



The Journey

Marble Falls First Baptist Church

JULY 6, 2010

Summer... a great time to serve the Lord!

5000 NEW visitors to the Highland Lakes each summer...

source: Marble Falls Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce

Opportunities for ministry abound!

It's On My Heart

It was a wonderful experience for Wanda and me to worship with the First Baptist family on Independence Day. While we realize that our national freedom is a great treasure, we rejoice that our freedom from sin in Our Savior is forever certain. Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). We celebrated our freedom in Christ as we thanked God for our freedom as a people.

As we move on in our service for Our Lord Jesus throughout the summer, let us share the freedom of His grace with everyone around us. Pray that The Father will use our witness, individually and collectively to reach many more for Christ and His church. As we are found faithful to witness. He will be faithful to draw the lost to Himself and gather the saved into His church.

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Please continue to pray for our Pastor Search Committee. They are diligently seeking to identify God's chosen Shepherd to guide His faith family here at Marble Falls First Baptist Church. As they seek the mind of God in this matter let us all be found faithful to serve, pray, witness, and give so that we will be ready to receive the Father's choice for Pastor for his people in this place.

Until then...we...you...your church staff...and I will walk on in faith sharing the gospel of His grace for His glory. I will join you on The Lord's Day as we gather to worship, to witness, to study and to give for His glory.

Pastor Jackson

Eliminating Trip Points

The other day I walked the church property looking for safety issues that could potentially hurt someone. Mostly, I found lots of "trip points" in the church. A trip point is anything that could catch a person's foot and cause him to stumble or fall. Most trip points are obvious and easy to see like stair steps, ramps and door thresholds. When possible, we try to warn pedestrians of the potential danger, but there are still trip points that are obvious and are all the more dangerous because of it.

As Christians, our spiritual lives are just as full of trip points as any physical property. Spiritual trip points cause us to stumble or distract us in our walk with Jesus. Some spiritual trip points are of our own making through personal neglect and lack of discipline. Others are engineered by the Enemy of our soul, the Devil, who knows us so very well. Given the chance he will wreck our lives, cause us pain & regret and, if possible, ensnare and keep us from growing spiritually. If the Devil *could* harm us physically in the process of destroying us spiritually, he *would*.

The Devil is a defeated foe. His trip points can't harm us unless we step into them. Common sense should tell us to walk carefully around spiritual dangers. Unfortunately, common sense is not very common even among the Children of God. The Enemy's trip points are clearly marked in God's Word, yet we often walk too close, too carelessly around one or more of Satan's well-laid traps and we trip, stumble and fall into sin and the guilt & shame that accompanies it. But that is not how our story has to end.

A Christian doesn't have to stay down in defeat, sorrow and remorse. We have a choice. Although we *can* choose to live in spiritual defeat (and many of us do), *we can also choose to overcome spiritual defeat*. The Word of God promises, "If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us of our sin and cleanse us from **ALL** unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) No matter what tripped us, through God's healing grace we can recover, stand up and continue walking with Jesus, hopefully wiser than before and more alert to future spiritual danger.

Be careful out there. And please, watch your step.

-Gary Stone
Business Administrator

Church Family Conference July 18, 6pm Worship

Bible Study Stats

Sunday AM Bible Study	391
Life Groups not in Sunday totals	41

Deacons of the Day

Charles Brinkley and Glen Bible	7-11-10
J.W. Cradock and Matt Cochran	7-18-10
David Ives and John Williamson	7-25-10
Jim Stuard and Ric O'Connor	8-1-10

Remember in Prayer

..our adopted missionaries: Jonathan and Erin Wright-East Asia; Don and Dale Getty-South Asia; Jeff and Trish Ward-South East Asia; Karla Turner-Venezuela & Ecuador.

...for health issues: Clara Hill; Tom Allison; Chuck Belrose's mother, Elizabeth Belrose; Iris Taylor; Randy Jones; Dot Streety; Paul Otis; Michael Coffey; Nelda Sanders; Nita Peebles; Pam Morris; John Rudd; Toni Accuff; Carl Wolfington; Bill Smythe; Anita Pullen; Karen Cottrell; Shirley Beaussire; Benny Locklear; Evelyn Coffey

...our deepest sympathy to: the family of Midge Faubion; the J. W. Cradock family with the loss of their great-grandson, Seth;

...our Pastor Search Committee:

David Cottrell (Chairman)
John Berkman
Thelma Rudd
Ginger Chuter
Jan Morris
Jim Taylor
Leslie Coleman
Bro. Max Copeland (Honorary)
Pastor Richard Jackson (Advisory)

...our Summer Missionaries:

Mojo Cornelius - Southeast Asia
Frankie Otis - Southeast Asia
James & Ganelle Hampton - Virginia



