

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

8.2.17 Wednesday Night Bible Class, 7:00p.m.

8.5.17 Men's Bible Study Class, 9:00a.m.

8.7-18.17, LICS Volunteers needed to fill bookbags with school supplies, www.licssc.org/specialprojects

8.20.17 Pot Luck/Back To School Bash!

8.22.17 Ladies Night, 7:00p.m., LCOC

Prayer Requests

- Missions (Matt & Hannah Bridges, Davie Guill, Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges)
- Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter- Ft. Riley, Kansas;
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Christine Stewart
- Patrick Hutto
- Izzy -Robin Smith's Grandchild
- Nelson Bright, Karen Oliver's Uncle
- AJ & Jeanie McElfresh
- Sara Hanle
- Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's Niece
- Nate Reynolds
- Eduardo Diaz & Family
- Kaylee Bridges
- Carol Brown and Family
- Matt Baker & Abby Baker

"GIVEN TO YOU"

The world is familiar with the laws of sowing and reaping. The Bible speaks of these laws and affirms these laws. They are true and they function. We all know that there are causes to every effect and consequences for every action. Isaac Newton said, "for every action there is an equal and opposite re-action." The ideas of reaping what you sow is replete in the natural world, especially in agriculture. It is abundantly clear everywhere you go that there is no free lunch and you get what you pay for. We get this in farming, in business, in relationships, and in our civil life.

This whole idea is true and should be studied for its worth. But; there is yet a higher reality or even another dimension to the "effect" we experience. Jesus said "Do not worry saying 'what shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or what shall we wear for the pagans run after all these things and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. Rather, seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be *given* to you *as well*."

What really underpins our lives is not the law of sowing and reaping, although everything will make you believe that. The real thing that underpins our lives is the generosity of God. Jesus calls this God our Father and urges us to seek after Him. What we receive from Him is then a gift. Our salvation is a gift and everything material is a gift as well. In the truest of ways God gives gifts to his children both in the natural and spiritual dimensions. Instead of depending on our own sowing and reaping and working to sharpen that aspect of our lives we should sharpen our focus on seeking after God. If we would but truly seek we would see that our Father has already given more than we could possibly ever have earned. Our lives, and all the things that adorn them, both in the natural and spiritual dimension, are gifts from a hyper-generous Father. That is the number one understanding of life and of achievement. We must get this!!

Let's not be like the wicked servant of Luke 19:20 who got it all completely backwards. He said to God ***You take out what you did not put in and you gather where you have not sown.*** These words are completely backwards. Our Father is the one who makes it possible for us to take from what we did not put in and reap where we have not sown. The truth is we are the benefactors of God's generosity at all levels and in all ways. It's about Him and what He has done for us and not so much about our own sowing and reaping.

Lay your dirty doing down,
Down at Jesus feet,
Rest in Him and Him alone
Gloriously complete!

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 90
AM Bible Class Average 89
AM Assembly 121
AM Assembly Avg. 127
Contribution \$10,896.13
YTD Average Weekly \$7,920.68
Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

Shepherds

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS ARE DUE TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ON THEIR BAPTISMS!

Trevor Daniel
Landrey Daniel
Cassie Sutton

Anniversaries:

8.14 Wayne & Karyl Burress
8.14 Derek & Beth Baxley
8.23 Dave & Carolyn Watkins
8.28 Cale & Raegen Ferguson

Birthdays:

8.3 Dennis Carter
8.5 Wren Hanle
8.5 Carolyn Whitacre
8.6 Kathy Upton
8.6 Trevor Daniel
8.7 Katie Kirby
8.8 Rom Kellis III
8.9 Christine Stewart

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**Opportunities to Serve
August 6, 2017**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound:

Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

Justin Muery

Servers in August:

Dennis Carter
Jimmy Kirby
Brandon Ulmer
Terry Kneece
Travis Jex
Hayden Oliver

Greeters in August:

Mary Turner
Jane Deadwyler

Nursery:

Carol Brown
Meredith Falls
Beth Baxley

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

YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

Wow! What a memorable week at Palmetto Bible Camp! We had a record-breaking 160 teenagers from several different congregations, a wonderful staff, so many awesome speakers, teachers, and counselors, and one amazing God who showed up and acted powerfully all week long. This was my third year attending PBC, and each year I grow to love it even more. Although it involves a ton of preparation that begins almost the day camp ends, a lot of physical, emotional and spiritual work the week of camp, and a bunch of clean up and catch up the week afterwards, but it is well-worth the impact that is made, the friendships that are built, and the love that is felt there. I cherish the sweet smiles on every child's face, the warmth of their hugs, the blessing of hearing their stories, of sharing laughs and tears with them, of playing games with them, and the honor teaching them and experiencing God with them. This year I even had the privilege of washing their feet in my class. What a beautiful, humbling experience that was for me!

I don't think anyone could miss the love and grace that was poured out on the teens this week by every single adult that volunteered their time and energy. In fact, I so appreciate all of those that gave up their vacations, and sacrificed their time with family to spend a week with us at PBC cooking, cleaning, mentoring, teaching, etc. What a blessing it is to have people who love our kids and enjoy spending time with them! You are awesome! Senior Week wouldn't be the same without you!

And parents, let me just say that you have the most amazing kids! Not only did we have three baptisms from our group (Congrats to Trevor and Landrey Daniel and Cassie Sutton!), but we also had a camper of the week, Leigh Ann Cox who displayed a positive and overall great attitude, participated in every activity, encouraged all the other campers, and helped out whenever asked. Honestly, not to take away from Leigh Ann because she was exemplary, but I saw most of these qualities in all of all our kids. You all should be proud!

Blessings, Dawn

KENOSIS: the 'self-emptying' of one's own will and becoming entirely receptive to God's divine will.

The first week of the new book, Pilgrim Heart, generated a healthy discussion of how God fits in the daily activities of our lives and how that's where he prefers to be. This goes against a belief that keeps God a priority on certain days but just as a "friendly reminder" during other days. God is present in every hour of our lives. We start internalizing that in our lives when we take the "downward path" of emptying ourselves and make it a way of life to serve others.

True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant...it clothes the naked. It feeds the hungry. It comforts the sorrowful. It shelters the destitute. It serves those that harm it. It binds up that which is wounded.

This week Corey leads our Wednesday night discussion at 7pm as we focus on Chapters 5,6,7. I look forward to seeing you all there. Brian Devereaux is leading the Saturday morning session and will be focusing on the same chapters at 9am on Saturday.

It has been such an encouraging summer thus far as God has continued to send work our way and He has given us the strength to rise to the occasion.

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline." - 2 Timothy 1:7

Assume it is your job and your moment. Hate apathy. Reject passivity.

#grabtheoar

-Justin