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REFLECTIONS

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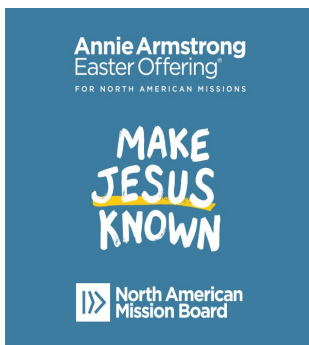
Welcome to Jeremy and Jordan Dudley!

Jeremy has been hired as our Associate Pastor of Families and will start on March 7th. He received a BA in Music Education from Georgia College and State University in 2011 then earned a Master of Divinity in Theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2017.

Jeremy and Jordan have 2 dogs, enjoy music, watching sports and table games. Please give Jeremy and Jordan a warm welcome when they join us in a few weeks!



Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 pm.
Bring the family and snacks. Games will be provided, but you may bring a favorite to play if you have one.



Goal \$4,000
Week of Prayer is
March 3—10, 2024



**Tuesday, March 5
7:00 am—7:00 pm**

Bethesda will be the Polling
Place for Precinct 11.



Happy Easter

Reflections from our Pastor

Dear BBC Burleson Family,

I hope this finds you well. We have been walking through the book of Acts on Sunday mornings. This provides us with a bigger picture view of the acts of the Apostles and what happened to spread the gospel after Christ died and arose from the tomb.

We get to see Saul and then Paul in the book of Acts. We also begin to see the importance that he would have on the area and ultimately the world in his actions and obedience in following God's command.

Paul is the writer for a good portion of what we know as the New Testament in the Bible. In all, Paul authored 13 letters, with seven of them directed to churches. (You could get to 14 total for Paul's writings, depending on how you view the book of Hebrews.) Here is one chronological view of Paul's writings:

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| A.D. 45-47 | Paul's first missionary journey
"No books written" |
| A.D. 51-54 | Paul's second missionary journey
1 and 2 Thessalonians (52-53 A.D. from Corinth) |
| A.D. 54-58 | Paul's third missionary journey
1 Corinthians (57 A.D. from Ephesus)
2 Corinthians (57 A.D. from Macedonia)
Galatians (57 A.D. from Greece)
Romans (58 A.D. from Corinth) |
| A.D. 61-63 | First Roman Imprisonment
Philemon, Colossians, Ephesians, and
Philippians (61 or 62 A.D. from Rome) |
| A.D. 63-67 | Between Imprisonments
1 Timothy (67 A.D. from Macedonia)
Titus (67 A.D. from Ephesus) |
| A.D. 68 | Second Roman Imprisonment
2 Timothy (68 A.D. from Rome) |

In each of Paul's letters there is a single primary theme or focus that he gives us. It is simple, yet incredibly important in doing what God has called each of us to do. His teaching firmly points our attention to the teachings of Jesus. Paul was unapologetic in his approach to what would be required from all of God's people when it came to living the lives we had and our participation on the mission we are sent.

In one of Paul's letters to Titus, Paul indicated what kind of character God's people should have. Titus 2:7-8 reads, "in everything. Make yourself an example of good works with integrity and dignity in your teaching.⁸ Your message is to be sound beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be ashamed, having nothing bad to say about us."

In this there is a call to stand out in this world. That doesn't mean that we are trying to make ourselves famous, but it does or should change our perspective on how we do all of what we do. Looking at this through the passage in Titus, our output should be an example of Jesus displayed without flaw to everyone we encounter.

It is a high bar to live up to. However, Jesus is the only perfect example that we have in this world. Maybe that changes our perspective, as well as the opportunity in front of us. It is through living out this example that we find our purpose on the mission field we are on. It will change the world!

Allen

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MONTHLY REPORT

SUNDAY SCHOOL	February 2024 Monthly Average
Adults	45
Youth	4
Children	3
Extension	4
Visitors	3
TOTAL	59
YEAR AGO	64
ENROLLED	97
A.M. WORSHIP	77
ONLINE WORSHIP	49
TOTAL WORSHIP	126

<u>BUDGET</u>	Budget As of 02/25/24
Weekly Needs - \$6,351.29	

MONTH-TO-DATE

Budget Needs	\$25,405.16
Budget Received	23,329.45
Designated	1,087.70
Total Receipts	\$24,417.15

YEAR-TO-DATE

Budget Needs	\$50,810.32
Budget Received	\$49,759.46
Under	\$(1,050.86)

IN LOVING MEMORY A donation has been given to the church Bereavement Fund in loving memory of Rose Fiscus from Rick Fiscus and family.

A donation has been given to the Sunshine Class in loving memory of Bobby Douglas, son of Lynda McClure, from Linda Burke. Donations have also been made to the Fort Worth Presbyterian Night Shelter from the Sunshine Class and the church, in lieu of flowers.

