



July 2018

First Baptist Church of Clewiston

Dear Church Family,

Well, another month has flown by. That seems to happen faster and faster the older we get. And, as usual, it has been a very busy month at First Baptist.

Vacation Bible School is in full swing, and I want to thank all the folks who have worked so hard to make it a success. As many of you know, who have worked in Bible School before, it takes a lot of planning and organizing, and a lot of hands to implement a successful VBS. So, thanks to all the teachers, group leaders, and folks who helped with all the different activities and crafts. A special thanks to all the ones who helped feed and serve all these kids and workers, and to the clean-up crew. Someone said, "It takes a village to raise a child". Well, it takes a dedicated group of church family to pull off a successful Vacation Bible School, and I'm glad we have those kind of folks here at First Baptist.

As most of you know, we have elected our Pastor Search Committee, and they have begun the process of meeting and looking for Pastor candidates. I hope that all of us will be praying for them regularly, that they will work together with love and unity, and completely under the direction of the Holy Spirit. In case you had not heard, our committee members are:

Bill Watson, Chairman
Michele Dowdle, Secretary
Sue Austin
Daniel Fleming
Stacy Pitts
Ron Porter
Doug Wall

We've been very blessed to have a fine group of guest preachers to fill our pulpit from Sunday to Sunday. Pastor Raul did a great job this past Sunday in the pulpit. I know that many folks have been away on vacation, but I hope if you are home, that you will be in your rightful place on Sundays to hear some, if not all of these Godly men. The Deacons may decide to select one of them to be our Interim Pastor, and we would value your input if and when we make that decision.

I also especially want to thank Glen Pridgen and Norman Austin who have worked tirelessly at the church's house on Popash Avenue making repairs, cleaning and keeping the yard up. I know that neither of these guys likes too much attention for what they do, but it certainly should be recognized and appreciated by us all.

Our attendance was very good last Sunday for a summer service, and I hope that will continue. Please make it a priority to be in your place each Sunday, and remember to bring someone with you, if you can. If there's someone you haven't seen in church for awhile, give them a call or better yet, go by and check on them, and let them know that we've missed them.

For those of you on vacation or for those of you who for health reasons cannot get to church, please keep our church and our search committee somewhere at the top of your prayer list.

As the fourth of July approaches, and we think about all the freedoms we enjoy in this great (but somewhat confused) country, let's take advantage of one of the most important, the right to meet together and worship the One True God. Hope to see you Sunday.

May God Bless Us All,

Rick

JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM "VBS Graduation" 10:55 AM Worship	2	3	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed No Evening Services	5 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	6	7
8 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship	9	10 6:00 PM Gideons' Meeting	11 1:00 –2:00 PM Clothing Ministry 6:30 PM Bible Study	12 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	13	14
15 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship 12:15 PM Finance Committee 6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting	16	17	18 6:30 PM Church Conference	19 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	20	21
22 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship	23	24	25 1:00 –2:00 PM Clothing Ministry 6:30 PM Bible Study	26 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	27	28
29 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship	30	31				

Church Office Closed

In observance of Independence Day

On Wednesday, July 4th

Services for the evening have been cancelled as well.

July Nursery Schedule Sunday Morning 3 Yr. Old/ Pre- K

07/01 - Lydia McClusky

07/08 - FeBeth Yongco & Brooklyn Gilde

07/15 - Michele Dowdle

07/22 - Ginnie Fountain

07/29 - Meredith Kane

July Birthdays

07/03 - Naomi Gilde

07/10 - Daniel Fleming

07/11 - Erica Kindred

07/12 - Rebecca Zaldivar

Diana Porter

07/13 - Paula Camacho

07/16 - Matt Beatty

07/17 - Glen Pridgen

Raul Zaldivar

07/20 - Joanne Vorhees

Hope Escobar

07/25 - Bill Watson

07/28 - Barbara Wilkie

Joshua Hanna

07/29 - Jan Miller