6-20-10

Budget Receipts	\$36,790.65
Budget Requirements	\$28,243.71

Designated Receipts

Benevolence Special	15.00
Faith Journey	200.00
Food Pantry	80.00
International Missions	10.00
Library Fund	5.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
North American Missions	65.00
Pictorial Directory	794.00
The Butterfly Project	20.00
Upward Sports	75.00
Wycliffe Ministries	6.00
Youth Fund	3,140.00



Circle of Hope

Monday, July 12
6pm
Fellowship Hall



Are you curious about us? Do you want to see if we might be a group that you would like to join? We spend an hour, or so, sharing about our various cancer situations, listening to an encouraging speaker, praying for others and ourselves, or learning ways to live with cancer. We also learn how NOT to let cancer rule our world.

Come give us a try. Our usual meeting time is the 1st Monday of each month at 6pm in our Fellowship Hall. **For the month of July we will meet on the 2nd Monday due to the church being closed for the 4th of July holiday.**

Please call Anita Pullen @ 512-234-0041 for more information.

Middle School to Mission Arlington July 10-16

Our middle school students will become inner city missionaries next week in Arlington, TX. "Mission Arlington" has become one of the highlights of our summer. Students will receive a new perspective on inner city life. We will be involved with apartment church ministry, food pantry, clothing shelter, furniture distribution, and children's backyard Bible clubs. "Mission Arlington" is a ministry that reaches out to hundreds of thousands of people each year. This ministry has become one of the most relevant and cutting-edge in the United States. Please pray for our students as they embark on this evangelistic journey of taking the Gospel to the streets.

-Todd

ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP **July 8th**

11am-1pm
Fellowship Hall
Marble Falls First Baptist Church

11am-Noon: Music Program brought to us by our own Sarah Spillman

Noon-1pm: Covered Dish Luncheon

Don't miss this Beautiful Music Program!!!

Abundant Life - Waco Day Trip

Come join us for a fun-filled day of fellowship in Waco, TX. In the morning we will tour the Texas Ranger Museum and then eat lunch at the Homestead Traditional Crafts Village. The afternoon will be filled with visits to the fiber crafts, pottery making, woodworking, blacksmithing and gristmill areas. The last stop will be to the Gift Barn at Homestead.

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Leave Church: 8am

Return: 5pm

Transportation: Church Vans

Cost: \$7.50 (includes fees and travel)

Lunch: Dutch Treat

Please call or stop by the church office to sign up and pay.

Last day to sign up and pay is July 9, 2010.

Contact Paul Rich with any questions

830-598-6401

512-755-3789



From the Eyes of the Interns

The youth group has been involved in so much this summer. Our Middle School Mania kicked off the summer with over 300 middle school students. They came for fun and games all night long, and we were able to share God's love with them. Our next event was a high school trip to Washington, D.C. We participated in many service projects including cleaning parks to make them safer, talking with the homeless of the city, and working in food pantries. We look to ask you to pray for our middle school students as they go to Mission Arlington. They will be doing service work and ministering with everyone they come into contact with. Pray for all of our youth, as we go to camp at the end of the summer, that God will be able to work in them. Youth camp is always a fun way for our students to grow spiritually. Thank you for all of your prayers and support! This summer has been great and we're looking forward to all that God has planned for us still to come.

Samer Khamisi & Kelsy Hickingbottom
Summer Youth Interns



Mojo Cornelius will be travelling to Southeast Asia July 17-30, teaching women to quilt and earn a living independently. She will also be crafting with children and needs the lids only from Pringles Potato Chip cans. Please leave these items in the wicker trunk outside the church office, and remember to pray for Mojo and her ministry.

**Deadline for entries in *The Journey* is
Thursday afternoon by 5pm**

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Sunday Schedule

Bible Study All Ages & Worship 9am
Bible Study Adults & Worship 10:20am
Evening Service 6pm

This Week at MFFBC

Wednesday July 7	Thursday July 8	Friday July 9	Saturday July 10	Sunday July 11	Monday July 12	Tuesday July 13
<p>4-8pm Pictures for Directory</p> <p>6:30pm Prayer Meeting Youth Ground Zero Worship</p>	<p>2-4 pm Food Pantry</p>  <p>6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery</p> 		<p>9:30am Middle School Students Leave for Mission Arlington</p>	<p>9am Bible Study for Children, Youth, And Adults, Worship</p> <p>10:20am Bible Study for Adults, Praise Service Children's Church</p> <p>1-5:20pm Pictures for Directory</p> <p>6pm Worship</p>	<p>4-8pm Pictures for Directory</p> <p>6pm Circle of Hope Cancer Care Group</p>	<p>10am Creative Hearts</p> <p>12-1pm Women's Power Lunch</p> <p>2-4 pm Food Pantry</p> <p>4-8pm Pictures for Directory</p>