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Church Newsletter

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A Message from the Pastor

Acts 1:8 New King James Version (NKJV) *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

The above scripture is the blueprint for our church's missions efforts. We are committed to evangelizing in four different fields. We do that by planting seeds, helping to tend the field and then helping in the harvest.

Our Jerusalem is Seabrook and it's surrounding communities. We planted seeds during our very successful VBS. 24 youth volunteers, 36 adult volunteers (Led by Ashley VanDerbeck) ministered to 98 children for five days. The immediate harvest was 12 decisions for Christ. The Lord knows what will come of the other seeds that were planted! A huge "thank you" from a very proud pastor to a church that works so well together!

Our Judea is Texas. Four members of our church impacted the Texas Republican Convention for the cause of Christ last week. This is an important mission field! Please read the report printed in this edition of the Newsletter.

Samaria is North America. We plant in this field in several ways. Our church is actively involved in supporting Blast and Cast Men's Ministry. Through our involvement with Blast and Cast over 12,000 heard the gospel through a Memorial Day video. 52 men attended an event in Matagorda and six folks were baptized! Harvest!!!!

We are sending a mission team to Darrington, Washington to assist Mountain View Baptist Church hold a VBS. In addition to helping with the VBS the team will be participating in community surveying with church planters hoping to identify new fields to plant churches!!!

For 12 years our "end of the earth" ministry has been in Senegal, specifically, in Mbour, Senegal through our mission house, "Keru Naan." Your faithfulness and perseverance in this difficult mission field has yielded a wonderful and exciting harvest. June saw the graduation ceremony of another class of church planters. The church planting school is held in various locations, including Keru Naan, and is designed to equip Senegalese believers with the tools needed to plant churches. There are now 27 church plants! The church's attendance ranges between 3-30 with the average being 10. Please continue to pray for Senegal!!!!

I was reminded this week about the Sovereignty of God. He is sovereign in ALL things. He is sovereign in the floods, in the border and immigration issues, in our personal struggles and in the church.

"Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all". 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

God bless,
Pastor Rob

July Calendar

Sunday, July 1

- Lord's Supper Services
- Final Weigh-In for Tomato Challenge

Wednesday, July 4

- Independence Day
- Church Office Closed
- No Evening Services

Friday, July 13

- Movie & Popcorn Night

Sunday, July 15

- Bake Sale Youth Fundraiser

Friday, July 20

- August Newsletter Deadline

July 20-21

- Youth Lock-In (8pm - 7am)

Sunday, July 29

- 5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Coming In August

- Aug. 05 ~ Quarterly Reports Due
- Aug. 15 ~ Church Council Mtg.
- Aug. 15 ~ Italian themed pot luck
- Aug. 16 ~ Ladies Lunch Bunch
- Aug. 20 ~ Newsletter Deadline
- Aug. 22 ~ Quarterly Business Mtg

Weekly Schedule

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	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	(No service on 1st Sunday) Regal Estates, 500 Enterprise, League City

Monday

6:30 pm..... Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship *On Summer Break ~ resumes 09/03* 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Wednesday **No Evening Service on July 4th

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



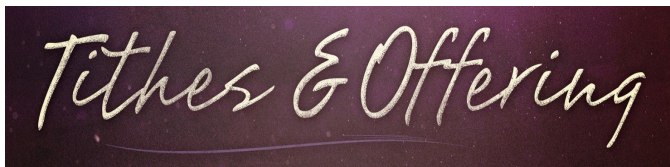
**** Office Closed ****
Wednesday, July 4, 2018

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.

July 2018 Tellers

July 01	John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix
July 08	Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
July 15	Gene & Heather Engel
July 22	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long
July 29	Mary Johnson, Linda Long and Juliet Wall



A look at the church finances...General Funds

May 2018.....\$26,793.30

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Do you need prayer?

**We would love to
pray for you!**

[Click Here for Prayer Form](#)

Birthdays

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Noah Mewborn
Rachel Kerry
Peter Johnson
Faith VanDyke
Farren Friedell
Stacey Shoop
Joe Augustine
Cody Pettyjohn



Bettye Boyd
Lea Anderson
BJ Auguste
Patricia Gibson
Cindy Treece
John Henry
Heather Engel

Inaugural Tomato Challenge... Beat Brett Langham



Weigh-In Closes July 1, 2018



Everybody Summer Bible Study

This Bible Study challenges the popular and trending philosophies of the day, while presenting compelling evidence for absolute truth as found in Jesus and revealed in Scripture.

