



The Shepherd News Bulletin

August 2015

AND JESUS GREW IN WISDOM



*“Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. **“Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”** But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. **And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.**” (Luke 2:41-52)*

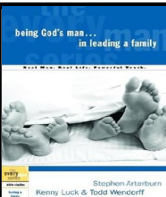
According to the Gospels, Jesus spent time at the temple during his lifetime. He would go to the temple to listen to the teachers and to ask questions. But he would also take the opportunity to talk others. Those who heard him speak were amazed at his understanding and his answers. The Scripture says that as Jesus grew in stature he also grew in wisdom. Jesus grew in wisdom because he spent time in his Father’s house. Are you growing in wisdom? Do you attend God’s house regularly? Do you belong to any Bible study groups?

EBP will soon be offering Sunday school classes for all age groups. Topical *Small Group Bible Study* will be offered during the week for men and women, as well. We will also bring *Becoming Disciples through Bible Study* back for those who never had the chance to take it or would like to retake it. All these events will start in August. We will be offering many opportunities to grow and become like Christ; don’t be left behind.

“My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge...” (Hosea 4:6)

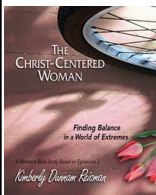
¡Adelante!

Rev. Piña



“Being God’s Man in Leading a Family” - A 6-Week Men’s Study

More than ever, families are desperate for spiritual leadership. And that starts with the husband and father. Are you equipped and ready to assume the role and responsibility God has for you? "Being God's Man...in Leading a Family" will help you accept your calling and experience God's blessing as the spiritual leader to your wife and children. **Pre-pay books: \$6.00**



A Christ-Centered Woman” - A 6-Week Women’s Study

Women will discover how being centered in the Savior can help us contemplate, sort, and prioritize our callings. Through it all, we come to experience Christ as Rock, Solace, and Guide and find him the calm center from which we can wisely navigate the responsibilities of our lives. **Pre-pay books: \$11.00**

**These Bible studies begin the week of August 23 @ 7:00PM (Weekday TBA)
No childcare available**

SUPER SUNDAYS

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit”Matthew 28:19

JESUS makes every SUNDAY, SUPER!



El Buen Pastor UMC, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is entrusted by God and is committed to following Jesus’ command to walk alongside individuals and families on their spiritual journeys. Through Super Sundays (formerly Sunday school), EBP offers Bible-based age-appropriate Sunday morning classes: nursery, Pre-K, kinder, 1st-3rd grades, 4th -5th grades, Jr. and Sr. High, young adults, and adults. Spiritual growth occurs through study of God’s Word and EBP invites you to “taste and see” what God has to offer you through **SUPER SUNDAYS**.

**YOU’RE INVITED TO A PANCAKE BREAKFAST
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd
from 9:00AM to 10:15AM
and STAY FOR CLASSES!!!**

**Mandatory Teacher’s Meeting
Saturday, August 15th 10AM
(Upstairs)**

Community Garden Training

Roy Custodio of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office will be offering a 4-week training for those will be working on our community garden.

**Mondays at 1:30 p.m.
Beginning August 3rd (Upstairs)**

For more information, contact Norma Perez



**Building Community
Through Gardening
Let's do this, EBP!**



For all teachers preparing to teach Super Sundays’ classes and small groups’ classes.
More info, contact Emmy @ 956-322-2060



Sunday, AUGUST 23RD
Special blessing for students & school staff
BRING YOUR BACKPACKS!!!



**Pastors’ Bienvenida
Saturday, August 29 at 6:00 PM
(upstairs)**

**SPRC Planning Meeting:
Monday, August 3rd at 6:30 p.m.**



Blood Drive

Sunday, August 9th

9:00AM – 1:00PM

For more information, contact Theresa Garcia



Stewardship

The Fall season is upon us and we must be planning to give from our abundance. In these coming months we will be raising funds for our **Capital Campaign**. Take this time to pray and ask God to guide our giving towards others and for the ministry of El Buen Pastor.

Grow in your faith... trust God to provide for your finances.

Let us ask God, for the way out of our debt. "Lord help us to pay our debts...so that we might not be a slave to the lender" Let us all come together and encourage each other to pay the loan that has been with us for these past 4 years...in Jesus name we all pray...Amen!!!

