



**2015 Hooks Hornets  
Varsity Football**



<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Aug. 14	Winona (Scrim.)	Away	5:00
Aug. 21	Maud (Scrim.)	Home	6:00
Aug. 28	Harmony	Home	7:30
Sept. 4	Redwater	Home	7:30
Sept. 11	Mt. Vernon	Away	7:30
Sept. 18	Clarksville (HC)	Home	7:30
Sept. 25	Chisum	Away	7:30
Oct. 2	Open		
Oct. 9	Linden Kildare	Away	7:30
Oct. 16	Hughes Springs	Away	7:30
Oct. 23	Dekalb	Home	7:30
Oct. 30	Queen City	Away	7:30
Nov. 6	Paul Pewitt (Senior Night)	Home	7:30



**The Beacon**  
**A Publication of**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**Hooks, TX.**

August 2015

**"[If] My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land"**

**- 2 Chronicles 7:14**

**ADULT CHOIR**

**No practice on Sun. nights during the summer.  
Stay tuned for more details.**



First Baptist Church  
**Building Fund**

MONTHLY UPDATE

**Given in July 2015  
\$ 2555.00**



**Wednesday Nights  
6:30 p.m.**

*Finally, brothers,*  
whatever is true  
whatever is noble  
whatever is honest  
whatever is just  
whatever is pure  
whatever is lovely  
whatever is commendable  
whatever is excellent  
if anything is worthy of praise  
*think on these things.*

*Philippians 4:8*

## Notes From the Pastor

Pray for today and tomorrow...

“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” – 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 (NIV 2011)

2 Chronicles 7:14 is probably one of the most familiar, if not the most familiar, scriptures when talking about the idea of renewal and revival. We have repeated this verse in church, we have printed it on billboards, we have plastered it on signs in our yards, we have used it in sermons, we have studied in bible studies, and we have even used it in everyday conversation. However, how often do we look at this verse in the context of the verses in which it was written? When we do, it's convicting to say to least!

First, verse 14 was written during a time when Solomon had just finished the temple and the royal palace. He was dedicating these structures to the Lord. It was a joyous occasion. He was celebrating all that the Lord had done. It was then, that the Lord came to Solomon with these words. Solomon had completed what the Lord had instructed him to do. We have to ask ourselves, “Are we completing what the Lord has called us to do?”

Second, as the Lord spoke to Solomon, listen to opportunity that God gives his people. Even when the heavens have shut up or the locusts have devoured the land, or a plague has taken the people, God was still willing to take his people back from their wicked ways. What a forgiving God. This is a God that is merciful and gracious. This is a God that gives opportunities even when we have done wrong, which He knew they would do wrong in the future (given the language of these verses). Do we truly believe that God can bring our land back from devastation? How far away from God do we have to get before we begin to act?

Third, the emphasis to straighten up and return to God is on “God's people.” Those who are “called by my name” are to humble themselves and pray and seek His face. We are not to wait for the non-believers in this world to accept God and then somehow change this world. We, God's people, must seek the face of God in order to make a difference in this land. The healing of our land begins with us, not them (non-believers).

I believe that the beginning of the school year is always a great time to renew our commitment to pray for our nation, our leaders, our teachers, our public servants, our students, and each other. We, as a nation, have had set backs this year, but that does not mean that we, as believers, give in to defeat. It means that we seek the Lord's face more so! As a nation, many churches are seeking to do that together on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August at 11:00am (central). We will be able to join thousands of fellow believers in seeking God's face...together. Join us on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of worship service and then continue to pray for our land. Pray for today AND tomorrow.

In Christ,

Bro. Grant

**Make the most of delicious  
Summer fruits & vegetables!!**

## Tomato-and-Watermelon Salad

- 5 cups (3/4-inch) seeded watermelon cubes
  - 1 1/2 pounds ripe tomatoes, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
  - 3 teaspoons sugar
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 small red onion, quartered and thinly sliced
  - 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
  - 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
  - Romaine lettuce leaves (optional)
  - Cracked black pepper to taste
1. Combine watermelon and tomatoes in a large bowl; sprinkle with sugar and salt, tossing to coat. Let stand 15 minutes.
  2. Stir in onion, vinegar, and oil. Cover and chill 2 hours. Serve chilled with lettuce leaves, if desired. Sprinkle with cracked black pepper to taste.