WEDNESDAY'S, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

July 4, 2018 – Not Meeting
July 11, 2018 – Session 3 – True For You, But Not For Me
July 18, 2018 -Session 4 – We Don't Need God
July 25, 2018 – Session 5 – Whatever Makes You Happy
August 1, 2018 – Session 6 – Conversation That Count
August 8, 2018 – Hamburger Fellowship



Sunday, July 01, 2018

**OBSERVANCE OF
THE LORD'S
SUPPER**

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service



Independence Day ~ July 4, 2018

No Evening Services

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Movie & Popcorn

Friday, July 13, 2018

Doors open at 6:30 pm
Movie starts at 7:00 pm



NEWSLETTER

August Newsletter Deadline

Friday, July 20, 2018



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 begin at 6:30 pm, and end at 7:30 pm. The Youth will join the Everybody Bible Study in the worship center.

Wednesday, July 4 ~ No Evening Service

Sunday, July 15 ~ Bake Sale Fundraiser
9:30 & 11:00 am Worship Service

July 20—21 (8:00 pm—7:00 am) ~ Youth Lock-In

Sunday, July 22 ~ Youth Lead Children's Church
The youth will lead Children's Church during the first service. Please be in the Children's Church classroom by 9:15 am. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

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Aug. 05 ~ Quarterly Reports Due (May/June/July)

Aug. 15 ~ Church Council Meeting (Sept through Jan)

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Vacation Bible School News

We Geared Up, Got Ready, and Gamed On!!

Our 2018 annual Vacation Bible School was a great success! We had a total of 98 children registered with many of them being first-timers! I want to personally thank all of the 24 youth volunteers and 36 adult volunteers who made this VBS one of the best! Without your help we would not be able to have this amazing community mission outreach.

We had a wonderful week filled with fun, music, recreation, and great food! The kids learned about what it means to invite Jesus into their heart using the ABC method (Admit – Believe – Confess). They were taught how to be a missionary in their own neighborhoods, schools, and families. Our Mission Focus this year was the Cool Off Campaign. This project involved collecting bottled water, labeling them with our FBC Seabrook church information, and sharing the water with those who need it such as landscapers, garbage men, construction workers, the homeless, etc.

A very special thanks goes out to our local Seabrook Fire Department for bringing their truck on Friday and using their equipment to make it 'rain' on the kids during our Water Day! This was the best Water Day yet and we hope to be able to have them join us again!

The most exciting news however was learning that 12 young hearts turned their lives over to Jesus Christ and accepted Him as their Savior. This is the reason why our VBS is so very important and I want to encourage anyone who has not had an opportunity to help in the past to consider joining us next year by volunteering! Thank you all for your prayers and support and please continue to be in prayer for those of us headed to Darrington, Washington for a week as we help Mountain View Baptist Church put on their VBS.

God Bless,
Ashley VanDerbeck

Please enjoy this wonderful report written by Dale Huls. It really reveals the importance of sending missionaries Into the political arena! ~Pastor Rob

The Political Pulpit: Putting Christian Values Into the Republican Party

By Dale Huls

During June 2018, the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) held its state-wide convention to elect its leadership for the next two years, provide a set of governing rules, set its legislative priorities for the coming 86th State Legislative session and to list its positions (aka planks) on numerous issues in the party platform document.

So why is this important to our Church? After all its only politics you say. Well in case you haven't noticed, our Judeo-Christian principles and values are under daily attack from our culture, the media, in our schools and yes, from our government. Remember it is government that has taken God out of schools and education. It is government that forces small businesses to cater to the homosexual agenda even if it is against their sincerely held religious beliefs. And it is government that has allowed the murder of approximately 61 million unborn children in our land.

Last week, the First Baptist Church of Seabrook had four members go attend and participate in the convention. Scott Apley was a member of the RPT Platform Committee and was chair of Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. Mary Huls travelled to San Antonio last Sunday in order to provide testimony to the various committees and keep watch over them. Deacon K.C. Broyles and Dale Huls provided guidance, explanations and direction for voting among the delegation.

The results were phenomenal! Despite many attempts to weaken pro-life, shorten the platform, normalize homosexuality, reduce transparency, duck accountability within the rules, platform and legislative priorities, a very Christian values set of Republican documents were produced. Examples included:

- A declaration that we believe in "The laws of nature and nature's **God**...";
- The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of **God**, which should be protected from fertilization to natural death.
- The Republican Party of Texas supports the historic concept, established by our nation's founders, of limited civil government jurisdiction under the natural laws of **God**, and we oppose the concept that the state is sovereign over the affairs of men, the family, and the church.
- The function of government is not to grant rights, but to protect the unalienable, **God-given** rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness of all, including the unborn.
- Texans should be free to express their **religious beliefs**, including **prayer**, in public places.
- Parents have the **God-given** right and responsibility to direct and guide their children's moral education.
- As America is a nation under **God**, founded on Judeo-Christian principles, we affirm the constitutional right of all individuals to worship as they choose.

