

The Baptist Record

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



How can we stop short of total surrender and complete obedience?

Sunday was a great day of worship. The singing of praise and the observance of the Lord's Supper made us remember why we are here. Church is not a spectator sport. It offers us one of the greatest opportunities to be involved in the work of the gospel of Jesus. When we remember what He has done and is continuing to do, how can we stop short of total surrender and complete obedience?

This Sunday, we will be receiving nominations for deacons at the close of the service. Each person will have an opportunity to nominate five men to serve as a deacon for the next three years. Please be in prayer for those that God would have serve as deacon. It is important to the life of our church.

The new church year will be beginning soon. Thanks to everyone who serves in so many different ways. One of the greatest opportunities to serve is on Wednesday nights. We need a lot of workers with servant hearts to touch lives for eternity. We need help with music, bible study, food and recreation, and outside patrol. If you would like to help, we will have a meeting on Aug. 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Small group Bible studies will begin on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. Sign up outside the church office or call if you want more information.

Be in prayer for the youth minister search committee. They are at work looking for the person God has to serve with us.

*In Christ's Love,
 Bro. Travis*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Aug. 4 *Shirley Griffin*
- Aug. 5 *Steven Murphy*
- Aug. 6 *Debbie Farley*
- Aug. 7 *Glynda Wilson*
- Aug. 8 *Harold Whitaker*
- Aug. 8 *David Murphy Jr.*
- Aug. 8 *Sandra Dewberry*
- Aug. 8 *Angela Robertson*
- Aug. 9 *Charlie Gray*
- Aug. 10 *Reginald Nabors*
- Aug. 10 *Donna Gladney*



I want to sing with a thankful, worshipful heart

So, I think true Worship begins with a thankful heart. Of course this sounds a bit silly. Why would we worship anything if we weren't thankful? When I come to a church service, or as we say worship service, I think about the God I am worshiping, Jesus, and I am thankful. I'm thankful because I get to know Him! I'm thankful He made a way for me to know Him, and He forgave my sins! I'm thankful because of an eternity in heaven, I get to be with Him and a whole lot of folks I've loved and who've loved me.

I'm thankful for the people He has allowed me to get to know through the years, many of you are right here. John wrote in Revelation 7:11-12: "And all the Angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, 'Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.'" If they are giving thanksgiving to God in heaven, I

want to give it here!!! I must give Him thanks to truly worship Him! When we come together to worship, I want to sing with a thankful heart!

This Wednesday, during choir, we will be listening to our Christmas Music, and begin rehearsing. I can't believe it's already time to start on Christmas. Make plans to join us and plan to join us Sunday to worship Jesus! We have so much to be thankful for.

I look forward to worshipping with you Sunday.

John

Little lives were showered with the love of Jesus this summer

Wow! The Summer has flown by and school is about to start back. I want to say thank you again for all the volunteers who helped out and went to children's camp and helped at VBS.

The children's ministry could not be what it is without you. I know lots of little lives were showered with Jesus' love through you.

So now, looking forward to the new school year, we have many activities that will be coming up.

First, this Friday night, Aug. 5 we are planning a "Back to School Celebration" for children and their parents to play volleyball and other games in the gym. The time will be from 6-8 p.m. We will have snacks and drinks. Hope everyone can join us.

Sunday, Aug. 7, we will have G-force starting back. G-force is a children's worship time that takes place in the fellowship hall during the worship service time. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited. I do

need a rotation of volunteers, either adult or Youth, if anyone can help out that would be wonderful!

Sunday, Aug. 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, we will have a meeting about upcoming children's activities on Wednesday and Sunday nights. I ask everyone to please pray for all the upcoming activities and come to the meeting to learn more and volunteer.

Sunday, Aug. 21 we will have a fellowship time in the gym to watch the movie, "God's Not Dead 2." The children will be selling concession stand type food to benefit the children's ministry.

I want to end by sharing this verse: Colossians 3:17. It says "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Let this be our prayer as we make plans that we do them to honor God so that lives can be changed through Him.

Charla

AT CHURCH THIS WEEK:

Sunday, August 7
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Morning Worship
 11:00 G-Force (Worship for children grades K-6)
 4:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 5:15 Youth Bible Study
 6:00 Evening Worship

Tuesday, August 8
 2:30 Stella Kyzar WMU

Wednesday, August 10
 9:30 OCC Workshop
 6:00 Youth Bible Study
 6:30 Prayer & Praise Service
 7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal

ITEMS OF THE MONTH

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Join us for the next OCC Workshop on Aug. 10 @ 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Thank you...

Church family — Thank you all so much for all of your kindness during my recent injuries. Thank you all for the cards, food, flowers and prayers. I am so appreciative of the prayer shawl and the sweet ladies that are a part of that ministry. Thank y'all so much for caring for me!

JANE LOVE

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD 7/31/16

Adult.....	139
Young Adult.....	8
College/Career.....	1
Youth.....	15
Children.....	21
Preschool/Nursery.....	13
Nursing Home.....	19
TOTAL.....	216

FINANCIAL 7/31/16

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$15,204.00
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,694.42
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$331,527.02
Gifts to Date.....	\$321,188.34
UNDER Budget.....	-\$10,338.68

ORGAN PIPE FUND 7/31/16

Current Balance.....	\$23,895.00
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CHURCH STAFF

- Travis Gray — Pastor
- John Herring — Music Minister/Assoc. Pastor
- Charla Boatman — Children's Director
- Yvonne Hitt — Financial Secretary
- Gwen Sisson — Church Secretary
- Marcelle Robertson — Custodian
- Leanne McGarr — Librarian
- Jo Faulkenbery — Church Clerk

