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Pastor Link • Thank You, 2017-18 Volunteers!

Bennie Portwood, Pastor

August, 2017

I want to personally thank each of the following who have committed to work in various areas for the next church term:

Church Officers & Directors: Church Clerk, Ann Bennett; **Treasurer,** Preston Miles; **Asst. Treasurer,** Vanoy Tucker; **Librarians,** Ann King, Sophia Lenderman, Ann Bennett; **Funeral Meals,** Linda Warren; **TNT,** Elaine Swinney; **Vacation Bible School,** Krystal Montgomery; **Children's Church;** **Women's Ministry,** Gail Portwood; **Men's Ministry,** Kenneth Hearon; **Girls in Action,** Georgia Eades, Patty Samples; **Royal Ambassadors;** **Outreach;** **Sunday School,** Scott Dowdy; **Records,** Linda Warren, Belinda Warren, Elaine Swinney; **Preschool,** Sandra Kirkpatrick; **Childrens Ministry;** **Childrens Activities,** Krystal Montgomery. **Teachers:** **Babies,** James & Sandra Kirkpatrick; **2 & 3,** Kelly Manziel; **Pre-K,** Makenzie Miles & Zoe Bowles; **1st - 3rd,** Helen Portwood, Jan Bragg; **4th - 6th,** Sue & Kenneth Hearon; **1st - 6th Substitute,** Pat Smith; **7th & 8th & High School,** Benji Morrison; **Life,** John Warren; **Berean,** Jim & Belinda Dominey; **Friendship,** Preston Miles, Gary Cole; **Encouragers,** Billy Witt; **Ruth,** Mary Tucker, Donna Hammonds; **Joy,** Brenda Smith, Norma Smith, Pat Mullins; **Gospel,** Robert Cates, Darwin Stainback; **Dorcas,** JoAnn Wilkerson; **Steadfast,** Eston Stainback; **Hope,** Ann Bennett, Betty Stanley; **Koin,** Bill Baldree, Chris Coon. **Ministry Teams:** Adminis-

trative: Joy Adams, Mary Baldree, Ann Bennett, Don Coon, Charles & Robbie Cooper, Mike Eades, James & Sandra Kirkpatrick, Preston Miles, Cindy Rivers, Darwin Stainback. **Activities & Recreation** - James Kirkpatrick, Benji Morrison. **Audit** - Dennis Bennett, Jim Lenderman, Darwin Stainback. **Baptism** - Allison Coon, Sue Hearon, Don Rivers, Mike Sanders. **Building & Grounds** - Jerry Alvis, Bunch Bellah, James Kirkpatrick, Preston Miles, Vernon Shaw, Darwin Stainback, Kenneth Stanley, Robert Swinney. **Flowers** - Joyce Miles, Sue Pease. **Hostess** - Anita Bomar, Allison Coon, Sandra Kirkpatrick, Krystal Montgomery, Aris Obar, Patty Samples, Elaine Swinney. **Media** - Dennis Bennett, Clay Martin, Matthew & Krystal Montgomery, Pat Mullins, Gail Portwood. **Missions** - Ann Bennett, Kenneth & Sue Hearon, Bennie & Gail Portwood. **Nominating** - Don & Allison Coon, Scott Dowdy, Sue Hearon, Benji Morrison, Danny Pickens. **Tellers** - Bunch Bellah, Preston Miles, Beverlyn Richey, Don Rivers, Vanoy Tucker, Linda Warren. **Ushers & Greeters** - Bunch Bellah, Robert Cates, Don & Allison Coon, Delight Dowdy, Kenneth Hearon, Don Hinz, Matthew Montgomery, Aris Obar, Don Rivers, Patty Samples, Mike Sanders, Darwin Stainback, Eston & Mary Stainback, Kenneth Stanley, Vanoy Tucker, Morris Turner. **Youth Advisory Council** - Scott Dowdy, Benji Morrison (additional members needed).

I am sure you noticed the ministry areas marked in red. This is where we still need leadership & helpers. Such important ministries: Children's Church, Royal Ambassadors, Outreach, Children's Ministry and Youth Advisory Council! We are asking you to prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to be used in one of these positions. If so, please contact either Scott Dowdy or me. We would love to explain what is involved and how you can help. *(Background check required on all who work with our children).*

I am excited about our continuing Summer Sermon Series. *I believe this is the most important series we have ever gone through together. Please make every effort to attend each service as we unfold our purpose statement.* I am so blessed and proud to be your Pastor. It is a joy to work with folks who genuinely are striving to do whatever it takes to do God's will and make disciples. *Bro. Bennie*

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Summer Sermon Series
Continues Until August 27
 MCBC On Mission with God:
Why We Exist As a Church



Please make every effort to attend as we share essential information for our church members.