A donation has been given to Texas Baptist Men in loving memory of Jerrell Countryman, brother of Betty Moore, from James and Glenda Cox.

NOTES

Dear Bethesda Baptist,

Thank you for the use of your building, care and lunch for the family.
The Fiscus Family

Bethesda Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards and prayers during my recent surgery and week away from the office. He answers! I am doing well.

Love,
Peggy

Music Notes

Hymn Story by Bill Dagle



George Matheson was born March 27, 1842 in Glasgow, Scotland. As a young man, it became apparent that he suffered from partial blindness. By the time, he was 18, he was totally blind. Like his contemporary Fanny Crosby, blind since three months of age, Matheson compensated for lost sight with a very sharp mind and memory. Eventually, he became one of Scotland's outstanding preachers. Like Fanny, he had a photographic mind and would preach his sermons from memory. It was June of 1882, and the Matheson family had gathered in Glasgow for a very special event—the wedding of George's sister. Alone that evening in his study, George was overcome by severe mental suffering. Some speculate that his sister's wedding brought back a painful memory of when George's own fiancé rejected him. She said she could not go through life married to a blind man. Whatever the reason, George was compelled to record his feelings on paper. The end result was the hymn, "O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go." Matheson said that some inward voice seemed to dictate the lines and that he was quite sure the whole work was completed in five minutes. The Bible ways that death, nor life, or angels, nor principalities, nor power, nor things to come, nor height, nor death, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39) Is there anything separating you from the love of God? If so, ask for forgiveness, repent, and allow Christ to establish a love that will never end—a love not founded on feelings, but on facts.

O Love that wilt no let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's glow its day May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow thro' the rain, And feel the promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be. The hymn of the month for March: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go.

Have a great week,
Chris



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*"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection
and the life. Whoever believes in me will
live, even though they die"*

JOHN 11:25 CEB

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PLEASE



REMEMBER
TO PRAY FOR...

G.W. & Betty Bain
Mayce Ball
Jerry & June Boelter
Rob Bruner
Barry Calicott-knee surgery 3/26
Elizabeth Clark
Roger & Goldie Clements
William & Marilyn Colyer
Monica Dameron
Barbara George - Morada #209
Carolyn Groves

Bob and Leisa Hardin
Dorothea Hargett - Heritage Place #604
Dale and Ellie Lambert
Lynda McClure & Family
Laura Moncrief & Family
Johnny and Norma Myers
Jordan & Becky Saucedo
Emily Schlotzhauer
Nancy & Rodney Schlotzhauer
Johnny Sherwood - Morada #201
Faye and Paul Stevens

Wayne Taggart - neck surgery
recovery
Ellon Wallace
Chris & Mary Ann Wright -
Chris surgery 3/26
Missionaries
America
Servicemen & 1st Responders

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4 We extend our Christian sympathy to the following families:

Dale and Ellie Lambert in the passing of her brother, Larry Robb.

Lynda McClure in the passing of her son, Bobby Douglas. His service was held at Bethesda on February 24. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fort Worth Presbyterian Night Shelter, 2400 Cypress Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Faye Stevens and her son Paul, in the passing of her son and his brother, Mark Stevens. Arrangements are pending.

MARCH 2024 CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 2

10:00 am Bible Journaling

Sunday, March 3

9:45 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship (In Person and YouTube)

Monday, March 4

7:00 pm Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, March 5 - Election Day

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Precinct 11 Voting at the church

Wednesday, March 6

6:00 pm Churchwide Potluck Meal

6:45 pm Bible Study and Team Kids

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Savings Begins

9:45 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship (In Person and YouTube)

12:00 pm Finance Committee

Monday, March 11

4:30 pm Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

6:00 pm Family Game Night

Wednesday, March 13

6:00 pm Building and Grounds Committee

6:30 pm Business Meeting / Bible Study and Team Kids

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

1:00 pm Women's Touch

Saturday, March 16

8:00 am Men's Breakfast—All men are invited for a home cooked breakfast and devotion time.

Sunday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

9:45 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship (In Person and YouTube)

Monday, March 18

7:00 pm Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

6:00 pm "The Chosen"

Wednesday, March 20

6:30 pm Bible Study and Team Kids

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

9:45 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship (In Person and YouTube)

Easter Musical *Redeemed*

Monday, March 25

Noon High Points

7:00 pm Scouts Meeting

Wednesday, March 27

6:30 pm Bible Study and Team Kids

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

Church offices closed

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

9:45 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship (In Person and YouTube)



The time moves forward an hour on at 2 am on March 10th!

BIRTHDAYS

4 Hayley Vasquez

5 Jack Price

6 Glenda Cox

Johnny Sherwood

9 Brenda Taggart

15 Shelia White

19 Lynda McClure

20 Barbara Crow

21 Thalia Flinn

David Lawson

22 Rodney Schlotzhauer

24 Whitney Decker

26 Goldie Clements

William Lucky

29 Nick Akin

