

Rev. Rob Purdy Pastor

# Church Newsletter

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# A Message from the Pastor

One of my favorite things to do is taking long drives. On those drives I add miles to my odometer and I also add pounds to my body! Long drives and snacking are synonymous to me! Depending on the direction I am driving, I have a pre-determined list of snack stops; Buc-ee's, Praseks, Woody's, a certain pecan stand on Highway 59 all are on the list. I'll even go out of my way sometimes to hit certain food stops. I've been known to drive 40 miles out of the way for a pizza at Panjo's Pizza in Rockport!

My wife, on the other hand, doesn't like long drives. She is also far more health conscious than I am and likes to pack snacks rather than stop on the road. She will pack healthy snack options and healthy drinks.

What's your list of Top Road Trip Snacks?

What about Spiritual snacks?

Psalm 119:103

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

God's word satisfies us and keeps us moving! One taste and you'll want more! God's Word is healthy physically, mentally and spiritually!

Here are few of my favorite "snacks"!

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil. 4:13

And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed. Deut. 31:8

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Consider packing God's Word wherever you go! Memorize these verses or some of your favorites. You'll find it much easier to resist the "pit stops" offered by the world when you have the Word!

You'll also find it easier to resist all the Valentine's Day Chocolates this month!

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

God bless, Pastor Rob

#### February Calendar

#### Saturday, February 01

Church Workday

#### Sunday, February 02

Lord's Supper Services

#### Tuesday, February 04

· Quarterly Report Deadline

#### Saturday, February 08

YOUTH: Kemah Boardwalk

#### Sunday, February 09

 Last day to order Valentine Grams

#### Wednesday, February 12

- Valentine Banquet
- · Valentine Grams pick up

#### Friday, February 14

YOUTH: Valentine Gram Delivery

#### Wednesday, February 19

Quarterly Business Meeting

#### Thursday, February 20

March Newsletter Deadline

#### Saturday, February 22

• YOUTH: Spud Run Prep

#### Sunday, February 23

- Youth to teach Children's Church—1st service
- Spud Run Youth Fundraiser

# Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday

Januay		
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
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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)
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		Regal Estates, 500 Enterprise, League City
Monday		
10:00 pm	Women's Ministry Winter Bible Study	*Will not meet on 02/17* 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
		1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
Wednesday		
6:00 — 7:30 pm Yo	outh Community Outreach (6th-12th grades)	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	



**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.

## **February Tellers**

Feb. 02	John & Cheryl Harrison and Mike & Cindy Treece
Feb. 09	Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
	TBD
Feb. 23	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long

# Tithes & Offering

#### A look at the church finances...

General Fund November 2019 Contributions December 2019 Contributions	 Thank you for
Building Fund November 2019 Contributions December 2019 Contributions	your faithful giving!
Missions Fund	giving:

November 2019 Contributions ......\$494.00 December 2019 Contributions ......\$746.00



Birthdays



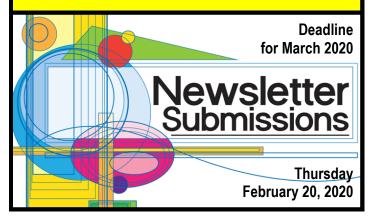


# **Quarterly Report Deadline**

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Reporting on November, December & January

Please turn in Quarterly Reports to the office no later than Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. The **Quarterly Business Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.



# Church V



Saturday, February 1, 2020 9:00 am — 2:00 pm

We plan to work in the old Wells Fargo bank building.



Wednesday, February 12, 2020

For details please see Mandy Stilwell.

### **Vacation Bible School 2020**



Mark your calendars! June 15—19, 2020 9:00 am—3:00 pm

VBS is open to all kids going into Kindergarten through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2020/2021 school year. We will also be accepting youth volunteers (7<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> graders) to help assist the teachers and leaders.

Registration for First Baptist Church of Seabrook members and Seabrook Residents opens on March 2, 2020.

Registration for all those who live outside the Seabrook community opens on April 1, 2020.

Keep checking the website www.fbcseabrook.org for continual updates. Also, please prayerfully consider volunteering as a teacher or leader this year as we always need willing hands to help. Contact Ashley VanDerbeck, VBS Director, for any questions at fbcseabrookvbs@yahoo.com.



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

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Sunday School meets every Sunday, 9:30—10:30 am in the #1 portable building directly behind the main church building.

**R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Wednesday Discipleship and Activities** will start at **6:00 pm** during the month of February. Youth will meet at the church and go out into the community to participate in **Love That Sticks**. We will be writing notes of encouragement with Scripture on "sticky notes" and placing the notes throughout the community to encourage our neighbors.



**BLESSING BAGS** ~ The youth will be collecting items to go into Blessing Bags which will be distributed to the homeless in our community. Items in need are toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, soap and shampoo.



Saturday, February 8 ~ The youth will meet at the church at 9:00 am and leave for the boardwalk at 9:30 am. Each person will need \$15 for wristbands and money for food and drinks throughout the day.

