

This Month

September 2

Amp it up Skateboard Workshop- 6 pm

September 3

TAMUG—7:00 pm

Older Adult Community Group resumes- 6 pm

September 6

No evening service

September 7

Labor Day -office closed

September 8

Women on Mission-9:15am

Senior Game Day- GBA Office- 1:30 pm

September 9

Amp it up skateboard workshop- 6 pm

September 10

FBC Hosts BSM – Noon

Young Adult Community Group resumes-6 pm

September 13

“Daring Faith” Begins -
Churchwide Meal-Noon

Mary Hill Davis Week of Prayer for Texas missions-

September 16

Amp it up skateboard workshop-6 pm

“Daring Faith” – 6 pm

September 17

Jolly Elders Luncheon- Noon

September 19

Deacon's Meeting-8:30 a

Judson Group 9:30 am

September 20

Operation Christmas
Child Kickoff

September 23

Amp it up skateboard workshop- 6 pm

“Daring Faith” – 6 pm

September 27

Men's Breakfast- am

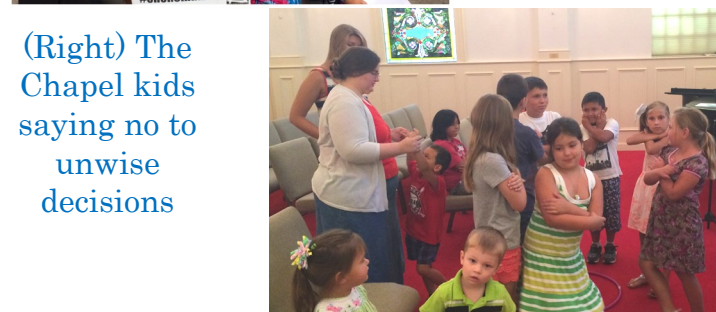
Mary Hill Davis Texas Missions Ingathering

September 30

“Daring Faith” - 6 pm



Kids Korner



Our youth group has covered some major ground this past year. Growing from a few students on the fringes to a force of 25. They had numerous social events all centered around growing together and growing in Christ. They have been a huge help in getting our church into the community through their flyer distribution Saturdays. This summer they brought together a coalition of local churches and hosted a Back Yard Concert for about 150 people. These kids are excited about coming to church and being apart of our community.

The CIA kids donated school supplies to Upward Hope Academy using the offerings collected during Vacation Bible School.

(Right) The Chapel kids saying no to unwise decisions

(Left) Our AWANA's class wishes the International Missionaries a Happy Birthday



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Daring Faith is living on the edge of faith not in the shallows of safe conformity. The finest hour in your life is when you step up, step out, become bold and take risks in Jesus name. Join us as we move against our fears into daring faith.



Bro. Ray's Reflections...

DARING FAITH

Faith is about taking the first step!

What should you do when you know something is God's will but you are scared to do it? Do it anyway! Faith is about taking the first step. You may be thinking, "But I am waiting on God to do something?" Has it ever occurred to you that God may be waiting on you?

Throughout the Bible we see this important truth: **The Holy Spirit releases His power the moment you take a step of faith.** When God told Joshua to cross the Jordan River, it was at flood stage. It was only after Joshua stepped into the river, that the waters stopped flowing and the whole nation of Israel crossed on dry ground.

God waits for you to act first. Move ahead, and do what God tells you to do regardless of your fears and feelings. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:7, "***We live by faith, not by sight.***" What is God asking you to do that you have not done yet?

Beginning on Sunday, September 13th through October 18th, you will have an opportunity to see how daring your faith really is. During these weeks, you will have an opportunity to assess where you are in your walk with the Lord. Each message and worship service will lead you to contemplate this personal question.

I am also asking all of our small groups that meet during the week to follow the **Daring Faith** study guide. If you are not involved in one of these groups, maybe you could be involved in starting a new one. Each of these sessions is scheduled with a 25-30 minute message from Rick Warren and a guided discussion from it.

