



June 2018

First Baptist Church of Clewiston

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I've had the pleasure of having my Mom visiting with us for the past two months. I hope that some of you got the chance to meet her while she was here. My parents divorced when I was young, and living almost 1,000 miles away from her, I just have not had as much time with her as I should have, or would have liked. I really appreciate how welcome Cindy made her feel. The older I get, the more I appreciate how important family truly is, and value the chance to get together with any/or all of them.

I hope we feel that same way about our church family, and the opportunity we have each week to be together in fellowship and worship.

We lost a treasured member of our local, church family this past week when Max Cummings went home to be with the Lord. He was quite a guy, and will be missed by all. I hope you will keep Angie and her family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come, and go by and visit with her, if you get the chance.

We've been blessed over the last few weeks to have some Godly men visiting with us and filling our pulpit. I hope that you will make every effort to be in your place for Sunday School and worship each Sunday, so you can provide feedback, and give your input on the speakers that we are inviting to share with us. We may want to invite one of these gentlemen to come and serve as our interim Pastor, and value your input.

The Deacons will be meeting soon to nominate a Pastor Search committee. Please be in prayer for us as we choose the team that with God's leadership, will lead the search for our next Pastor.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support over these last few weeks, I believe it has made a huge difference.

I also want to thank the Deacons who have covered the Wednesday night services the last few weeks.

And a special thanks to Pastor Raul who has really been a huge asset to our church.....English and Spanish since he came on staff. He has been tireless in his support for me and all the Deacons, Ginnie, Rickie and our entire church body.

Please don't hesitate to call me, the church office, or any of our other Deacons if we can be of service to you or your family.

May God bless us all.

Rick

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship 12:15 PM Vacation Bible School Meeting	4	5	6 6:30 PM Bible Study	7 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	8	9
10 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship 12:15 PM Finance Committee 6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting	11	12 6:00 PM Gideons' Meeting	13 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Clothing Closet 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Church Conference	14 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	15	16
17 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship 12:00 PM Spanish Ministry Father's Day Luncheon Father's Day	18	19	20 6:30 PM Bible Study	21 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	22	23
24 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship 12:15 PM Vacation Bible School Meeting	25	26	27	28	29	30
		5:30 - 8:30 PM Vacation Bible School				

As we draw near to the dates of VBS, I pray that those that will be leading the children of our community; whether in a classroom or in rotations, are preparing themselves spiritually, mentally, and physically. This is a huge responsibility that God has given us and it is one we cannot take lightly. For those that are unable to serve, I simply ask that you pray. Ask for God's blessing over our church's VBS and all who will be involved.

Here are five specific things you and our church can pray for.

1. Pray for the teachers, volunteers, and workers who will serve during VBS. Ask God to receive their hours of preparation as a pleasing offering and for the Holy Spirit to be at work in and through them.
2. Pray for the children who will attend VBS and the families they represent. Ask God to begin preparing their hearts to respond to the Good News they will hear at VBS. Pray for their physical safety and emotional well-being during the week.
3. Pray for those who are unchurched in our community who will join our church for VBS. Ask God to soften your own heart and the hearts of our congregation to welcome, serve, and build relationships with everyone who enters our doors.
4. Pray for those who will share the gospel during VBS and those who will follow-up with children, students, adults and families. Ask the Holy Spirit to give them clarity, guidance and discernment.
5. Pray for churches around the world who will conduct VBS or other evangelistic outreach this summer. Pray for God's Kingdom to be expanded. Thank God in advance for the blessings and opportunities He will provide through VBS.

I want to take this time and sincerely thank all of you for being a part of VBS. Thank you to those who have donated funds, craft and decorating materials and time. I know that there are so many other things that you could be doing with your time especially during the summer. However, you all have chosen to be and help share the gospel to so many children throughout our community. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family.

We will have a meeting on Sunday, June 3rd immediately following service for those that can attend. Please try to make this meeting as there will be only two meetings before we start VBS; this one and one on Sunday, June 24th. We will be having a light lunch catered for our meeting on June 3rd. Please do not miss this wonderful opportunity to prepare for VBS ministry and to fellowship with one another.

Thank you all again for your willingness to serve.

Fully trusting Him,

Diana Porter

June Nursery Schedule

Sunday Morning 3 Yr. Old/ Pre- K

06/03 - Audrey Colsen and FeBeth Yongco
06/10 - Michele Dowdle and Brooklyn Gilde
06/17 - Rossy Porras and Daniela Hernandez
06/24 - Ginnie Fountain and Meredith Kane

June Birthdays

06/02 - Dean Younkman
Vic McCorvey
06/03 - Tammy Waddell
06/04 - Natalie Colon
Chase Williams
06/05 - Freddy Silva
06/08 - Linda Parker
06/10 - Betty Griswold
Brenda Sullivan
06/17 - Betty Ridgill
David Davis
Parker Hanna
Dylan Gilde
06/18 - Sherry Davis
06/21 - Dakota Brenman
06/30 - Don Scruggs

To my church family,
From the goodness of your heart, you reached out and helped. I hope you know how much it meant to me for the installation of the flooring for my home.

Your brother in Christ,
Dean Younkman

To the church family,
What a blessing it is to be a part of this church family. Max loved you dearly. Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Raul and Ginnie for helping us with the service. To the food committee, it was so plentiful and delicious. We thank you so much. For all the visits, food, prayers and help offered we thank you and love you.

The Cummings, Schaper
and Walker Families