

# This Month

**June 7**

Mission Evangelism meeting 4:30 pm

**June 9**

Women on Mission- 9:15 am

**June 10-13**

Amp it UP! Going Deeper Summer Camp at JBRV Park -Evening Service at the JBRV Park -6 pm



**June 14**

Church Council 4:30 pm

**June 17**

Jolly Elders -Noon  
Churchwide Ice Cream Social @ Ball Park



**June 18**

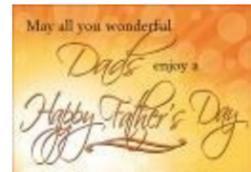
Jolly Elders- Noon

**June 20**

Deacon's Meeting- 8:30 am  
Judson Group- 9:30 am

**June 21**

Happy Fathers Day- No Evening Services



**June 28**

Men's Breakfast-8:00 am

**June 28-July 2**

Vacation Bible School-5:30-8:00 pm



# Kids Korner



During Chapel Time the kids learned that lies will always tangle you up. The Minnows have to stay away from the Sharks



(Below Top) Kimberly Murray and Mom Brandy at their Lemonade Day stand.  
(Below Bottom) Naomi Smathers with Grandma Josanne and visitors Nathan and Kristen Mahand at her Lemonade Day stand.



# THE HERALD

June 2015

Celebrating 175 YEARS

First Baptist Church

# Welcome Our New Families



Joe and Kyra Elliott



Matt, Courtney, Chloe, Thalia, and Ryleigh Nieten

# Congratulations to our Grads



(Left) Taylor Aiken



(Left) Jonathan Stubblefield, MD



Janna Carwile



(Right) Taylor Surles, MD

Not Pictured :  
Dr. Zhi Cheng MD.



## Bro. Ray's Reflections...



Dearly Beloved,

### IT'S BEEN RAINING!

If you live on the moon, you might have missed out on the news that we have had more than our usual amount of rain these past couple of months and, especially, the last couple of weeks. Hopefully, most of the lakes and water reserves have been replenished and filled. However, too much of a good thing can bring terrible consequences. Out of these storms that brought the needed moisture, there also have been destructive tornados, flooded homes, the loss of life and property.

This first paragraph brings about an application to our church life and needs. In the past few months, the Lord has blessed us with more additions and baptisms that we had all of last year. Our numbers in Sunday school and worship services are also larger. In those number are more children and youth than we have had in years! With growth in those areas, there is a need for more teachers, workers, and prayer partners for these new young people. When the Lord blesses a church with new people who need to be discipled, He already has called those to fill the places of responsibility. As the Spirit of the Lord has worked within our fellowship to bring those He has called to us, has He laid upon your heart the call to minister in His name? The only tragedy that can happen when God blesses a church with folks to disciple is the spurning and ignoring His call for you to serve. It will not only hurt those who will not be discipled, it will harden your heart and make you less sensitive to The Lord's leading.

### I SAID ALL OF THAT TO SAY THIS!

For next few weeks, John Scott, our youth leader and Angie, our children's director, are looking for volunteers to staff Youth Camp, Children's Vacation Bible School, and Children's Camp. They need Godly people who are willing to sacrifice time and talent to minister to our children and youth. I know He has called many of you; will you surrender to this call of ministry? Please allow The Lord to use you!

Please continue to pray for me as I pray for you.

I Love You,  
Bro. Ray



During the renewal weekend the kids learned how much God loves them and how they can return that love.



April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Children in Action kids received their earned badges. Congratulations!



The AWANA Group, leaders Lisa Carnes and Sherry Meador gave the kids the trophy's they have earned this year



## Angie's List



Vacation Bible School June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:30-8:00

I MOVE toward the goal to win the prize. God has appointed me to win it. The heavenly prize is Christ Jesus Himself (Phil 3:14). This is the theme verse for VBS. We invite you to join us as we discover stories of a God who makes us MOVE! The week of VBS will connect our church with families in our community. Everyone's role is significant in the life of a child and all it takes is a PERSON that likes kids and follows Jesus Christ.

### Every PERSON has a place in God's Story

Every kid needs a PERSON. Every PERSON has a place in God's story. Find your place in God's story by being present in the life of a child and shaping their faith. The children's ministry gives us the opportunity to invest in the life of a child to help build an authentic faith. There's many ways you can shape a child's faith:

- 1.) Join us during the week of Vacation Bible School one evening or several evenings.
- 2.) Be a Prayer Partner: encourage and pray for an individual child
- 3.) Small Group Leader: lead or assist small groups during Sunday school
- 3.) Large Group Leader: lead or assist with praise and worship and live interactive Bible story production in Chapel during the church hour (one hour a month).
- 4.) Family Ministry Team: help with celebrations and event planning for children: prepare, decorate and clean up at events.

Let's combine our influence as a church with families to reach the next generation to faith in Jesus Christ.

### Each PERSON is significant

We invite you to...

Embrace preschoolers to see God's love and meet God's family.

Engage elementary kids to trust God's character and live out God's story.

Together we can make history,  
Angie



I remember the first time I went to camp as a 7<sup>th</sup> soon to be 8<sup>th</sup> grader at FBC Keller. We got to the church early that morning, loaded our luggage, said goodbye to our parents, boarded the bus, and set off for the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton Texas. It was an amazing week where I was pulled out of my normal every day environment and brought face to face with the God of the universe. Camp, youth camp specifically, holds a very special place in my life and heart. Some of my fondest memories are from youth camp. Some of my deepest spiritual moments happened at youth camp, and youth camp is where habits, convictions, and beliefs took on a life of their own for me. I remember looking forward before I was youth to being able to go, and then when I was a youth I remember looking forward every year to being able to go.

Youth Camp is important for the youth and adults that go! It is formative and foundational for life. The youth of FBC Galveston are headed out to Jamaica Beach RV Park for Island Camp 2015: "Growing Deeper" June 11-14 for their own experience. I want to challenge you to be involved in the camp experience. There are many ways in which you can do that. You can chaperone, some of my fondest memories are of those who discipled me as a youth as camp leaders. Those people even inspired me to work at a Christian camp after college. You do not have to be able to be there the entire time one day or even part of a day. Anything you can give to impact the lives of our youth is amazing! Another way to be involved is to give your time in help setting up. We will have our Wednesday Night Bible Studies at the RV Park on June 10<sup>th</sup> where we will help set up, have a small devotional, and spend some time praying over the camp. It is going to be formative and prayer is the foundation for these students. Another way to be involved is to commit to pray for a specific student that will be at camp. Sunday, June 7, there will be bookmarks in the foyer of the sanctuary with the names of students who are attending camp on them. I want to encourage you to pick up a bookmark and place it in your Bible and as you spend time with God, and in his word, to pray for that student during the week of Island Camp.

This week is going to be amazing. I am confident that God is going to move in the lives of our students challenging them, calling them, and molding them into who God desires them to be. I want you to be involved with what God is doing in the lives of our students. Please pray for the camp, the leaders, the speaker, and music leader. Pray for safety, for fun, and for a mighty work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all involved.

Blessings,  
Nathan