



THE ANCHOR

“so we do not drift away”

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A Heart Condition...

What an amazing summer! Three kids saved at children's camp, over 100 being exposed to the gospel at VBS, and one youth saved at youth camp. Sounds like all the people in our church under the age of 18 had some serious encounters with God. I wonder how those of us above the age of 18 are doing?

With so much going on here at FBCKC we had better be focused on God and seeking Him! There is the 414 project and the future plans for growth in building, the renovation of current property, replacing the A/C, fixing the roof, learning how to pray, finishing up Experiencing God and starting Master Life, AWANAs starting up again, seeking a youth/children's minister, not to mention all the medical, emotional, financial and spiritual crises that people in the body are currently experiencing. There is so much that we had better run to God and seek Him!

In the Chinese language, the word crisis is made up of two other words, "dangerous" and "opportunity." I really feel like that describes where we are as a church in so many ways. There are more opportunities for us now than there has been in some time, and there is also more danger than there has been in awhile. Danger of doing nothing and watching God pass us by because we refused to join Him in His work. Danger of being "smart" and coming up with a brilliant plan and program to further our church. Danger of losing focus as a body and falling back into old patterns of self-centeredness. Danger of putting us and what we want at the center of our activity instead of Jesus.

However, consider the opportunities! The opportunity to learn to walk in faith as we totally and completely rely on God to meet all our needs. The opportunity to see God move and provide in ways we could never imagine or foresee. The opportunity to grow in faith and experience God working in our midst. The opportunity to truly become a body of faith where sorrows are cut in half and joy is doubled as we walk together. The opportunity to truly become brothers and sisters in Christ and not merely be people who attend the same church. The opportunity to become a beacon of light shining into Karnes county. Oh, the opportunities!

So how do we grab the opportunities and skip the dangers so that we can experience God as individuals and as a church? Here's HB London's advice on what to pray, "Lord, it is not so much what I want, but what will bring the greatest glory to You and also to Your kingdom. What do you want?" And as God answers, let's follow. I hope you are excited as I am about what God is doing, and I hope you'll seek Him with me! I'm glad to be on this journey with you!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

SS	9:45
Worship	11:00
FBCU	6:00
Youth	6:00

Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting 6:30

Prayer List



Spiritual Growth
Unity as a church
The 414 Project
Africa Trip
Youth/Children's
Minister

Monthly Memory Verse:

*Give yourselves
completely to
God since you
have been given
new life, and
use your whole
body as a tool to
do what is right
for the glory of
God.*

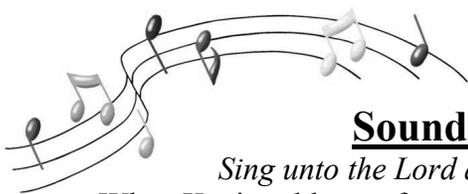
Romans 6:13

For any lady in our church who is still toying with the thought of coming to the Women's Accountability Group, let me tell you what it means to me. It is a group of ladies that are intent on striving to allow Christ be in the driver's seat of their life. These ladies meet together to encourage each other and share triumphs and troubles in that "journey" that Kevin keeps talking about...life! It's a set-aside time to pray for one another, to affirm one another and to make friends! We started off using certain questions, but that was really just to get us talking...we found out we can do that!!!! So we probably won't need to use those prompts anymore.

So many times in my Sunday School class, we have many needs and so little time. In this group, we are divided up into small groups so that each person has time to be heard, encouraged, and prayed for. I think this accountability group offers more time so that we all feel comfortable in sharing; however, no one is forced to share. We don't want to come across as "we've got it all together" because we don't. We often don't have all the answers, but we know THE ONE that does.

Women's Accountability Group is awfully long...can someone come up with a more concise, witty name? (No, not WAG- we're not dogs!)

Christy Dziuk



Sound Bytes

Sing unto the Lord a new song—Psalm 96:1

When Kevin told me a few months ago that he was starting the newsletter up again, he asked me if I wanted to do something each month to keep people informed on the musical happenings of the church. I enthusiastically told him yes, and here I find myself for the second month in a row with little to write about. I love the music that we do each Sunday and Wednesday, and I love that I'm a part of a church that allows me the freedom to add in new songs, while still recognizing the truth in the old ones. With that in mind, I would like to take a poll of everyone's top 5 favorite songs in the current hymnal. You can write down your responses and give them to me anytime. The poll results will be announced in next month's issue of The Anchor. Just in case you were wondering, here's my top 5 right now (in no particular order): 1) Come Thou Fount, 2) There is A Redeemer, 3) Blessed Be Your Name, 4) Give Us Clean Hands, and 5) If My People Will Pray. I look forward to seeing your lists!