Listen to Sermons Online:
www.mcbbcwhitehouse.com



Sunday Noon Fellowship • September 3
Family Life Center

Meal served immediately after morning service followed by games and fellowship! Church providing hamburgers, chips, tea & coffee. **If you plan to attend, please bring side dishes & desserts. Remember to bring LARGE portions so there will be enough food for everyone.** Questions? Elaine Swinney, 839-2083.

No evening activities on church campus.

Worship Ministry

Jerry Page, Worship Leader



The best way for us to lead in worship, is to simply worship with abandon! That kind of worship is contagious and encourages the congregation to move from spectators to participants. Another great example of God responding to praise is found in II Chronicles 20:21-22. Jehosaphat here wins a seemingly unwinnable battle simply because he made praise his priority!

Here are a few A.W. Tozer quotes that should inspire all of us in our commitment to worship:

Any man or woman who is bored by worship is not ready for Heaven.

Genuine worship involves feeling. The worst thing that could ever be said about us is that we are a feeling-less people!

Worship is the means by which the glory of God is entertained.

Let's give God goose bumps this Sunday!

Bro. Jerry

Choir Rehearsal Sundays 4:45 p.m. New members welcome.

Worship Service Request

If you must leave before the close of the service for a ministry responsibility or some personal reason, please wait until the congregation is being seated for announcements. Please do not leave during the Time of Commitment/Invitation.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Benji Morrison, Minister to Students



Youth camp is now over! I am glad that I get to sleep in my own bed now, but I will truly miss the excitement and movement of the Holy Spirit in worship. We desperately need that in our church today! The reason...we are holding onto something more than God.

We do not feel or see the Spirit moving in our lives or in our church because we have moved God to second place in our lives. Our church is trying to move in a new direction. Some of these changes will be difficult and drastic, but they need to be made. If we want God to truly move through our church and lives, then WE need to get out of the way and allow God to work.

Too many times I hear people say, *I don't like this* or *I don't like that* when it comes to church. Here's what you need to know...church is not about YOU! The church is here to bring the lost to Christ, not to make you comfortable.

So, what are you holding onto that is taking the place of God?

Benji

Youth Advisory Council Meeting: August 13, 3 p.m., Youth Room, FLC
 Sunday Morning Bible Study - 9:45 a.m., Sunday Night Activities - 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Open Gym - 5:30 p.m., Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Ministry Link • A Great Example...This is What It is All About!

Rather than throw away our VBS supplies and decorations, we decided several years ago to pass them along to another church who needed them. This year, Sue Sexton, wife of Dean Baptist Church Interim Pastor, Bob Sexton, asked for the supplies. Dean is a small Tyler church with an attendance of about 35. This couple is extremely committed to bring life back to this church and to reach children and their families for the Lord.

As Sue & Bob loaded the supplies in their SUV, Sue picked up each item carefully, held it close and whispered, *Treasures*. They were so thankful and tearfully told us over and over what a blessing it was to get the items.

Well, we got a call from Sue last Saturday and God honored their commitment! A bulk mailing was sent out to the community, Youth from Pruitt Baptist Church, Van, came to help them go house-to-house to invite families, and they even had a parade through the community to announce VBS. 37 children, most who had never been to church, and 45 adults and youth attended each night. 12 professions of faith! Folks, this is what making disciples by loving God, serving others, and telling the story together looks like! A great example!

Women's Ministry Evening in the Word Bible Study Begins Tuesday, September 5

Seamless, Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story. In seven sessions, Seamless covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Participants in this study will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of the Bible. Workbooks: \$12.99 at Lifeway. Begins Tuesday, September 5, 6:30 p.m., Encouragers Room. Sign-up begins August 13, Main Foyer. Questions? Belinda Dominey, 805-3369.

One-Stitch Ministry Begins Tuesday, Sept. 12

10 a.m., - Noon, FLC. Sew simple children's dresses and shorts to go to orphanages worldwide. Questions? Jan Bragg, 920-1873.

Mission Project Donations Update

July Christmas Child: Bandanas, 126; Sunglasses, 76.