I believe the emphasis on **Daring Faith** during this time in the life of FBC is appropriate. With the loss of Jay as our worship leader and the announcement of my retirement next year, I believe God wants to prepare us for the future reviewing what faith in Him really is and learning what He desires of us. Please be in prayer for this and for me as I pray for you.

I Love You,
Bro. Ray



Our church had the privilege of hosting a Baptist General Convention of Texas Disaster Recovery Mission Trip in July.



(Above) BGCT Executive Director
Dr. David Hardage.

(Below) repainting the AWANA Room



Texas Baptist Men Group preparing lunches



Angie's List

Up, Up and Away We Go!

Kids are forming memories they'll carry for the rest of their lives - living everyday moments that will become their history. On August 23rd, we celebrated with a family and church event in the sanctuary and promoted kids up to a new adventure as the new school year begins.

Nursery: Young families

In April, our nursery leaders partnered with 4 young families to be an extra voice in their life, we invited them into a relationship with the church. It was our hope that these families would establish a commitment to raising their children around people who embody the characteristics they'd like to one day see in their child. Our nursery is expanding - this partnership has made a lasting impression.

Jumpstart program

3 kids and their families have been learning what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as they go through the Jumpstart program. They're discovering how to be a part of God's big story, and we'll make a big deal about their decision with a baptism celebration this fall.

School Tools: Church and community

Our VBS Service project was School Tools for Upward Hope Academy - the CIA kids and their families linked arms and purchased: 100 spirals, 100 pocket folders, 3,000 sheets notebook paper, 20 backpacks plus pens, and crayons etc. Upward Hope Academy is a school in our community that gives kids a second chance. Together, we're aligning our church with families to maximize the impact we have on the next generation.

Ladies Fit Group

The FBC Ladies Fit Group still meets at 7pm on the seawall. Each week, small groups run or walk together for about an hour having fun over time to deepen our relationships.

Up, Up and away we go!
Angie



When you walk around do you ever spend an extended period of time looking at your feet? I know that at points I have, and if you do watch out, be careful, and don't run into something because you are not expecting it. Looking down at our feet can be helpful though; it tells us where we are going. If we pay attention to where our feet are pointing we will know where we are headed. And if we pay attention to where we have been we will know if we are on the right path. Part of knowing where we are is stopping to reflect about where we have been,

It has been an amazing summer for FBC Galveston. It started off with a bang in June with our Youth Camp at Jamaica Beach RV Park. The youth had a blast growing deeper with one another, and in their relationship to Christ. There were several decisions made to either renew a commitment to Christ or to trust Christ for the first time.

From Youth Camp we went to VBS in July. It too was a wonderful experience. Angie and company did a fantastic job leading the children through an experience that challenged them to Move closer to Christ. There are several who have done so as a result of the week, and families have also discovered a place at FBC Galveston.

After VBS we had the BGCT Disaster Recovery Mission Trip where a group of people stayed a week at our Church and served the island. This was an amazing time of community. There were six churches represented and those churches brought forty volunteers. The Texas Baptist Men provided a cooking team and shower trailer unit with an additional twenty volunteers. So our church housed sixty people for a week. Those sixty people spent the week working on eight projects at our church, the BSM, and Galveston Urban Ministries. Those same 60 people turned in 1902 volunteer hours. It was an incredible week that produced amazing results that will impact the way ministry happens on the island.

Unfortunately, or fortunately, depending on who you ask summer is coming to a close. As we turn the page on this past summer for FBC Galveston we cannot help but reflect and see that we are on the right path. We have been moving in the right direction, and that is due to the hard work and dedicated service of each of you who make up this church. An amazing summer is behind us and a very exciting fall is before us. We will be kicking off all of our activities and ministries right after Labor Day. The Community Groups will begin meeting again, our Small Group Bible Studies will have new curriculum, the Children have just promoted and will be settling into their new classes. And as a church we are inviting everyone to get out of their comfort zone and try something new. Get involved in a place you never have before, and then reflect on your life and see if you are not further down the path than you were when you started. I want to challenge you to be daring with your faith.

Blessings,
Nathan