



May 2018

First Baptist Church of Clewiston

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

The last couple of weeks have been a real "whirlwind". A lot of things have taken place and a lot of emotions have been running through all of us, I'm sure, since Pastor Mike resigned on the 15th. I know that most of us will miss Mike and Monica a great deal, and I hope we will continue to lift them up in our prayers, knowing that God has something new planned for them, just like he has something special planned for us. I know that even though we are uncertain about what lies ahead for First Baptist Clewiston, be sure that God knows exactly what and who he has in store for us. My hope for us is that we begin now, to pray and do some soul searching on how each one of us can be best prepared to help our church move forward, to be the church that God wants us to be. God planted this church here some 80 years ago, and I'm pretty sure He didn't mean for the church to sit in neutral, until He sends us our next Pastor.

I know some people may be tempted to take a step back and evaluate what is happening in our church. I hope that we don't do that, in fact I hope that we do the opposite. I hope we all "STEP UP" and see what we can do to prepare ourselves to be the best church family we can be, for each other, for the new pastor that God will be bringing to us, and for our community. Summer is fast approaching and vacations and summer break are just around the corner, but now is not the time to take a vacation from church. I know we are all busy with the daily activities of life, but I challenge each of us to see what more we can do for the Lord and to support our church.

None of us has been "called" to preach, but each of us can spend more time reading and studying His word, praying for God's leadership in our church, and for His wisdom in moving forward to find the next Pastor that He has for us. We can be more faithful in our attendance and in our giving, we can be more loving and supportive of each other. We can call a member we haven't seen in awhile and tell them we miss them. We can invite our friends and neighbors to come to Sunday School and church with us. We can be positive in our comments and conversation. If you know someone who needs a visit, please let me or Ginnie in the office know, so we can go visit them, or better yet, YOU go by and see them or give them a call. None of us can do everything, but each one of us can do something to help our church family move forward in a positive way. I guess I'm borrowing from John Kennedy's speech....."Don't ask what your church can do for you, ask what you can do for the Lord and your church".

Please pray for me and all our Deacons, as we try to lead during this time of transition. Also, please pray for Pastor Raul and our Spanish congregation. He has been a tremendous support, and I value his advice. We have been in touch with the State Baptist Convention, at least three of the surrounding Baptist Associations, and several churches in our area, and all have promised their support moving forward.

I truly believe that God has some great things in store for First Baptist.

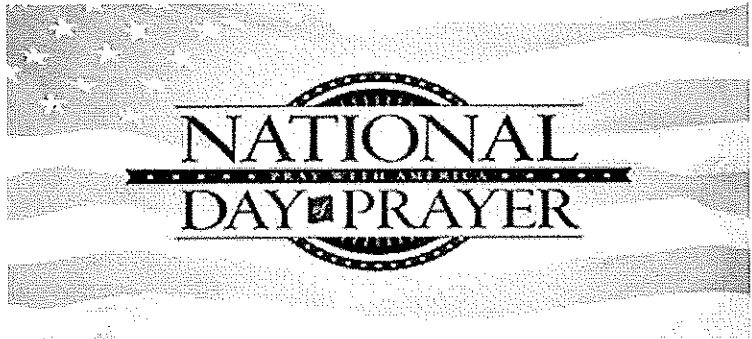
Please call on me or any of the Deacons if we can be of any assistance, or if you just need someone to talk to or pray with.

May God bless us all !