Treasurer's Report

July 2015

Nelda Olivarez, Treasurer

Giving-Support Budget	\$25,898.59
Expense-Support Budget	\$29,967.68
Difference	< 4,669.09>

Designated Offerings:

Children's Ministry	60.00
Choir	100.00
Construction/Remodeling	60.00
Little Lambs	140.00
Ministry to the Poor	50.00
UM Women	50.00
UMY	2,503.08
VBS	120.00
TOTAL	\$3,083.08



UMWomen

We are collecting School Supplies for a sister school until Monday, August 24, 2015. A School Box is in the back of the church. Thank You.

Please remember we will be collecting the M & M's containers with the Quarter Fund Raisers by Sept. 1, 2015.



Donations for the "Good Settlement House in Brownsville will be collected until the end of August. Please leave your donation items in Women's Room.

For more information feel free to contact:

Mary Alice Ponce, Sylvia Flores, Maruca Longoria, Sylvia Saldaña, and Noemi Perez. Thank you!

August Wedding Anniversaries

Ramiro Sr. & Lucy Garza	08/01	Walter & Priscilla Patterson	08/14
Fidel S & Dina E. Perez	08/10	Emilio & Leonor Zarate	08/24

August Birthdays

Kristen Reyes	08/02	Raul Rodriguez	08/14	Eva Gorena	08/23
Carmen Rodriguez	08/02	E.J. Ruiz	08/15	Sylvia Reyes	08/24
Alexandra Farias	08/02	Audrey Gonzales	08/15	Alejandro D.Torres	08/24
Martha Garza	08/05	Valarie Carcaño	08/16	Robert Viña III	08/24
Christian Villanueva	08/05	Charlie Flores	08/16	Gloria Garza	08/25
Joseph P.Gonzalez	08/05	Monica Carcaño	08/17	Ruben Moreno	08/25
Priscilla J. Chapa	08/06	Marcus Anaya	08/17	Sylvia Rodriguez	08/25
Natalie Garza	08/06	Juan Carlos Davila	08/18	John Teddlie	08/25
Janessa Gorena	08/06	Leonel Gallardo	08/19	Marcus A.Treviño	08/25
Irma R. Garza	08/06	Selene Hernandez	08/19	Margie Davila	08/26
Victoria C. Gorena	08/06	Anthony Pineda	08/21	Minerva Villanueva	08/26
Rebecca Martinez	08/07	Joel Carcaño	08/22	Alicia Longoria	08/29
Enrique Zarate	08/11	Norma Gonzales	08/22	Ramon Ramirez	08/29
Andrew Flores	08/12	Gloria Gorena	08/22	Noel Espericueta	08/31
Christopher Ponce	08/12	Bobby Joe Ponce	08/22	Arturo Davila	08/31
Cristina Rodriguez	08/13	Abel Ramirez	08/22		

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August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10:00AM SUPER SUNDAY! 11:00AM WORSHIP	*27 6PM UM Women UM Men	28	29 Bible Studies WW	30	**31	1
2 10:00AM SUPER SUNDAY! 11:00AM WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION	*3 1:30 PM Community Garden Training 6PM UM Women & Men 6:30PM SPRC Meeting	4	5 6:00PM-Adults 7:00PM Bible Studies WW	6	**7	8
9 10am—1pm Blood Drive 10:00AM SUPER SUNDAY! 11:00AM WORSHIP	*10 1:30 PM Community Garden Training 6PM UM Women UM Men	11 6:30 PM EXEC Team Meeting	12 6:00PM-Adults 7:00PM Bible Studies WW	13	**14	15 10am SS Teacher's Mtg. - upstairs 5PM Reserved Paid Event
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23 9:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 10:00AM SUPER SUNDAY! 11:00AM WORSHIP Blessing of the Backpacks	*24 1:30 PM Community Garden Training 6PM UM Women & Men	25	26 6:00PM-Adults 7:00PM Bible Studies WW	27	**28	29 6:00 PM PASTORS' BIENVENIDA
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*Pastor Norma's Day Off

**Rev. Piña's Day Off