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Church Newsletter

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A Message from the Pastor

So, it begins....

Construction on the State Highway 146 Expansion started in February. It's going to be awesome when it is completed. However, completion is several years away! The big question is how is this going to affect us? There are some who think we're going to struggle. There are others that think it won't hurt us at all. I believe that our success has nothing to do with construction. I believe that if we are faithful to the preaching of the Word and sharing the Love of Jesus with our community, we will prosper construction or not! Amen? "Let us fix our eyes upon Jesus..."

The Community Engagement Team met for the first time in February. We currently have a long list of ideas for Easter, the summer and in general that I am anxious to begin implementing. Please keep an eye out for announcements about how you can participate in Engaging our Community! "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Did you know we have a Community Garden? We do! Currently there are six raised beds behind the annex ready to be planted. One of the beds is already planted with lettuce, fennel and cabbage and is growing well! There is space for you to plant should you want to plant your own vegetables. If not, we will fill the beds and will be looking forward to sharing the harvest with church members and our community! Tomatoes, anyone? "The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."

We are in a time of preparation for our summer mission efforts. The most important part of that preparation is prayer. We are planning our VBS, a trip to Robstown, TX to do Back Yard Bible Clubs in housing areas (four of them), a trip to Darrington, Washington to help with a VBS and an international trip. This is a very ambitious plan for a church of our size. It's not an ambitious plan for our God! We need to be in earnest prayer for workers, for finances and for God's direction. Pray that if any our plans are outside of His will for us this summer that we would be wise enough to recognize that and bold enough to change our plans to match HIS!

God bless,
Pastor Rob

March Calendar

MARCH MISSION FOCUS

*Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
for North American Missions*

Saturday, March 2

- Youth Serve at the Houston Food Bank

Sunday, March 3

- Lord's Supper Services
- **Special Called Business Meeting after 2nd Service**
- Youth-Putt Putt Funhouse

March 3—10

- Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Monday, March 4

- VBS Registration open to Church Members and residents of Seabrook

Sunday, March 10

- Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday, March 18

- 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Wednesday, March 20

- Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, March 21

- Ladies Lunch Bunch

Friday, March 29

- Family Movie Night Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, March 31

- Deadline to submit 2019-2020 Budget
- 5th Sunday Hymn Sing

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	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
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Wednesday

6:30 — 7:30 pm	Youth Discipleship (6th-12th grades)	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Praise, Prayer & 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.

March 2019 Tellers

Mar. 03	John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix
Mar. 10	Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
Mar. 17	Gene & Heather Engel
Mar. 24	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long
Mar. 31	Mary Johnson, Linda Long & Pat Smartt

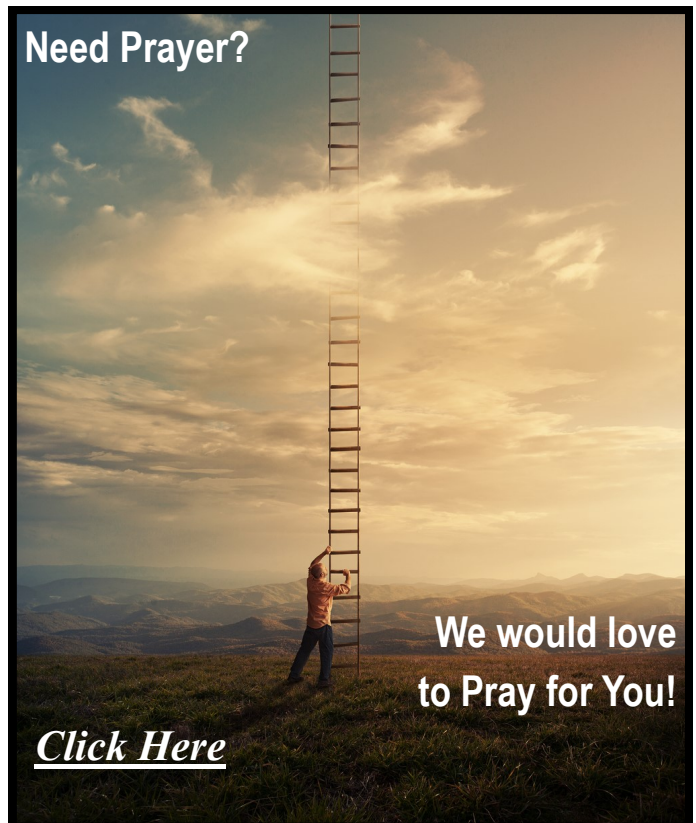


A look at the church finances...General Funds

January 2019.....\$22,094.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Need Prayer?