And many others. In fact, the preamble to the 2018 RPT Platform states:

"Affirming our belief in God, we still hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Throughout the world, people dare to dream of freedom and opportunity. The Republican Party of Texas unequivocally defends that dream. We strive to preserve the freedom given to us by God, implemented by our Founding Fathers, and embodied in the Constitution. We recognize that the traditional family is the strength of our nation. It is our solemn duty to protect innocent life and develop responsible citizens. We understand that our economic success depends upon free market principles. If we fail to maintain our sovereignty, we risk losing the freedom to live these ideals."

Consequently, you can see why politics is important to our Church. If we are to hold back the darkness in favor of the light of Jesus Christ, we must be involved, we must be engaged, and we must be the champions for Christians in our state and in our country. We should be proud that the examples provided above were not the work of 10 people, or 100 people, or even 10,000 people BUT the work of tens of thousands across the state of Texas that went to their local precinct and county conventions and submitted thousands of resolutions to be included demanding that God, morality, and families be protected. There is a mission field closer than we know and it starts with joining the political conversation.



July 2018 Lamplight – Holy Ground

Exodus 3:1-6 - Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the

wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

In recent days, this passage seems to be on my mind a lot. Anywhere from DLife to Children's Church, the escapades of Moses seem to be sticking with me.

It's not a new passage for me. Matter of fact, I've read it many times. I've also heard multiple sermons and have participated in various Bible studies based on these very words. The text in the passage has not changed through the years, but for some reason I can't escape the deeper meaning.

On this day, Moses punched the clock and got busy with his everyday job — keeping his father-in-law's sheep. What began as a typical day suddenly became remarkable day the moment Moses chose his path... *"he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God."*

Whether he realized it or not, Moses was about to experience God in an up close and personal way. As Moses rounded the corner, his curiosity was peaked by what he proclaimed to be... "this great sight." He wanted to know more about what his eyes saw – *a burning bush that was not consumed by the fire*. Hmmm... I wonder if his curiosity was driven by the bush or by the fire.

You can almost hear the Lord say, "Gotcha! Now that I have your attention..."

I find it interesting that the Lord drew Moses into His presence through curiosity. As soon as He had Moses' attention, the LORD issued a warning... *"Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."* Isn't it interesting that God waited to identify himself until after he issued the "Holy Ground" warning?

In DLife, we discussed the meaning of "Holy Ground." I challenged the group members to think outside of the box. We all know that God is holy, so it makes sense that "Holy Ground" would represent "His Presence." But wait... there's more!

Think about it... Holy Ground = God's Presence. Holy Spirit = God's Presence.

The Holy Spirit dwells inside all Christians, therefore all Christians are "Holy Ground."

I'm still pondering this, but I can only imagine what might happen within the church if all Christians remembered that we are "Holy Ground." I'm curious... Would it affect the way we treat each other? Would it affect the way the world sees us? Would it stir their curiosity about God?

Go ahead... ponder it.

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

In Christ,
Cheryl



July

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  9:30 & 11:00 AM Lord's Supper Tomato Challenge ~ Last day to weigh-in	2	3	4 No Evening Services  Happy 4th of July Church Office Closed	5	6	7
8 	9	10	11 6:30 PM Everybody Bible Study	12 	13 Movie & Hotdog Fellowship 6:30 pm ~ Doors open 7:00 pm ~ Movie Start 	14
15 Youth Fundraiser BAKE SALE 	16	17	18 6:30 PM Everybody Bible Study	19	20  August Newsletter Deadline YOUTH  LOCK-IN	21
22	23	24	25 6:30 PM Everybody Bible Study	26	27	28
29 5th Sunday Hymn Sing  Hymn Sing	30	31	<div><div>Regular Sunday Services 8:15—9:15 AM..... Adult Bible Study 9:15—9:30 AM..... 1st Adult Coffee Fellowship 9:15—10:30 AM..... 1st Nursery / Children's Church 9:30—10:30 AM..... Berean Adult Fellowship and Youth Bible Study 9:30—10:30 AM..... 1st Worship Service 10:45—11:00 AM..... 2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship 10:45—Noon 2nd Nursery / Children's Church / Pre-K Church 11:00—Noon..... 2nd Worship Service</div><div> Worship Schedule</div></div>			