A few announcements: 1) There will be no choir practice until September 5th. That first meeting back come and help make a decision about our Christmas music for this year. 2) If you have a special you would like to sing, please let me know so I can add you to the schedule.

FBC University

FBC University will be a little different this month. August 8, 15, and 22 we will be doing a study on spiritual gifts. In this study, we learn what spiritual gifts God has given us, how they relate to our personality types, and how we can use our gifts and personality types together to serve and glorify God. This is a unique study you don't want to miss. The cost of the materials is \$10 per person.

Then starting September 5 we will begin our new 12 week study. It consists of two MasterLife books back to back. The first book looks at six disciplines that we as Christ's disciples should follow in order to strengthen our walk with Him. The second book continues to look at what our thoughts and attitudes should look like in order to be a better disciple.

This study is a natural progression from the previous *Experiencing God* study, but everyone is welcome to jump in and begin here. The cost of each book is \$10. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.



Church Picnic

On Sunday, August 29 we are having a church picnic at the Karnes City Park from 5:00-8:00. The church is providing inflatable water slides, snow cones, hamburgers and hotdogs, and drinks. Church members, please bring a side dish, chips, or a dessert. This is a great time for fellowship together as well as an outreach to the VBS kids and their families.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

- **The 414 Project giving day is August 22. Please be asking God how he would like you to be involved and obey.
- **Awanas starts back up next month on Sept. 15. Stayed tuned for more information in next month's newsletter.
- ** There will be a church yard sale on Sat., Sept 4th. Please bring your donations to the church (only clean clothes and working appliances). We are storing all donations in the Cubbie Room. All proceeds go towards the Africa Mission Trip.

Kid tracks

~ God showed up at VBS again this year, and so did the kids. We had our biggest turnout ever. Thanks to all who shared God's love with lots of kids. VBS wouldn't happen without you.

~ FBC is offering a new summer program for school aged kids this summer. Cathie Griffin with the help of Anika Schuenemann is providing a lesson with a little pizzazz for kids on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 during the adult prayer meeting. Come see what all the fuss is about.



YOUTH FACTS

~ Master's camp was great. We took a total of 9 kids this year. Thank you again church, for all your support of these kids.

~ We are welcoming this years 7th graders into the youth group with a fun evening of bowling and pizza in Beeville. We will be meeting at the church on August 14th at 4 pm. We should get home between 7:00 and 8:00.



~ Youth group still meets on Sunday nights at 6:00. This month August 1 will be normal, but on August 8, 15, and 22 we will meet with the adults to learn about our spiritual gifts. Then we will joint the church at the picnic on August 29.

Stewardship

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>
Month:	11,705.14	16,413.80
Year:	81,935.98	100,414.32

For some, camp is a get-away, a mini-vacation. For others, well, their parents made them go. Then there's another group. This group is searching. They're searching for what is missing in their lives.

This year at camp, our main Bible verse was 1 Peter 1:13 which reads, "Therefore prepare your minds for action, be sober and set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." In other words we had to become "Engaged". No, I am not talking about getting married at church camp either, but that we had to become engaged with our hearts and minds on Jesus Christ.

As the days passed, we realized that in order to become truly "engaged" on Jesus Christ, we had to release our baggage. Many of us had things in our past we couldn't forget, and it was coming between us and God. I am not saying that releasing this baggage had immediate effects with the angelic choir singing their Hosanna's, but we did felt a release. A release from everything holding us back. The band this year was Chris and Conrad. One of their songs hit home with many of us there. The song is called "Let it Out", and it talks of letting out all the burdens we have been hiding. It says that if we ever really want to be free, we need to lay them at the cross. That was exactly what the Pastor Jeff Magnum was telling us to do. If we hold in all the burdens, we will just keep building walls around our hearts. As we started to release our burdens, God slowly began tearing down the walls. It hurt and many of us cried, but we built community and trust between us as we confessed to one another.

Some accepted Christ this week. Others finally learned what it meant to be a Christian, but there were also two other groups. One group finally "Let it Out" and realized God loves each of us despite what we have done and been through. The other group were the ones that listened. They listened to us without judgment or criticism, and they held us as we cried. A church camp is filled with different people looking for different things, yet all the people there are really there for the same thing whether we knew it or not. We were there for God.

—Clarissa Camber



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August Birthdays

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| 2- Caleb Dziuk | 21- Buddy Johnson |
| 4- Alger Kendall | 21- Katie Davis |
| 6- Wanda Marley | 23- Elizabeth Davis |
| 7- Cathy Passmore | 24- Clare Kauffman |
| 8- Reece Clubb | 29- Mary Frances Stout |
| 9- Charlie Brown (Downtown) | 30- Mary Handley |
| 18- Charles Davis | 30- Sul Kersh |
| 20- Mildred Randolph | |

