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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 First Day
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
1:30 Bridal Tea
5:00 Youth Choir Snacks
5:30 Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:30 Evening Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

6:30 Men's Prayer Brkfst
10:00 Church Staff Meeting

WED, AUGUST 15

6:30 Prayer Meeting in FH,
Revolution,
Sanctuary Choir
Practice

DEACONS ON CALL

Mark Vandiver,
Larry Young,
Randy Young

Contact Person for this Week:
Jerry Bell @ 489-1712

11:00 a.m.

*Tommy Wood, Kevin Morrow,
Scott Hatcher, Mark Griffith,
Sam Dowdy, Terry Wood

6:30 p.m.

*Larry Young, Sam Dowdy,
Mark Vandiver, Wally Henry,
G. Rutledge, Billy Montgomery

VITAL SIGNS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018...

Adults.....231
Youth.....48
Children.....58
Preschool.....53
On Campus Total.....390
Graceland.....16
Jail.....12
Total Bible Study.....418
11:00 a.m. Worship.....210
First Day.....254
Total.....464

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Regular Offering.....\$36,722.37
Designated.....\$1,125.00
Total Offering.....\$37,847.37

AS OF JULY 2018 BUIS. MTG..

Budget YTD\$625,100.52
Received YTD.....\$610,213.06

NURSERY WORKERS

FOR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

11:00am

*Casey Peeples
Mark & Janet Crenshaw,
Phil & Darla Webb,
Kerry Koehler

6:30pm

Susan Welch, Kerry Koehler

Parson to Person

As we look at calling our first Children's Minister, I want to share with you some of what I shared with this search committee.

Getting a Children's Minister is a call, not a "hire." It is going to look a lot like a hire in some respects: background checks, expenditure procedures, personnel files and policies, salary, job description, and vacation time. The call of a minister, however, is a bit different.

The call of a minister is something ordained by God. This is the Lord's church, not ours. We want who the Lord wants for us. He knows who and what is best for us. He knows what's ahead of us. The minister will be praying and searching out God's will too.

One can have a good minister and a good church and it not be a good match. So, we need to be in-step and follow Jesus here. This person will lead some of our children to the Lord as their personal Savior. This person will help minister to children as their families go through divorce and other struggles. This person will stand by the gravesides at funerals. A called person will go over and above the job description because they are called to care. They will hurt when we hurt. They will grieve over mistakes. They will carry our burdens with us.

We must be prayerfully seeking the Lord's will. Hopefully, you will spiritually grow through this process. And this needs to become part of your daily life and routine.

This is a group project, but not one where you can sit back. Each of us will have to do some homework. Each of us need to pray about this.

We will be unanimous when we make the call. Each of us will be a ten, on a scale of 1-10 about the call. "What if we aren't all at 10, or if everyone isn't for it?" We will not move forward. As a sign of confirmation, we all need to be on board, all in. I will not feel good about it if we are not all there. Maybe it is a timing thing or maybe it's just a gut feeling.

Some of the fundamentals in the process are that we believe everyone here loves Jesus. We also believe that everyone here loves First Baptist Church. We believe that everyone here loves all of the children of First Baptist. Therefore, we believe everyone's opinion is in keeping of their love for Jesus, First Baptist, and all of our children.

Therefore, we have to be forthright and honest at how we feel, even if you are the only one who feels that way. Therefore, we will honor, revere, and respect your opinion as well as everyone else's opinion. DO NOT HOLD BACK! Share all you got. Ask any question. But don't be rude. If there is a disagreement, then we have a call to prayer. And we will pray.

This is not all that I shared at our first meeting, but these are words for what I shared at the first meeting, according to my notes. I thoroughly enjoyed each and every person in the group and enjoyed our time together. We laughed, we Face-timed those who couldn't be at the meeting physically. We interacted. We prayed. We asked hard questions of each other, of Danielle, of ourselves. Everybody seemed to bring their all to each and every meeting. Along the way, sacrifices of time to family and work were made by each of the committee members. They took this job seriously.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Chad Anthony. Thank you, Kim Cayson. Thank you, Brittany Hill. Thank you, Anna Claire Jefcoat. Thank you, Mark Vandiver. My listing of thank-you's comes from how I saw them sitting at the table during our meetings from my position going left to right.

Blessings,
Ken



Join us at **The Launch**
We will kick off the new year
including our upcoming 7th graders
on Wed, August 8 at 6:30pm
on the Dairy Property.

You are invited to a
Bridal Tea
honoring
Miss Kellon Duff,
Bride-elect of
Casey Shackelford,
on Sunday, August 12
from 1:30pm-3:00pm

S.M.E.D. TRAINING
Sunday, August 19
at 5:30pm in the
Fellowship Hall-
**This class is for anyone
that will be working
with children under
18 yrs. old at FBC.**
(If you attended last
year's class, this class
does not pertain to you!)

Deacon Election
is set for
Sunday, August 26

**BROTHERHOOD
BREAKFAST**
Sunday, August 26
at 7:30am
in the Fellowship Hall



**M & M KICK-OFF
NIGHT**

Wed, August 29 in the Gym

**Join us for a night of fun & games!
Hot dogs, chips, cookies & drinks will be
served!!**

Family Night Supper begins Wed, September 5!!

If you plan to come, please call the church office
and let us know so we can place your name on the
list. ****Our supper list will start fresh this year.**

YOUTH CHOIR
begins on **Sun, Aug. 12**
with snacks at 5:00pm
and rehearsal at 5:30pm



**Deacon's
Meeting**

Sunday, Aug. 19
at 4:00pm in
Eddy Taylor's SS
room

Senior Adult Luncheon
Monday, Aug. 20
at 12:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall
Bring a dish!!

**There's no need to worry
about lunch!!**

Join us on **Sun, Aug. 26**
for a spaghetti luncheon
in the Fellowship Hall.
all proceeds go towards
Living Water trips.

