groups where people are growing in their relationship with and understanding of God, but there could be more. I see people worshipping God privately, corporately, and in obedience, but there could be more. I see people growing with one another, but there could be more. I see acts of service to those around us, but there could be more. Don't misunderstand what I'm writing, God brings about the harvest and does the transforming work! But we have the joy of partnering with Him, alongside other believers, to reach a lost and dying world with the hope and transforming power of the gospel. We have the joy of partnering with Him, in the transforming work, through promoting and experiencing spiritual growth in community with one another. Are you united in the vision and mission of the church? I pray God unites our hearts and we see his mighty power displayed both in and through our congregation.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Casey

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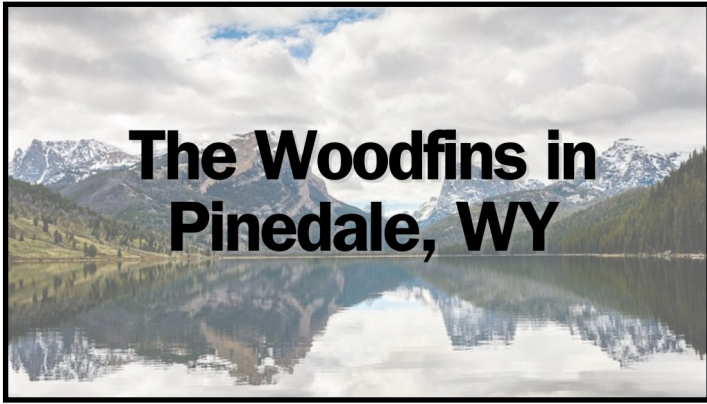
**Communion is on the 3rd Sunday*

9:15 am Small Group Bible Study
10:30 am Morning Worship

5:30 pm Youth Connect
6:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:15 pm Band Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Moms in Prayer @ CFA—9:30am	8	9	10
		<i>*Iran Garcia</i>		<i>*Carson Dalton</i>		<i>*Teri Dalton</i>
11 Kid’s Promotion Sunday	12 Keenagers—12pm	13	14	15 WMU—10am	16	17
<i>*James Mathis</i>						
18 Ladies’ Bible Study/Breakfast— 9:15am Communion	19	20 RBA Lunch Deacon’s Mtg— 7pm	21 Moms in Prayer @ CFA—9:30am Youth Connect starts back— 5:30pm	22	23	24
		<i>*Evelyn Davidson</i>		Evelyn Serving with Kairos 22nd-25th Please sign up to prayer for her on Welcome desk.		
25 Spark Conference in McDonough—4pm- 8:30pm	26	27	28	29	30	31
<i>*Chase Watson</i>		<i>*Lewis Hise JR</i> <i>*Jeannette Montes</i>				<i>*Debbie Wood</i>

Ministry Updates



Points of Praise and Prayer

- They have moved into their home.
- Their goal of the summer is to start attending events, serving where they can, and start integrating and becoming a part of the community and building relationships.
- Our church went out there June 24-28. They worked on the building, focusing mainly on the outside getting it looking nice.
- They have set a remodeling budget for the church building at \$20,000 and have funded around a 1/4 of this. They are praying for God's provision for the remaining funds needed to update the inside, along with a realistic timeline and volunteers to complete the projects.
- Rendezvous Days- July 11-14. They have a unique opportunity to serve the vendors and visitors during the festival.
- There are some health concerns with Elisabeth and Henry, but all tests have come back clean for preeclampsia and Henry continues to grow and looks healthy on all the follow up ultrasounds, he just continues to measure small.
- They are also praying for provision and wisdom with our personal finances. The two biggest issues are paying doctors bill and purchasing a 2nd vehicle that can hold a family of 6 and has 4WD.



Phil & Jami have been missionaries in Mexico since 2015. Their God-given goal was not to start a church filled with current believers looking for a different place to worship, but to be pioneers, blazing the trails for the lost, sharing Jesus, and watching Him change lives!

Mexico is very hard ground for the Gospel. However, they began chiseling the dirt, and planting seeds everywhere they could. Thankfully, now they are not alone because they have trained new disciples to be disciple-makers, and they are hard at work, also.

Recent statistics say that less than 3% of the people in San Luis Potosi actually know Jesus as their personal Savior.

Because of your partnership, they are able to continue this work today!

Please pray for them as they continue to reach the people in San Luis Potosi with the Gospel. Pray that they would be able to connect with and have opportunities to love on people and share Christ with them.

FIGURES

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

BUDGET REPORT FOR JULY 2024

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED	\$38,817.42
July 1-21 Receipts	\$20,452.90
July 1-21 Expenses.....	\$9,991.23

SHORT/ SURPLUS AS OF July 1-21\$ 10,461.67

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR JUNE 2024

MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED	\$38,817.42
JUNE 2024 Receipts.....	\$24,121.97
JUNE 2024 Expenses.....	\$18,845.32

ACTUAL SHORT/SURPLUS FOR JUNE\$ 5,276.65

AUGUST LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK

4—Jon Huguley	11—David Peck
18—Mike Sullivan	25—Mark Warstler



FACTS & FELLOWSHIP

"God at Work"

Serve Sunday: We had our 2nd Annual Serve Sunday in July. A good group of people attended and packed gift bags for teachers at Huntington and Russell. They also packed and delivered cookies to first responders in our community. A few delivered flowers and visited some shut-in members. And a crew did some yard work at a senior member's home. God was at work and we ask you to pray God would continue to work by using these acts of service to show and share his love with our community.

Worship Team: The Prieto's are missed greatly but this month we celebrate God's provision of a wonderful worship team who have faithfully led in this season of transition. Thanks to the Shugarts, McCombs, Barbara, and John who have all stepped up and continued to lead our church in Christ-centered worship. They are a clear example of God at work at FBCWR and we give thanks!

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