Birthdays

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Hunter Mayes
Phyllis Aguilar
Brett Langham
Shelia Clark
Paula Lilja
Caitlyn Cannon
Darrell DuBose
Latrena Augustine
Melissa Cameron
Michelle Fuhr
Ashley VanDerbeck

Kris Harrington
Brandon Odell
Carolyn Herman
Linda Cowdery
Clyde Mayhew
Norman Frink
Kenneth Gunter
Linda Long
Robin Drjacha
Michelle Martinez



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Month-Long Focus
Week of Prayer: March 3—10, 2019

The **North American Mission Board (NAMB)** exists to help every church take its next step in missions and encourage every believer to live on mission.

NAMB's mission field is the United States, Canada and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa. This region contains diverse ethnic groups, languages and religions. Approximately 269 million people in North America do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Through your gifts to the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®** and the **Cooperative Program**, NAMB supports more than 5,000 missionaries and more than 3,800 chaplains who serve in difficult places where the gospel is often not welcome.

Vacation Bible School 2019



Volunteers Are Needed!

VBS is only successful when people like you volunteer to lead, teach, assist, cook, and clean. Please prayerfully consider where you can help and sign up on the bulletin board.

Registration Dates:

March 4th registration opens for all church members and Seabrook residents. April 1st registration open to all.



Sunday, March 3, 2019

OBSERVANCE OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service



Day Light Saving
Time Begins

Sunday, March 10, 2019

* Spring forward 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday *



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.



JOURNEY OF FAITH Candle Fundraiser

During the month of March, the youth will be selling Journey of Faith candles. The candles will be \$14/each. There are 8 scents to choose from and each candle comes with scripture on it. All money raised will go towards sponsoring our youth on upcoming mission trips.

Saturday, March 02 ~ The youth will be serving at the **Houston Food Bank**. We will meet at the church at 6:30 am and leave the parking lot at 6:45 am. We should return to the church by 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us. There will be a sign-up in the hallway. Please sign-up if you want to go and Lori Forrest will get you registered.



Sunday, March 03 ~ The youth will leave after the 2nd worship service to go to **Putt Putt Funhouse**. Each person will need \$15 plus money for lunch. If money is an issue, please speak with Lori privately. We do not want anyone to miss out on this fun day.

March 11—15 ~ CCISD Spring Break

Sunday, March 24 ~ The senior high school youth will be teaching Children's Church during the 1st worship service. Please be there by 9:15 am. The junior high school youth will meet in the classroom for Sunday School at 9:30 am.

Friday, March 29 ~ **Everyone** come join us for dinner and a movie as the students host a **Family Movie Night Youth Fundraiser** featuring "Indivisible".



Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the movie will start at 7:00 pm. We will be serving fully loaded baked potatoes for \$5 and BBQ baked potatoes for \$7. We will also have a concession stand with popcorn, candy, and drinks for \$1/each. There will be no charge for admission; instead, we will accept donations as you feel led. Money raised from the movie night will go towards sponsoring our youth on upcoming summer mission trips.



13th Annual Chili Cook-Off Monday, March 18, 2018 at 6:30 PM

CALLING ALL CHILI LOVERS...

First Baptist Church of Seabrook's **13th Annual Chili Cook-Off** will be on Monday, March 18th. ALL entries are welcome! (Ladies, that includes you!) Have your home-made chili in the kitchen no later than 6:15 and judging will begin at 6:20. DO NOT put your name on your pot of chili, so judging can be impartial. Competition gets tougher each year. Who will have the best pot of chili this year?

You must sign up to enter your prize chili. The sign-up sheet will be located on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the restrooms. We also need you to bring some cornbread or crackers.

EVERYONE is invited to come and eat the rewards of our prize chili recipes!

Deadline
for APRIL 2019



Ladies Lunch Bunch

All ladies of the church are invited!
Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 11:30 am

This month the ladies will meet for lunch at the Hoagie Ranch on FM 2094 (Marina Bay Drive) in Kemah. If you want to car-pool please see Gloria before 11:00 am on the 21st. This is always a time of laughter and fellowship for the all ladies!

Church Budget



Budget Year: May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020

Deadline to Submit New Budget
Sunday, March 31, 2019

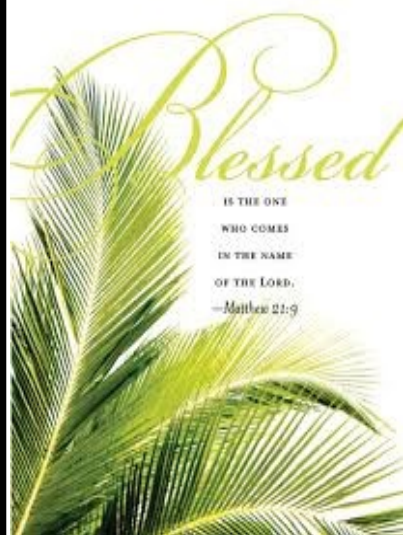
5th Sunday Hymn Sing



March 31, 2019

9:30 & 11:00 am
Services

2019 Easter Services @ FBCS



**Palm
Sunday
Celebration**

April 14th



Easter Sunrise Service

April 21st at 7:00 AM

FBC-Seabrook South Parking lot

Good Friday Service

April 19th

7:00 PM



Come Celebrate Easter

One Family Service

**Sunday, April 21st
at 10:30 AM**

Come Celebrate Easter with us on Sunday, April 1st at 10:30 AM. There will be no children's or pre-k church on this day so families can celebrate together (the cry room will be open).



