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Pray that our joy will be contagious

I trust that all of you had a great Labor Day. Some of you were laboring for the Lord even on a holiday. Thanks for the many things that are done behind the scenes that only God knows about. I can't speak for others, but to me, those things bring the greatest joy. May we pray for our joy to be contagious.

Wednesday night was the beginning of our children's programs. Thanks to everyone who helped. If you missed out on the fun, you can come next week. There is always room for one more smiling face and joyful heart. A meal is being served around 5:30 p.m. for \$2.

This past Sunday morning's worship was great. Everyone seemed to be participating as we sang praise to our Lord. May we strive to praise our God with every breath we breathe. I hope to see you next Sunday. Young adults don't forget the new class for you. It is located on the third floor at the north end of the building. Invite someone to come with you.

During September, we will be receiving our Margaret Lackey State mission Offering. Our goal is \$5,500. Pray that our gifts will be used to share Jesus across our state and world.

*In Christ's Love,
Bro. Travis*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 5 **Thelma Hoover**
Sept. 5 **Rev. Travis Gray**
Sept. 6 **Cheyenne Stewart**
Sept. 6 **Emmett McGarr**
Sept. 7 **Wanda Gray**
Sept. 7 **Bailey Colvin**
Sept. 7 **Tadd Cain**
Sept. 7 **Khara Fondren**
Sept. 8 **Cindy Alderman**
Sept. 8 **Stanley Harrison**
Sept. 9 **Freitchie Booth**
Sept. 9 **Trevor Bragg**
Sept. 9 **Christie Young**
Sept. 9 **Tera Fortner**
Sept. 9 **Jessi Brooks**
Sept. 10 **Ruby Kimbrell**
Sept. 10 **Clovis Barnett**
Sept. 10 **Douglas Neal**
Sept. 10 **Ian Garrard**
Sept. 11 **Jarren Holmes**
Sept. 11 **Bill White**



Trials test and increase your faith in Christ

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1:2-4 (ESV)

When we go through the trials of life, probably the last thing we think about is counting it joy to go through that trial. However, James tells us to do just that, for "you

know the testing of your faith produces steadfastness." Webster's Dictionary defines "steadfast" as "firmly fixed in place," or "firm in belief, determination, or adherence." James is telling us that trials test our faith, and this testing of our faith makes us to stand firmly in place and in our beliefs. Trials should increase our faith in Christ, and this will make us "perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

One last thing that we can re-

member to help us through trials when our faith in God is shaken and we question Him - it can be in our weakness when God is glorified the most. Let God use your difficulty to bring glory to Himself, and praise Him for it! Remember, it's not about us; it's about the glory of the Father.

*Have a blessed week,
Bro. Jason*

We are to be content in whatever circumstances God puts us through

There are a lot of people in the church today that are misinformed about the "prosperity gospel" or the "health and wealth gospel." Also, there are many people that are misinformed to who is teaching these heresies. Two people that I would like to point out are Joel Osteen and Joyce Meyer. On the outside these two speakers claim to be preachers of the Word of God. Quite frankly, they are anything but that. The reason that these two speakers are apart of the "prosperity gospel" is because of the message they teach. They teach that if you give money to them then you will gain something in return from God. That is not what we are taught in the Bible at all. Paul teaches us in Philippians that we are to be content in whatever circumstance God puts us through.

We all want more and we all want good health but giving money to someone will NOT give us that. Our hope should be found solely in Christ as our Savior. If Christ's perfect sacrifice was not enough for you then you probably need to rethink where you are with The Lord. There are so many people that are desperate for relief and want so much more that what they are getting. Jesus says this, "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." There are many false teachers among us today and we are to be aware of them. Joel Osteen and Joyce Meyer only scratch the surface.

*Blessings,
Kevin Barnette*

Join us for G-Force where we will learn that God gives us courage

Hey everybody! I hope you enjoyed your three-day weekend!

We will have G-Force this Sunday, Sept. 8. I hope all of our new first graders will come and join us as well as any others who haven't been coming. Since we haven't met in a couple of weeks, I want to remind you of what were are talking about in this series of lessons, called "Zooplusion." We are learning lessons from the animals in the

Bible. This week, we will be learning that God will give us the courage to do the things he wants us to do, so we shouldn't be afraid to obey Him. Our story will be about Daniel being thrown into the lion's den when he did what God wanted him to do which was to pray to God, not to someone else. Our Bible verse is from Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation —so why should I be afraid? The

Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?" I hope you will come and join us!

Also, don't forget about MISSION: Wednesday for all children Pre-K through the sixth grade! Starts at 4:45 p.m. each Wednesday afternoon. It's going to be great so I hope you'll all come join us! Have a good weekend!

*Love,
Mrs. Anita*

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 8
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship in the FLC
11:00 G-Force (Children's Worship grades 1-6)
5:00 GROW
5:15 Ignite (Bible study for youth)
6:00 Evening Worship in the FLC

Monday, September 9

2:30 Stella WMU

Wednesday, September 11

4:45 MISSION Wednesdays
6:30 Prayer & Praise Service
6:30 Revelation (Youth Bible Study & Worship)
7:15 Adult Worship Choir Practice

***** Bro. Travis, Jason, Terry & Lydia will be in revival at 7 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday at Pine Forest Baptist. Come join the fun!

THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, food, visits and phone calls for my sister, Billie Christmond. Y'all have been such a blessing to us during this time.
Jane Love & family

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers for me during my recent surgery and ongoing recovery. I have used my prayer shawl you gave me several years ago — and once again I felt completely surrounded by your love and prayers!
Lisa Stewart



SEPTEMBER ITEMS OF THE MONTH
**WASHCLOTHES,
SOAP & \$7 SHIPPING**
Bring your OCC donations by the church office or OCC Collection Closet TODAY!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Adult.....	143
Young Adult.....	1
College/Career.....	10
Youth.....	29
Children.....	15
Preschool/Nursery.....	13
Golden Living Center.....	23
TOTAL.....	234

FINANCIAL

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$14,643.25
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,413.35
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$364,467.25
Gifts to Date.....	\$370,218.75
Over Budget.....	\$5,751.50

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

Current balance.....	\$300.00
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VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Nursery — Amy Carson
Children's Church — Carol Turner
Sanctuary Flowers — Glen & Gayle Earnest

CHURCH STAFF

Travis Gray—Pastor
W. S. Stewart, Sr.—Pastor Emeritus
Jason Carson—Music Minister/Assoc. Pastor
Kevin Barnette—Youth Director
Anita Russell—Children's Director
Yvonne Hitt—Financial Secretary
Marcelle Robertson—Custodian
Kathy Bailey—Librarian
Sara Hitt—Church Clerk
Gwen Sisson—Church Secretary