



September 2018

First Baptist Church of Clewiston

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This will be my final installment for the monthly church newsletter. I've tried my best, over the last few months to keep you informed and up to date on what was happening at First Baptist. My term as Chairman of the Deacons will be coming to a close in September, and the new Chairman will take over this duty, and I'm sure will do a better job than I have done. I know, like me, he will be glad when we have a new Pastor to take on this task.

Please continue to pray for our Pastor Search Committee, as they meet and work to find the man that God has set apart to be our next Pastor. Pray that they will have a spirit of love and unity as they search through all the applicants, and that God will make it very clear to all of them who that man should be. And, please pray that each of us will be "studying to show ourselves approved" and preparing ourselves to be the best congregation we can possibly be to support our new Pastor and his family when they arrive. For your information, Ron Porter had to step down from the Search Committee for personal reasons, and June Yongco (who was already approved by the church as an alternate) has stepped into that position on the team.

I hope you will notice our sign out in front of the church. It had not been updated lately, but with some friendly prodding, I have put a couple of new messages up in the last few weeks, and will try to continue to keep it current with short messages to inspire or amuse. Hopefully it will catch the attention of folks passing by, and maybe even draw some in to stop and visit with us. And, if a sign can do that, surely a kind word and an invite from one of our loving members can do the same.

Pastor Raul has been meeting with many of the workers who have felt led to help with the children's program on Wednesday nights. He has been hard at work outlining and organizing the curriculum that will be used for the children this next church year. We are restructuring our program, and hope it will be better organized and better meet the spiritual needs of our children that are coming on Wednesday nights. If you feel "led" to be a part of working with our kids, please see me or Pastor Raul so we can find a place of service for you. We are discontinuing our "Heroes" or Children's Church for awhile, as we re-evaluate our program and our numbers, and how to best meet the needs of our kids on Sunday mornings.

Pastor Roger Bradley has preached for us several times over the last couple of months, and the feedback I have gotten has been very positive. My plan is to recommend to the Deacons at our next meeting, that we hire him as Interim Pastor. If that recommendation is approved by the Deacons and then the church, he would start immediately. He has agreed to preach each Sunday until we make it official. Our tentative plans would be for him to preach each Sunday morning, and lead a Bible study each Wednesday night until our new Pastor comes aboard. He would probably not be in the office during the week, as Pastor Raul would handle those day to day responsibilities. The Finance Committee will need to meet and work out a financial package that would be voted on by the church. If you have not heard Pastor Bradley preach, please go on our website and listen to some of his sermons. I believe you will be blessed.

Thanks again for all your support and prayers during the last few months. I hope they will continue for the new Chairman and for our church as we move into this pivotal year for our church.

May God Bless Us All,

Rick

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4	5 12:00 PM XYZ Luncheon 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries	6 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	7	8
9 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship 12:15 PM Finance Committee 6:00 PM Deacons' Meeting	10	11 6:00 PM Gideons' Meeting	12 1:00 - 2:00 PM Clothing Ministry 6:30 PM Church Conference 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries	13 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	14	15 5:00 PM Don Gutshall's Sunday School Dinner
16 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship	17	18	19 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries	20 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	21	22
23 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship	24	25	26 1:00 - 2:00 PM Clothing Ministry 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children & Youth Ministries	27 6:00 PM Praise Team Practice	28	29
30 8:00 AM Brotherhood Breakfast 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship						

Deacon Nominations

Members may nominate men who have been a member one year, 21 years of age, and meet the scriptural qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3:8-13, Acts 6:3, and Matthew 19:9. Please submit names and reasons for nomination in writing to Chairman of Deacons, Rick Shearer by Sunday, September 9.

XYZ Program & Luncheon

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Senior Adult Fellowship

Wednesday, September 5

12:00 PM

Brotherhood BREAKFAST

FAITH, FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, September 30 at 8:00 AM

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

- 9/02 - FeBeth Yongco
- 9/09 - Michele Dowdle
- 9/16 - Meredith Kane
- 9/23 - Ginnie Fountain
- 9/30 - Stacy Pitts

September Birthdays

- 9/05 - Shari Howell
- 9/08 - Dathel Balch
 - Dottie Kane
- 9/14 - Chris Beatty
 - Katherine Pitts
- 9/15 - Judith Blackwell
- 9/23 - Vera Scruggs
- 9/25 - Pepe Lopez
 - Lorina Scheffler
 - Buddy Griswold
 - Samantha Dukes
- 9/27 - Libby Williams

Thank you

On behalf of the family of Roger N. Walker we would like to thank everyone for their love, kindness and sympathy during such a difficult time for our family. We appreciate all the cards, calls and the wonderful lunch that was provided after the service. We love and appreciate all of you.

The Walker Family