August Items for Christmas Child Boxes

Child scissors found in school supplies section. We are asking you to donate designated items through September that will be used to prepare Christmas Child Boxes in October. 12 items will be placed in each box so things need to be small to fit. Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.



YOU Can Be a MCBC Volunteer

Ministry Leadership Positions Available

Children's Church, Royal Ambassadors, Outreach, Children's Ministry Youth Advisory Council (additional members)

Media Ministry Team

Immediate need for adult volunteers to help in three specific areas: (1) Soundboard on Sunday morning - will rotate every other Sunday with existing team members and assist with events like funerals. (2) Soundboard Sunday night. (3) Back-up for both computer and sound for Sunday morning & evening, and events like funerals. Basic computer knowledge is required. Soundboard knowledge helpful, but a willingness to learn & be trained is the most important qualification. Like to serve on the Media Team? Please contact Bro. Jerry Page today at Jerry.Page@tylerisd.org.

Security System Monitors

Volunteers needed to monitor the campus security system during Sunday morning & evening activities. Questions? Dennis Bennett, 570-3813.

Bless the Lord, O my soul
And forget not all His benefits.

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Attendance:
Sunday School Average Attendance: 117
Morning Worship Average Attendance: 143

Tithes & Offerings/Building Fund
Budget Requirements: \$ 226,332.19
Budget Receipts: \$ 208,450.58
Building Fund: \$ 38,375.88

Church Business Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 7 p.m.
Family Life Center

Church Office Hours
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Thursday

COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study
Sundays 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesdays 7 p.m.
Book of Joshua

Pastor's Day Off: Friday

➔ A Note About the Monthly Newsletter
Because our mailing list no longer qualifies for bulk mail status and also high postage rates of regular mail, we need to consider alternate ways to distribute the newsletter. Beginning Sunday, August 6, we ask you to sign up in the Main Foyer to let us know if you prefer to get the newsletter only by e-mail, by e-mail and printed copies available at church, or mail only. While we do not want to inconvenience anyone, we also believe we need to be good stewards of church financial resources. Questions? Pastor Bennie Portwood, 839-2606.


Labor Day Holiday Schedule
No Evening Activities Sunday, September 3
Church Campus Closed Monday, September 4



Church Van Fund Report

Balance as of January, 2017	\$ 2,729.31
Donations Before Auction	4,594.00
Auction Proceeds	10,185.00
Donations for Auction Not Yet Deposited	660.00
Total in Van Fund As of August 1, 2017	\$ 18,168.31

August Deacon




Preston Miles - 521-1967

Deacons Monthly Meeting
Thursday August 10, 7 p.m., FLC
Questions? Pastor Portwood, 363-7457

New Home Address, Phone, E-Mail?
Please let us know by writing them on the back of your white registration card on Sunday morning or calling the office, 839-2606. Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is not on the calendar so we can update the database.

AUGUST 2017 *Nothing shapes your life more than the commitments you choose to make.* Rick Warren

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Kenneth & Betty Stanley Robert & Elaine Swinney 6:30 42 League Ministry, FLC	2 Larry Frogge, Clay Martin, Kim Pessink, 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study, FLC 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, FLC	3 6 p.m. Blue Grass, FLC	4 Gene & Sherion Strickland	5 7:30 a.m. Skeet Shoot/ King Ranch
	6 Meredith Holley, Carla Morrison Nolan & Kelly Manziel 9 a.m. Teacher Mtg. Encouragers 4:45 Celebration Choir Rehearsal	7 Roy & Vicki Busby	8 Donnie Collins, Brenda Hinz Mike & Vicki Sanders 6:30 42 League Ministry, FLC	9 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study, FLC 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, FLC	10 Glen & Kay Sampson 7 p.m. Monthly Deacon Mtg., FLC 7 p.m. Centershot, FLC (8)	11 Steve & Lora Hall
13 Alex Miles Eston & Mary Stainback, Robert & Laurel Cates 3 p.m. Youth Adv. Council 4:45 Celebration Choir Rehearsal	14 Daxton Coon, Brent Mathis, Linda Warren, Ginni McNamee, Don Rivers,	15 Sherion Strickland	16 Bettye Vaughn Gary & Betty Cole 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study, FLC 7 p.m. Business Meeting/Adult Bible Study, FLC	17 Billy & Kathy Witt 6 p.m. Blue Grass, FLC 7 p.m. Centershot, FLC (7)	18 Jennifer Fletcher, James Kirkpatrick	19 Chris Beverly 6 p.m. Friendship Class Party, FLC
20 Betty Gibbons, Shirley Malone, Benjamin Randolph 12 p.m. Visitation Outreach, FLC 4:45 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal	21 Howard Dickerson, Paula Oden, Russ & Aris Ober	22 6:30 42 League Ministry, FLC	23 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study, FLC 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, FLC	24 Amber Dickey, Mike Eades, Mark Fletcher 7 p.m. Centershot, FLC (6)	25 Molly Carter, Alice Dowdy	26 James Haile
27 Carrie Calicutt 4:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. Lord's Supper	28 Leah Honeycutt, Davis Tryon	29 Mary Beth Keeling Billy & Bettye Vaughn 6:30 42 League Ministry, FLC	30 5:30 p.m. Gym/Youth Bible Study, FLC 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, FLC	31 6 p.m. Blue Grass, FLC 7 p.m. Centershot, FLC (5)	Pray for our prayer partner church, Hope Community Fellowship, Bridgeport, Vermont	

