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Pastor

Church Newsletter

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A Message from the Pastor

July was a great month! We had a mission team in Washington and a there is a team heading to Belize tomorrow (7/25). Attendance at our Sunday worship services was good despite the many of us who vacation in the summer. We finished the first of the two Everybody Bible Studies with strong participation. And...we had great fellowship!

I've written in the past about the importance of Biblical Fellowship to the over-all health of the church. Fellowship is both the result of a healthy church body and develops a healthy church body. The success of our church fellowships can be attributed to volunteers. The men and women who organize, plan, cook and clean make our fellowship gatherings work! A good example is the Hamburger/Hotdog fellowship that was held after the second service on July 14th. What a great time! The kitchen crew did an awesome job, as always! John Mayes, with some help from the other deacons and a few other guys, cooked up a storm! The burgers were so good! I was absolutely blessed by the whole event! Thank you, Jesus!

Colossians 3:23-24 New International Version (NIV)

²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

I've been praying about the quickly approaching Fall. September is the month we get back to "normal". School starts, the Men's and Women's Ministries re-start, a new study will start for the Wednesday evening service. It's a great time to start something new.

For the church, I'm praying about how we can do life together better. I believe that we can be more intentional and focused on creating working small groups (like DLife) to better do life together. In the Book of Acts we find this:

Acts 4:31-33 New King James Version (NKJV)

³¹And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Sharing in All Things

³²Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. ³³And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

They were of one heart and one soul. That's what I'm talking about! How did they get there? They prayed.

Will you join me this month, August 2019, in praying for Unity in the church and for the Lord's guidance on how we can do life together better?

God bless,
Pastor Rob

August Calendar

Sunday, August 04

- Lord's Supper Services
- Quarterly Report Deadline

August 09 –10

- Youth Lock In

Monday, August 12

- Church Council Information Deadline

Wednesday, August 14

- Quarterly Business Meeting
- Italian Themed Pot Luck

Thursday, August 15

- Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, August 18

- Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser

Monday, August 19

- CCISD 1st day of school

Tuesday, August 20

- September Newsletter Information Deadline

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 9:30 am	1st Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	1st Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	Children's Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 am	Berean Adult Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am	Youth Bible Study (Jr. & Sr. High Classes)	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am	1st Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 — 11:00 am	2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	Children's Church/Pre-K Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
11:00 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
1:15 — 2:00 pm	Retirement Ministry Worship Service	Regal Estates, 500 Enterprise, League City

Monday

6:30 pm..... Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship (On SUMMER BREAK, will resume Sept 2) 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Wednesday

6:30 — 7:30 pm..... Youth Discipleship (6th-12th grades) **meeting with the Everybody Bible Study
 6:30 — 7:30 pm..... Everybody Bible Study 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 6:30 — 7:30 pm..... Nursery 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)



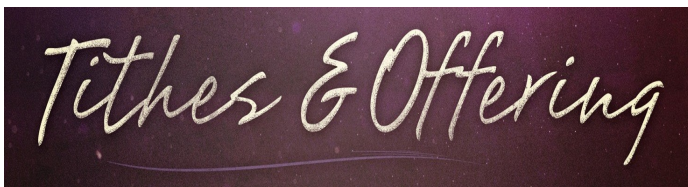
Regular Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
 9:30 AM—1:30 PM

The Church office is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. The main office phone number is 281-474-3281. If you call while the office is closed or after hours please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

August 2019 Tellers

Aug 04 John & Cheryl Harrison, Mike & Cindy Treece
 Aug 11 Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
 Aug 18 Gene & Heather Engel
 Aug 25 Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long



A look at the church finances...General Funds

June 2019.....\$26,574.21

Thank you for your faithful giving!



Birthdays

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Evie Kerry
Rose Botkin
Creedence Crawford
Shirley Holquin
Adrianna Guinn
Aaron O'Neal
Rick Wilk Jr.
Aaron Augustine Jr.
Larry Roberts
Alex Newell



Cheryl Harrison
Andy Abernathy
Linda Teague
Dennis Stockman
Silas Crawford
Evelynn VanDerbeck
Loraine Pinnock
Alli Mayes



Quarterly Report Deadline

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Reporting on May/June/July



The purpose of the Church Council is to correlate and coordinate the activities of the church, in other words... plan and outline the church calendar.

The Church Council is composed of the Pastor, Servant Leader, Administrative Staff and ALL Directors.

CALENDAR information for September and October is due in the church office no later than Monday, August 12th.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

6:30 PM



Italian Themed Pot Luck Supper

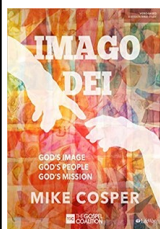
August 14, 2019

Immediately following the business meeting

Please bring your favorite Italian dish to share

Everybody Bible Study ~ Summer Series ~ Part 2

Continues Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm



EBBS #2 ~ "Imago Dei" (Image of God) by Mike Cosper. This study reveals truths about God's Image, God's People and God's Mission. Continues meeting on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm: August 7, August 21, 28 and September 4. *(Not meeting on August 14th—Quarterly Business Meeting)*

Ladies Lunch Bunch

All ladies of the church are invited!

