



# JULY



Rev. Rob Purdy  
Pastor

## Church Newsletter

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### A Message from the Pastor

I remember hearing or reading a story years ago. I've used it once or twice for a sermon illustration. It's about a church in Oklahoma. There had been a great drought in the area and things were getting desperate. The church called for a city-wide prayer meeting to ask God to provide rain. All the town folk showed up to pray for rain. One boy brought an umbrella.

Hebrews 11:6 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

<sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Do our actions reflect our faith?

I am thrilled to be part of a faith-filled church. In faith and with God's provision we bought the Wells Fargo building. Preparing the building for use is going to be another faith opportunity. We are currently counting the cost to refurbish the building and it is abundantly clear that we are going to have to step out on faith! And that's exactly what pleases God! I am looking forward to this faith adventure with you all!

VBS was a huge blessing. I am so thankful for the 29 youth and 28 adults who sacrificed to make this year such a success. Under the very competent leadership of Ashley VanDerbeck VBS ran like a well-oiled machine! It was...WILD!

Please join me in praying for the Woleben family and for Mountain View Baptist Church in Darrington, Washington. In another faith adventure, we are believing that God is calling our church to participate in a church plant in the Northwest. To that end, we are once again sending a team (the Wolebens) to Darrington to help with their VBS. While in Washington, Bill, Jamie and the boys will be meeting with a church planter to explore partnership opportunities. This is pretty exciting!

I've been challenged by the Everybody Bible Study. It's been extremely engaging as we learn more about heaven. We are halfway through this study and it's not too late to join us! The second study of the summer, "Imago Dei" will begin on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Come on!!

Our nation will celebrate its 243<sup>rd</sup> birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We are a nation caught in the middle of a culture war. Foundational concepts are not only being challenged they are being changed. We fight amongst ourselves over abortion, gun rights, immigration, reparations, voter fraud, and welfare. We even fight over whether a boy is a boy and girl is a girl! The changes we've seen over 243 years are remarkable and the increased pace of change this last decade is stunning. However, let me end this with these words also from book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 13:8 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

<sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

I am so glad some things never change!

God bless,  
Pastor Rob

### July Calendar

#### Youth Mission Project ~ School Supply Drive ~

#### Sunday, July 07

- Lord's Supper Services

#### Sunday, July 14

- Hamburger & Hotdog Fellowship

#### Friday, July 19

- Youth Fundraiser—A Night of Magic with Rick Hebert

#### Saturday, July 20

- August Newsletter Deadline

#### July 26 — August 02

- Youth Mission Trip to Belize

### Coming in August

#### Sunday, August 04

- Lord's Supper Services
- Quarterly Report Deadline

#### Friday, August 09

- Youth Lock-In

#### Monday, August 12

- Church Council Plans Due

#### Wednesday, August 14

- Quarterly Business Meeting
- Italian Themed Pot Luck Supper

#### Sunday, August 18

- Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser

#### Monday, August 19

- CCISD 1st Day of School

# 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)



The Church Office will be closed  
 July 4—5, 2019

**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 2019 Tellers

July 07... John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix  
 July 14..... Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt  
 July 21..... Gene & Heather Engel  
 July 28..... Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long



*A look at the church finances...General Funds*

May 2019.....\$26,208.64

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

## Let us pray for you!



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# Birthdays

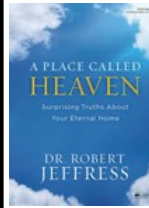
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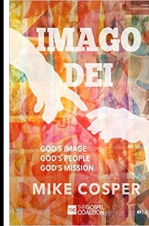


## Everybody Bible Study ~ Summer Series ~

Continues Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm



**EBBS #1 ~ "A Place Called Heaven" by Dr. Robert Jeffries.** This study reveals surprising truths about your eternal home. Continues meeting on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm: July 3, July 10.



**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. Meeting on Wednesday's at 6:30 pm: July 17, July 24, July 31, August 7, August 21, and August 28.