Fall Start Dates

September 5, 6:30 p.m. - Evening in the Word
 September 6, 7 p.m. - Girls in Action
 September 12, 10 a.m. - One-Stitch Sewing Ministry
 September 12, 10 a.m. - Quilting & Crafts
 September 21, Noon - TNT Senior Adult Lunch

Note of Appreciation from Joyce Stanley

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank each of you for the giving of your time, prayers, and support throughout the entire auction process. Without you and your love for this church, it would not have been successful. I am so proud to be a part of a loving family of God. May God continue to dwell among us. Thank you, again.

Teachers Meeting Sunday, August 6

Encouragers Room. Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.

Visitation Outreach & Lunch August 20, Noon

A light lunch will be provided for those who would like to go visit prospects or write cards to those who have not been able to attend church recently. Sign up in Main Foyer. Questions? Scott Dowdy, 570-9247.

Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is not on the calendar so we can update the database.

Blue Grass Gospel

First, Third & Fifth Thursdays, 6 p.m., FLC.
 Questions? Dennis Bennett, 570-3813.

42 League

Regular schedule: Tuesday evenings 6:30 p.m., FLC.
 Bring snack to share. Questions? Billy Witt, 780-1685.

Girls In Action (GA) is a mission group for girls first-sixth grade. Meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Girls first –sixth grade.

Questions? Georgia Eades, 570-8975, Patty Samples, 752-1251.

Mah Jongg Mondays 10 a.m. • FLC

Questions? Paula Shackelford, 530-5972.

Quilting & Crafts

Tuesdays 10 a.m. • FLC. Questions? Mary Tucker, 894-3792.

Church Calendar Procedure

All groups or individuals wishing to reserve any portion of the church facility need to fill out a form to give us necessary information about the event. All non-church events must be approved by the Pastor and some fees may apply.

We are His work. He has made us to belong to Christ Jesus so we can work for Him. He planned that we should do this.
 Ephesians 2:10 (New Life Version)



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Visit Our Church Library

Wonderful selection of current Christian books and movies for all ages. Library open weekdays during regular office hours and Sundays during morning and evening activities.

Policy for Borrowed Church Items

All items borrowed from the church campus must be checked out through the church office before they are removed from the premises. Please go to the office so you can sign a form. Returned items are to be checked back in through the office also.



New Centershot Archery Session Begins Thursday, August 10, 7 p.m.

Centershot Ministries is an interdenominational outreach ministry that uses the life-skill of archery as a tool to assist the local church to reach its community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 8-week class. Cost \$25 per student, Includes a Centershot t-shirt. Offered to Grades 4-Adult. First session 2 hours because this will include basic shooting instructions. Other classes will last about 1 1/2 hours. Questions? Kenneth Hearon, 780-3021.



Men's Ministry Outdoor Outreach Annual Skeet Shoot Saturday, August 5

7:30 a.m. • Ray-King Ranch, Hwy. 344 just west of & 756.A Fun Shoot, Get Ready for Dove Season. Tailgate breakfast at the ranch & devotion. Men, women and youth welcome.

Youth must be accompanied by a parent. Bring lawn chairs, shotgun & shells, hearing & eye protection, and at least one box of clay birds. No rifles or pistols.

Questions? Kenneth Hearon, 780-3021 • Don Coon, 539-1120.

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Schedule
Sunday
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:55 a.m. Worship Celebration
 4:45 p.m. Celebration Choir
 6 p.m. Worship & Bible Study

Wednesdays
 5:30 p.m. Open Gym/Youth Bible Study
 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study



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