

The Challenger

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If only we could pursue a summer kids' program where we reach out to our community, draw in 13 kids from 10 families who don't normally come to our church, and teach them the Gospel along with crucially important memory verses, all encapsulated within three nights of fun, games, and snacks that they enjoy, bringing them back for more.

Oh wait, that's exactly what we did!

Kathy Strango, Kae Warwick, and Kim Baber led an enthusiastic troop of volunteers in this year's VBS and it was an incredible experience! The sets were beautiful, the songs were catchy yet meaningful, the lessons were literally filled with the Gospel message, the games were exciting, the crafts were engaging, and the meals filled 60 grateful bellies nightly. There were a lot of question marks going into this VBS week. How many kids would come out for a VBS this close to the pandemic? Would the new time slot and time frame work? What about the new chapel-based format versus the individual class rotations? How many meals should be prepared? We didn't know the answers to any of the questions until the end of the week when all was said and done but God did! I for one enjoyed watching His answers!

Saying that, as is always true, let us not relegate the message of VBS to a “kid thing.” The lessons were profound, all focusing on Jesus as our strength. He gives us strength to be content with wherever He leads us, even when His path is unnerving. He gives us strength to put our hope in Him even when we find ourselves in the middle of life's squalls. Most importantly, He gives us the strength to escape the grip of our sin so that we can join Him forever in Heaven. ESPECIALLY in our times when even school children are suffering from crippling anxiety, these were messages we needed to hear and cling to.

I appreciate all the workers who worked so hard to make sure “The Rocky Railroad” was such a success (starting with Patty Pate and Lisa MacLean, who spent hours choosing and ordering the curriculum before the pandemic made us shelve it for a year), but I'm particularly grateful to our Savior who made the endeavor possible as well as continuing to ensure His Word doesn't come back void! Thanks for those of you who were part of the mission!

In His Grip,

Pastor Fred Harris

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Food Box Distribution is on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 3-5 PM. This is a FREE service to anyone who needs it sponsored by The Most Excellent Way Bible Study group.



Sunday July 11th @ 10:30 AM
Morning Worship at Clear Creek
Lunch Provided – Side dishes/desserts appreciated!
Parking costs provided by the church for that morning.
(No AM/PM Bible Study Classes)



First Baptist is partnering with Free Life Ministries biblical counseling services. It is a private online service that we're making available for anyone who feels they need some extra biblical guidance and comfort. Contact Pastor Fred for details.



Youth Camp - July 19-23
Please be praying for those who are going to camp:
Jack, Natalie, Shawn, Tyra, Breanna, Christiana, Blair, Skylar, Jett, Josh, Nick, Jackson, Parker, Patty, Pastor Ted, and Pastor Fred.

Senior Adult Luncheon/Potluck Friday, 7/30, at 11:30 AM in the Activity Center



MEN'S BREAKFAST
Saturday, July 10th at 8:00 AM
Activity Center



Mark your calendar!!

- 07/01 6:00 PM Most Excellent Way
- 07/02 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 07/04 **NO** Evening Bible Study
- 07/05 6:00 PM Men's Potluck/Bible Study
- 07/06 9:00 AM Men's Fellowship
- 07/06 9:15 AM Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
- 07/06 2:00 PM Hope Pregnancy Center
- 07/07 6:00 PM Before God's Throne Bible Study - Rm 103A
- 07/07 6:00 PM Youth Night
- 07/08 3:00 PM Food Box Distribution
- 07/08 6:00 PM Most Excellent Way
- 07/08 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting
- 07/09 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 07/10 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
- 07/11 **NO** Morning Bible Studies
- 07/11 10:30 AM Church At The Creek**
- 07/11 **NO** Evening Bible Study
- 07/12 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 07/13 9:00 PM Men's Fellowship
- 07/13 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
- 07/13 2:00-5:00 PM Hope Pregnancy Center
- 07/14 **NO** Before God's Throne Bible Study - Rm 103A
- 07/14 6:00 PM Youth Night
- 07/15 6:00 PM The Most Excellent Way
- 07/16 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 07/18 6:00 PM Bible Study - Sanctuary
- 07/19-07/23 Youth Camp
- 07/19 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 07/20 9:00 PM Men's Fellowship
- 07/20 **NO** Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
- 07/20 2:00 PM Hope Pregnancy Center
- 07/21 6:00 PM Before God's Throne Bible Study
- 07/21 **NO** Youth Night
- 07/22 3:00 PM Food Box Distribution
- 07/22 6:00 PM The Most Excellent Way
- 07/23 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 07/25 3:00 PM Deacon's Meeting
- 07/25 6:00 PM Bible Study
- 07/26 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 07/27 9:00 AM Men's Fellowship
- 07/27 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
- 07/27 2:00 PM Hope Pregnancy Center
- 07/28 6:00 PM Before God's Throne Bible Study - Rm 103A
- 07/28 6:00 PM Youth Night
- 07/29 First Day of School (WUSD)
- 07/29 6:00 PM Most Excellent Way
- 07/30 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 07/30 11:30 AM Senior Adult Luncheon - Activity Center
- 08/07 2:00-4:00 PM Ken & Sandy Light – 50th Anniversary Celebration

Upcoming - Ken & Sandy Light's
50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, August 7th, 2:00-4:00pm - Open House
Hubbell Trading Post
523 W Second St.
(No gifts please)