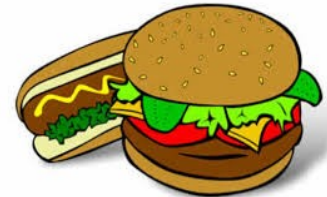
## Hamburger & Hotdog Fellowship

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Immediately following 2<sup>nd</sup> service

Church Family and Friends... the Deacon Fellowship is hosting and will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs, buns, condiments and beverages.

We are asking you to bring your favorite side item or dessert to share. Everyone is invited!!!



Sunday, July 07, 2019

OBSERVANCE OF  
**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service



## Vacation Bible School 2019



VBS 2019 is in the books! It was a great year! We had 108 children (K—6th grade) in attendance. There were also an amazing 29 youth (7th—12th grade) and 28 adult volunteers. An estimated 15 decisions for Christ were made. Thank you church family and friends for your prayers and support.

## R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Fundraiser

Friday, July 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm

*A Night of*  
**MAGIC** *with*  
**Rick Hebert**

*Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased online through Eventbrite or you can purchase 1/2 price tickets through Lori Forrest.*



## R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**JULY MISSION PROJECT** ~ The youth will be collecting back to school items such as No. 2 pencils, erasers, glue, Expo markers, notebook paper, composition notebooks, brad folders, scissors. Backpacks are also welcome and encouraged. We will be taking the donated items to our local elementary school to help children who may not be able to get the supplies they need. If you would like to purchase some of the needed items, or maybe buy a backpack and fill it, there will be a tote in the foyer where donations can be dropped off. We thank you in advance for being a light in our community!



### **Saturday, July 06 ~ YOUTH FISHING DAY**

The youth meet at the church at 7:30 am and will leave by 7:45 am to go to a local private lake to enjoy some fishing. Poles will be needed, but can also be shared. The best bait for this particular location is hotdogs and bread. There will be a sign-up sheet in the youth room.

### **Friday, July 19 ~ A NIGHT OF MAGIC WITH RICK HEBERT**

The youth will host **A Night of Magic with Rick Hebert**. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the show will start at 7:00 pm. Rick has performed for many big corporations and has even been invited to perform at the Magic Castle in Hollywood. You will not want to miss this!! Tickets are on sale online through Eventbrite, however, FBC Seabrook family and friends can purchase tickets half-price through Lori Forrest.

### **July 26 — August 2 ~ YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO BELIZE**

The youth will be teaming up with a church in North Carolina on a mission trip to Belize where we will be teaching VBS in two local churches, leading youth nights, and ministering in the community. Please be praying for our team: Lori Forrest, Karen Mayes, Alli Mayes, Jessica Forrest, Jaelynn Forrest, Taylor Martinez, Joe Miller, and Aidan Harrison, as well as the team from North Carolina.

## Mission Work Continues

**Darrington, Washington** ~ The Woleben family left on Saturday, June 22 and will return on Tuesday, July 2. While in Darrington they're assisting with Vacation Bible School at Mountain View Baptist Church and meeting with Jordan Embree in regards to church planting.

**San Lozaro & San Jose Belize** ~ Several youth, Lori Forrest and Karen Mayes are partnering with Escape The Night Ministries, Lumberton, NC. They will be assisting with VBS, Church Services and several other ministries. They will leave on July 26 and return on August 2.

Please keep all lifted in prayer.

Deadline  
for **AUGUST 2019**

## Newsletter Submissions

**Saturday**  
**July 20, 2019**

*Coming Soon*

Friday, August 02	Youth Return From Mission Trip
Sunday, August 04	Lord's Supper Services Quarterly Report Deadline
Friday, August 09	Youth Lock-In
Monday, August 12	Church Council Plans for September and October are Due
Wednesday, August 14	Quarterly Business Meeting Italian Themed Pot Luck Supper
Sunday, August 18	Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser
Monday, August 19	CCISD First Day of School
Tuesday, August 20	September Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, August 25	Youth Lead Children's Church during the first service