Thursday, August 15, 2019

Please check with Gloria Henry for details.



R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry (6th through 12th grade)

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Jr. High and Sr. High Sunday School classes meet every Sunday, 9:30—10:30 am in the first portable building directly behind the main church building.

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Wednesday Discipleship meets from 6:30—7:30 pm in the first portable building directly behind the main church building.



August 9—10, 2019
Friday 8:00 pm
through
Saturday, 7:00 am

Doors will open at 8:00 pm and the youth will assemble in the Worship Center for a night of fun, food, and fellowship. All youth attending MUST have a permission slip filled out and turned in by a parent. Parents, please pick up your child by 7:00 am Saturday morning. **In order to have a lock-in, we much have adult volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer for a shift, or if you feel like hanging out all night, please sign-up in the hallway.**

Sunday, August 18

The youth will host a **Bake Sale Fundraiser** after each service. Please stop by our table and get some goodies on your way home.



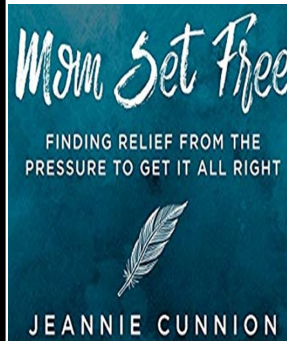
Sunday, August 25 ~ YOUTH TEACH CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The youth will teach Children's Church during the 1st service. Youth, please be in the Children's Church room by 9:15 am ready to serve

Deadline
for SEPTEMBER 2019

Newsletter Submissions

Tuesday,
August 20, 2019



Coming this Fall!

Every Monday Morning
September 14th – October 21st
Time: T/B/D

Nursery Provided

Student Workbook Cost: \$13.00
Led by: Cheryl Harrison

As moms, we're under constant pressure. We try sooooo hard to get it right in all areas of life... work, home, family, and faith. All because our children's futures hinge on our ability to perfectly orchestrate the present.

But those impossible standards leave us oscillating between worry, fear, anger, and shame. They threaten to steal all the wonder from parenting, life, and our personal relationship with God.

In this 7-session study, discover how the gospel message can empower you to parent in the freedom of God's sovereignty. So that you can breathe deeper, walk lighter, and enjoy your children—and the parenting journey—more than ever before.

Benefits:

- *Thrive in what God has asked you to carry by abandoning all He hasn't asked of you.*
- *Embrace your significance in your children's lives in light of God's sovereignty.*
- *Trust God with the children He has entrusted to you.*
- *Receive the Lord's grace, so you can reflect that grace to your children.*
- *Learn to stop trying so hard and allow yourself to simply enjoy your kids.*



August 2019 Lamplight ~ *Everything That Has Breath*



Last night I watched a program on Netflix called “Blown Away.” It is a typical competition show with Glassblowers who compete for money and prizes. So far, I must say that this show is both informative and entertaining.

Each episode has specific project guidelines that must be followed by the competitors. Then the judges score their glass work based on the guidelines. Someone wins and someone goes home. So far, I’ve watched four episodes, and it’s beyond me how the glassblowers can create such beautiful pieces with sand, chemistry, heat, and breath, along with a lot of molding and creativity.

The guidelines for one of the episodes was to create some form of food or something that had a purpose for food. The artists came up with various pieces, but I particularly liked the three-piece taco holder set. It was crystal clear glass and it had an obvious purpose.

The book of Genesis proves that our God is a creative creator, but just for fun let’s take a closer look at Genesis 2:7...

“...the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.”

The competitors on “Blown Away” made some beautiful creations with sand and breath, but if you dropped any one of those pieces on the ground they would shatter and no longer have a purpose.

God formed us from the dust of the earth and then breathed life into us. And let us never forget that He created us with a purpose...

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” ~ Ephesians 2:8-10.

God has a purpose for us, and He makes sure we have everything we need to fulfill His purpose...

“His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” ~ 2 Peter 1:3.

How blessed we are that we have a creative creator who gives us purpose!

*“Let everything that has **breath** praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.” ~ Psalm 150:6*

Remember this, you are loved, and you are always in my prayers!

In Christ,
Cheryl



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4  9:30 & 11:00 AM Lord's Supper Services Quarterly Report Deadline	5	6	7  6:30 PM Everybody Bible Study	8	9  Youth Lock-In 8 pm Friday until 7 am Saturday	10
11	12  Church Council Information Deadline	13	14 6:30 PM Quarterly Business Meeting → Italian Themed Pot Luck following Meeting	15  Ladies Lunch Bunch	16	17
18  Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser	19  CCISD	20  Deadline for September Newsletter	21  6:30 PM Everybody Bible Study	22	23	24
25	26	27	28  6:30 PM Everybody Bible Study	29	30	31