In honor of allergy season, I have brought back an oldie, but goodie. I wrote this allegory in April 2013 for a writing competition. I placed 2nd in the Masters Division. Enjoy!

MARCH 2019 LAMPLIGHT ~ FOR ALL HAVE SNEEZED

One blustery Sunday morning, not too long ago, 50 faithful followers filed into Sacred Heart Christian Church. They cheerfully greeted one another with holy hugs and handshakes, and as was his habit, Norville Knott welcomed first-time visitors and said the opening prayer. Then, right on cue, the pipe organ burst into a rousing stanza of *Count Your Blessings*.

In the shadows, Pastor Godfrey Syntax silently thanked God for the privilege of pastoring this little flock, and as the final praise chorus ascended into glory, he stepped onto the stage.

"Good morning, beloved of ..." Pastor Syntax stopped in mid-sentence. A sudden tickle in his throat choked his words. His eyes itched, and his nose began to burn. He quickly pulled a handkerchief from his pocket and awaited the inevitable outcome.

"A-a-a-Choo!" The pastor's amplified sneeze vibrated the walls. Later it would be said that this sneeze not only woke up Hollis Thompson, it also caused a few curious teenagers to remove their hidden ear-buds.

"God bless you," Merry Goodwyn shouted from the back pew.

"Gesundheit," chimed Mr. Schultz.

Pastor Syntax blew into his handkerchief. "Thank you so much... Whew! That sneeze sure did take me by surprise... Now, where was I?" He sniffled as he scrutinized his notes. His quick smile and confident demeanor immediately set everyone at ease.

"Good morning, beloved of God! If you have your Bible, please turn with me to Psalm 84:12." He waited for the people to find the passage. As the room quieted, he began to read the verse aloud, "LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you."

Pastor Syntax gazed around the room at his little flock. "Beloved, today I wish to speak to you about the far-flung topic of your sneeze-life."

Sniffles, snorts, and giggles rippled through the congregation. Pastor Syntax chuckled, then continued... "Would you agree that all of us, at one time or another, have sneezed?" Several people visibly nodded.

There was a soft whirring as the media team advanced the slide presentation— **FOR ALL HAVE SNEEZED**.

"Beloved, we can't deny the obvious. It's clear that ALL have sneezed. Some sneeze loudly; others sneeze quietly. Some sneeze outwardly; others sneeze inwardly. Some use tissue; others prefer a handkerchief. A sneeze is a sneeze, and I'm here to tell you that...We are all sneezers!"

Several people squirmed in their seats. Carol Birdwell sheepishly glanced at her husband who was busy wiping his nose. Pastor Syntax alerted the media team, and the next slide flashed onto the screen—**GOD LOVES ALL SNEEZERS**.

He flipped through his notes and resumed his message. "Intermittent sneezing affects everyone. One sneeze on an airplane and you'll suddenly find yourself sitting alone. The other passengers look down their noses at you and most are certain that you have brought an infectious disease on board. Yes, it's true... our sneezes affect other people."

"That's right!" Mr. Lovall bellowed from the first row.

Pastor Syntax sipped some fresh water. "In closing, for those of you who think you've hidden your sneezes. Don't be fooled any longer. God knows you sneeze, and due to the ever-active grapevine in this church, everyone else knows it too. I know it seems hopeless, but I have marvelous news. **GOD LOVES ALL SNEEZERS**. He loves quiet sneezers and loud sneezers. He loves those who sneeze into a bent elbow or the tail of their shirt. He even loves sneezers who don't cover their nose when they sneeze. Some people say that you must stop sneezing before you can receive God's love. False! God loves us, mucus and all. Will you accept his gift today? Will you allow him to clean up your sneeze-life? I promise you will never regret it!" Pastor Syntax closed with a simple prayer and waited for God's people to respond.

Revival broke out at Sacred Heart Christian Church that day. Many people received God's gift of love. They still struggle with their sneeze-life but are fully convinced that God loves them anyway. Every Sunday morning 100 faithful followers file into the worship center. They greet one another with holy hugs and handshakes and continue to grow in God's grace.

For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

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

In Christ, Cheryl



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