#### <u>Sunday, February 9</u> ~ Valentine Gram Fundraiser Ends.

Choose and Order your package:

- •Dog House \$15 (Card, Box of Chocolates)
- In Love \$20 (Card, Box of Chocolates, Flowers)
- •True Love \$30 (Card, Box of Chocolates, Flowers, and a Stuffed Animal)
- Personalize all packages with cards that you can fill out for your loved one and personalize "True Love" package by choosing a stuffed animal.
- •Choose your \*preferred\* delivery time on Friday, February 14. Delivery times are 10:00—11:00 am, 11:00a—12:00 pm, 12:00—1:00 pm, 3:00—4:00 pm, 4:00—5:00 pm, 5:00—6:00 pm or 6:00—7:00 pm (or packages may be picked up on Wednesday evening (February 12) at the Church Valentine Banquet),

#### Saturday, February 22 ~ Spud Run Prep

The youth will meet at the church at 10:00 am to prepare the potatoes and all the trimmings. The more help we have the faster it will go, so please plan to come.

<u>Sunday, February 23</u> ~ Youth to teach CC during 1st service Youth please meet in the Children's Church room no later than 9:15 am. Come ready to have a great time leading our children.

Sunday, February 23 ~ Spud Run Fundraiser
The Youth will host a Spud Run Fundraiser after
each service. Please stop by our table in the foyer
and get your fully loaded baked potato before you leave.



#### **Upcoming Events for March:**

Month-Long Fundraiser ~ Journey of Faith Candles Friday, March 13 ~ Pizza/Movie/Game Night (5-8p) Saturday, March 21 ~ Neighborhood Prayer Walk Sunday, March 22 ~ Youth teach Children's Church Sunday, March 22 ~ Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser

#### **Upcoming Events for April:**

Saturday, April 4 ~ Youth serve at the Houston Food Bank Sunday, April 12 ~ Breakfast after Sunrise Service Friday, April 17 ~ A Night of Magic with Rick Hebert Saturday, April 18 ~ Spud Run Prep Sunday, April 19 ~ Youth host Spud Run Fundraiser Sunday, April 19 ~ Youth to go bowling Sunday, April 26 ~ Youth teach Children's Church



#### February 2020 Lamplight - Scooby Snacks

My daughter Sarah called me a few nights ago to share a Woofles story. Let me explain...

Sarah and Danny have two dogs. Jack is Danny's dog and Woofles is Sarah's dog. When Woofles goes outside he tends to be easily distracted by other animals. To combat this problem, Danny attached a small snack pouch to Woofle's leash. Now, when another animal arrives on the scene, Danny uses discipline commands and snack rewards to keep Woofles focused. So far, this has worked well.

But wait... there's more to the story. Did I mention that Woofles is Sarah's dog? Well, it seems that Woofles is now following Danny around the house more than he follows Sarah. Aww... does this mean that Woofles has a new master?

When Sarah finished her story, I told her not to worry because it was all about the snacks. Woofles doesn't love Danny more than he loves Sarah. He just loves Scooby snacks and wants to be close to the snack-giver.

Before we finished our conversation, I was already formulating this article. Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that believers are like dogs. According to Jesus, we are more like sheep. What I am saying is... scriptural applications can be found in most life situations.

Here are a few that came to mind...

When we are distracted, the Lord may use discipline to draw us back to his side.

The Lord rewards us when we obey.

Once you have experienced blessing from the Lord, you always want more.

The world misses us when we follow the Lord.

Believers need discipline... God disciplines us for our good so that we will share in His Holiness. (Hebrews 12:10)

**Believers follow Jesus...** Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

**Believers seek God...** Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

God rewards us with His presence... Come near to God and He will come near to you. (James 4:8)

Believers are set apart from the world... This world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:17)

**Faithful Believers enter God's Divine Joy...** His master said, Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness! (Matthew 25:21)

There is nothing that can separate us from God. Distractions come and go, but his discipline helps us learn how to deny ourselves and follow him. He faithfully strengthens our faith so that we will believe and earnestly seek him. He blesses us with his presence, sets us apart from the world and invites us into his divine joy.

But wait... there is more... His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (2 Peter 1:3)

One more...How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you. (Psalm 32:19)

At times it may feel like we live in a dog's world, but because of his great love for us, God who is rich in mercy has made us alive in Christ (Eph.2:4). This should give us pause... or should I say paws? Selah.

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

In Christ, Cheryl

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9:30—10:30 AM 10:45—11:00 AM 10:45—Noon	Youth Sunday School 1st Worship Service 2nd Adult Coffee Fellows 2nd Nursery / Children's ( 2nd Worship Service	hip Church / Pre-K Church	Worship Schedule			9:00 – 2:00 Church Workday
2	10:00 AM Women's Ministry Winter Bible Study	DEAD LINE	6:00 PM Youth Community Outreach	6	7	KEMAT 8
9:30 & 11:00 AM Lord's Supper	6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Ministry, Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship	Quarterly Report Deadline	6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study			9:00 AM YOUTH GROUP Kemah Boardwalk Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Last Day or order Valentine Grams	10:00 AM Women's Ministry Winter Bible Study  6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Ministry, Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship		Valentine's BANQUET  Valentine Grams may be picked up during the Banquet		10:00 – 1:00 & 3:00 – 7:00 YOUTH Valentine Gram Delivery	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Ministry, Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship		6:30 PM Quarterly Business Meeting	SLETTER. W. STADLIN		10:00 AM Youth Prep for Spud Run
23	24	25	26 6:00 PM	27	28	29
Youth to teach CC (9:15-10:30am)	10:00 AM Women's Ministry Winter Bible Study 6:30 PM		Youth Community Outreach			
Youth Spud Run Fundraiser	Men's Monday Night Ministry, Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship		6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study			