

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

- 5.24.17 Wed. Bible Class Topic Self-care and Facing the Future.
- 5.24.17 FIT Food is due.
- 5.28.17 High School Graduation Honoring Andrew Attal
- 5.28.17 Honduras Mission Item: Lubricating Eye Drops
- 6.1.17 7:00p.m. Blowfish Baseball game. Please turn your money into Sharon
- 6.16.17 Movie Night, 7:00p.m.
- 6.19-24.17 Impact, please be at the church at 10:00a.m.
- 7.16-19.17 VBS 6:00-8:00p.m.

Prayer Requests

- Missions (Matt & Hannah Bridges, Davie Guill, Mike and Kris Bridges)
- Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill (AIM)
- Grayson Carter– Ft. Riley, Kansas;
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii– Wheeler Army Airfield
- Karen Bost & Brian Devereaux
- Steve Izard
- Dan Scott, Friend of Mike Spane
- Patrick Hutto
- Izzy -Robin Smith's Grandchild
- Suzanne Kennedy
- Cottrell/Whitacre Family
- Nelson Bright, Karen Oliver's Uncle
- AJ McElfresh
- Denae Pearson
- Chester Warren
- Sara Hanle
- Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's Niece

“INSTEAD”

We make choices. We choose one thing instead of the other. We do this in big ways such as choose to be married to someone less than perfect instead of living alone. We choose a career outside instead of a career inside. We choose to believe instead of cynicism. Can we think for a moment about our choice to use substances Instead of a life of sobriety? When I think of substance abuse I no longer think of heroin or Cocaine or alcohol, alone. I think of rage, greed, narcissism, lust, mania and the like. These things are all mind and mood altering substances, that rob of us of life and possibilities.

Here is the good news!! The Spirit is the antidote for addiction. I know this is serious business and that addiction robs all the life and often the heartbeat of its victims and I do not offer the Spirit in some cavalier way. Our family has 2 untimely deaths from the following generation caused by addiction and the earlier generation had four. Addiction Kills!

One would do well to truly listen to the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 5:18. He says: Do not get drunk on wine (substitute every means by which you are not sober), which leads to debauchery (substitute every downward spiraling behavior).

Instead: **“Be filled with the Spirit.”** And where does the Spirit lead? The Spirit leads to joy, Joy leads to singing and to expressions of gratitude and praise. Read Ephesians 5:18-20 prayerfully, thoroughly and thoughtfully. You will see a cluster of powerful antidotes to a life of debauchery. They include but are not limited to:

- Speaking to people with God’s songs (words so beautiful they come with and make a melody, and are also true)
- Experiencing music in your soul, with or without a song. The joy is so comprehensive that it makes its own song inside your heart.
- Constant, eternal gratitude, for all that is done in the Heavens and on earth for you.
- Knowing God as your Father (WOW).
- By the Authority of Jesus, who bought this for you and ever lives to help you find it.

The truth is that the Joy, gratitude, and praise are also mind and mood altering substances that grow from the Spirit of God in a human soul. Many have and anyone can receive the Spirit of God and experience this life. So, we get back to a choice. Do you want to be drunk on something or filled with joy, gratitude and praise?

Make the choice, follow God and stick with it like you’ve been sticking with that other stuff, and you too will experience the abundant life.

Your Shepherds

Assembly Times

- Sunday Worship 9:30AM**
- Sunday Class 11 AM**
- AWANA, Sunday 10 AM**
- Wednesday, 7 PM Bible Study**

Weekly Stats

- AM Bible Class 92
- AM Bible Class Average 91
- AM Assembly 184
- AM Assembly Avg. 125
- Contribution \$4,967.20
- YTD Average Weekly \$7,729.12
- Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

Shepherds

- Larry Baker 542.1600**
- Dennis Carter 957.4625**
- Rick Chamberlain 859.409.2063**
- Rom Kellis 608.3423**
- Wayne Kellis 404.376.4085**
- Ernie Oliver 391.1312**

GENERAL INFORMATION

FIT Program

The FIT program is in dire need of food.
 Soup, Chili, Mac & Cheese, Ravioli, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti sauce, Noodles, Crackers, Snack Bars, Fresh Fruit and Meals.
 Donation of money to purchase food.

Anniversaries:

- 5.14 David & Earline White
- 5.29 Rob & Lauren Brannan
- 5.30 Allan & Carolyn Whitacre

Birthdays:

- 5.24 Fay Jex
- 5.27 Eddie Ulmer
- 5.27 Courtney Wisniewski
- 5.28 Russell Watkins
- 5.29 Landrey Daniel

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Online Giving!

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Contact the office for recurring payments.

**Opportunities to Serve
May 28th, 2017**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound: Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:
Brian Devereaux

Servers in May:
Larry Baker
John Turner
Corey Wisniewski
Dennis Carter
Jimmy Kirby

Greeters in May:
Cliff & Carol Brown

Nursery:
Cindy Cox
Leigh Ann Cox
Lauren Brannan

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Missionaries:

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AIM Davie Guill, Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill & Mission UpReach in Honduras: Kris, Mike, Kaylee Bridges, Matt & Hannah Bridges

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YOUTH NEWS

What images pop into your head when you hear the words Vacation Bible School?

If [VBS](#) has been a great experience for you as a child or adult (or both!), you are probably smiling. Some may think of VBS as "old school" or not a worth-while event for our church. Here's why we spend the time and energy to prepare for this event:

1. VBS is a dependable ongoing ministry.

For 90 years, the company we are using has provided trusted VBS resources to churches, reaching more than 25,000 churches and 3 million people annually.

And VBS can be a short-term event with long-term results. With a four-day time frame, VBS offers a chance to pull out all the stops and create an unforgettable experience. Research shows connections made during VBS result in salvations, discovery of church prospects and potential workers for other ongoing children's programs. Also, it is not uncommon for a leader to volunteer to help for "just one week of VBS," and feel God's tug on his or her heart to work with kids permanently.

2. VBS creates lasting memories.

VBS is a special event that creates memories that help lock Bible truths in a child's heart and mind for a lifetime. Birthday parties and other special events have themes that use creativity to evoke feelings of excitement. Games, food, decorations and fun all link together in a total package. VBS does the same thing. When we connect with kids through this ministry, the biblical truths that permeate all aspects of VBS also connect with their hearts and minds.

3. VBS is an opportunity to share the gospel. VBS is an intentional evangelistic opportunity.

The biblical content built into the curriculum lays foundational truths that help kids understand who Jesus is and why they need a personal Savior. The relationships you develop with kids and their families can provide many opportunities to not only show the love of Jesus, but to share the truth of the gospel.

VBS is the resource. Kids will come to love and talk about the events that excite them, engage them, and help them know that God and the people at your church really care about them.

VBS is an opportunity to ignite the imagination of your church and connect with the kids in our church and community.

The methods we use will create memories, but the Gospel message we share will change lives!

Want to connect? Would you like to be a part of this short-term event with long-term effects?

First, please pray. Pray for the teachers, students, and parents who will be attending our VBS this year. Pray for lives to be impacted with the message and love of Jesus Christ.

Second, reach out to me so I can help you get directly involved!

Blessings,
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