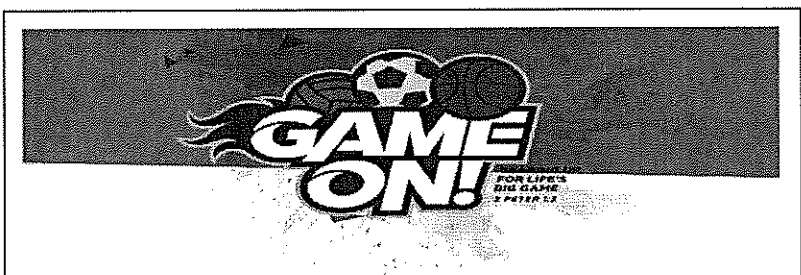
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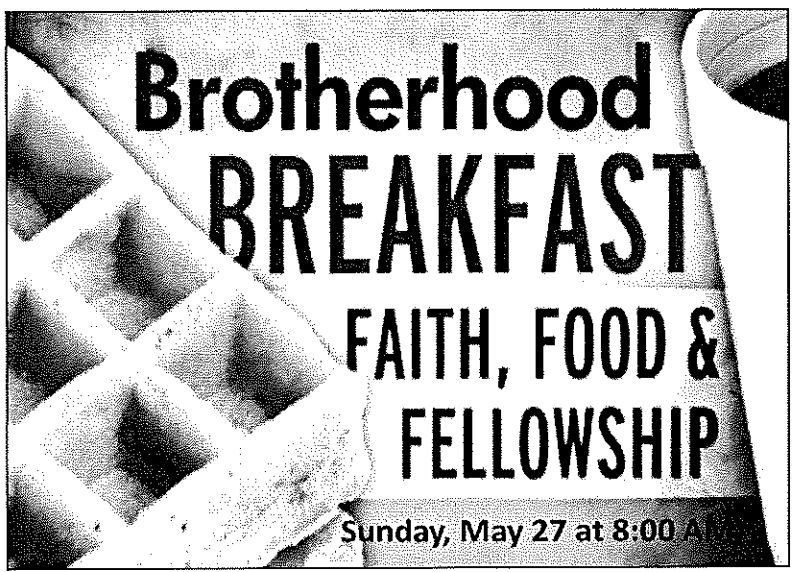
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministry	3 12:00 PM National Day of Prayer 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	4	5 3:00 PM - 9:30 PM Sweet Fifteen Celebration
6 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Wor- ship 10:55 AM Lord's Supper	7	8 6:00 PM Gideon's Meeting	9 1:00-2:00 PM Clothing Closet 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministry	10 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	11	12
13 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Wor- ship 12:30 PM Spanish Mission Mother's Day Luncheon Mother's Day	14	15	16 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministry	17 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	18	19
20 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Wor- ship 12:15 PM Finance Com- mittee 6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting	21	22	23 1:00-2:00 PM Clothing Closet 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Church Conference 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministry	24 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	25	26
27 8:00 AM Brotherhood Breakfast 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Wor- ship	28 Memorial Day (Observed) - Office Closed	29	30 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministry	31 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice		



Thursday, May 3
12:00 PM
Clewiston Civic Park



Donations for VBS are being accepted now. Here is a ministry opportunity to cover the cost of food, VBS materials, decorations, recreation, and crafts. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please write on your envelope "VBS."



May Nursery Schedule

Sunday Morning 3 Yr. Old/ Pre- K

- 05/06 - Audrey Colsen and FeBeth Yongco
- 05/13 - Rossy Porras and Daniela Hernandez
- 05/20 - Erica Kindred and Brooklyn Gilde
- 05/27 - Ginnie Fountain and Meredith Kane

May Birthdays

- 05/02 - Kale Gibson
- 05/10 - Heather Garrett
Aaron Murrish
- 05/13 - Joshua Clark
- 05/15 - Ruthie Adams
- 05/17 - Nick Gutshall
- 05/20 - Judy Harn
Joe Whitehead
- 05/22 - Fabiola Milbain
- 05/23 - Richard Phelps
Dot Stacy
- 05/25 - Roger Walker
Matt Shearer
Scott Shearer

To our First Baptist Church Family and the wonderful women who all took the time to cook or bake or deliver food to our family after mother's passing. We are so grateful for each and everyone one of you! Your love and support means more than you will ever know. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! God Bless You.

Love,
The Polhill & Williams Families