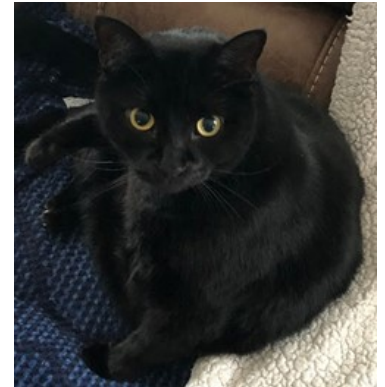


## July 2019 Lamplight ~ Freedom

We first met Paul Ray in the tenth month of his captivity at the League City Animal Shelter. It was love at first sight so we adopted him and took him home to be part of our family. We renamed him Samson, but before long we settled on the name Junior. Our senior cat, Peewee, had zero interest in entertaining Junior. Thus, we had to find another kitten to be Junior's friend. Enter Gabriel.

We are careful to protect our cats from the dangers of the outside world. They are inside cats. However, in the last few months, Junior has decided he is an outside cat. He wants the freedom to chase lizards and to frolic in the grass. Every day he begs us to let him outside and since we are hesitant to do so, he does his best to escape. He runs out the door at every opportunity. He just doesn't understand that we are only trying to protect him.

After months of Junior mewling at the door and us chasing him down the sidewalk, John decided to buy him a harness. Go ahead and laugh. It is funny to see a cat on a leash! But again, we are only trying to protect him. We don't want him to get hit by a car or eaten by a big dog.



The interesting thing about our dilemma is that Junior's desire to be in the world is limited by his ability to be free under constraint. He hates the harness! It's obvious by the way he moves when wearing it. Instead of running about freely within the limits of the leash, he crouches low to the ground and moves slowly from point to point. It's almost painful to watch.

At first, I could not understand why Junior would want to be outside the protection of our house where he has room to run. He has everything he needs, including a playmate. Then I thought... maybe it's because he was an outside cat before the animal shelter became his home.

So here it comes... the spiritual application!

Every Christian has a before Jesus story. We know about the outside world and all it has to offer. God also knows the dangers we face, so he provides protection. Sadly, we sometimes mistake God's protection as a hindrance, and we try to live in the world without it. Because of this, we allow the constraints of our freedom to hold us back. Whether we like it or not, freedom always comes with boundaries.

Freedom without boundaries is anarchy and the definition of anarchy is *the state of chaos due to the lack of authority*. At this stage in my life, I am willing to live within the boundaries of God's love and authority so that I don't have to live in chaos. Therefore, I don't mind being harnessed by the constraint of freedom. There may still be a little trouble in my path, but thankfully, Jesus has overcome the world.

*"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* ~ John 16:33b

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

In Christ,  
Cheryl





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  <b>6:30 PM</b> Everybody Bible Study	4  Church Office Closed	5 Church Office Closed	6
7  <b>9:30 &amp; 11:00 AM</b> Lord's Supper Services	8	9	10  <b>6:30 PM</b> Everybody Bible Study	11	12	13
14  Hamburger & Hotdog Fellowship Immediately after 2 <sup>nd</sup> service	15	16	17  <b>6:30 PM</b> Everybody Bible Study	18	19  <b>7:00 PM</b> A Night of Magic with Rick Hebert	20  Deadline for August Newsletter
21	22	23	24  <b>6:30 PM</b> Everybody Bible Study	25	26  Youth Mission Trip to Belize	27
28	29	30	31  <b>6:30 PM</b> Everybody Bible Study	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Regular Sunday Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15—9:15 AM ..... Adult Bible Study</li> <li>9:15—9:30 AM ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Adult Coffee Fellowship</li> <li>9:15—10:30 AM ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Nursery / Children's Church</li> <li>9:30—10:30 AM ..... Berean Adult Fellowship</li> <li>9:30—10:30 AM ..... Youth Bible Study</li> <li>9:30—10:30 AM ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Worship Service</li> <li>10:45—11:00 AM ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Adult Coffee Fellowship</li> <li>10:45—Noon ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery/Children's Church/Pre-K Church</li> <li>11:00—Noon ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service</li> </ul> </div>		