

Pie, Pickin, & Poetry By: Chris Landrum

Grab your partner, your family, your friends or your neighbors, and do-si-do on down to the Pies, Pickin’ & Poetry dinner Saturday, September 25 at 6 pm. Enjoy John Martin and his Possum Hollow Boys play some favorite country and gospel tunes, and listen to Chuck Sitzes recite his famous cowboy poetry, all while enjoying a delicious sit-down Texas BBQ meal. Look forward to BBQ brisket, cowboy potatoes, bakes beans, slaw and Texas toast for only \$15 for adults, \$10 children ages 5-12, and free to kids under 5.

For dessert, we will be auctioning off delicious homemade pies made by our congregation members to be enjoyed immediately and/or for take home. We’ll even have ice cream to go with those fruit pies!

Tickets must be purchased in advance in the church office or through our Church Center app. All proceeds will go towards Pastor Greg’s Cookin’ Clergy cake at the Help the Hungry Bake Sale.

Pie bakers are needed for this event! If you are willing to bake a pie, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. Approximately 25 pies will be needed.

Banana Split Theology By: Kevin Willis

I grew up in Northeast Oklahoma in the small town of Tahlequah. My Mom was a preacher’s kid and our family attended church every Sunday morning. One of our Sunday family traditions was going to the local Mexican food restaurant after church and eating ‘til we were stuffed to the max. Without fail, just before my Dad would get up to pay the bill, he would say in his jovial voice “so who wants to go get a banana split?” Of course, by this time, we were all so full that we couldn’t possibly eat anything else, let alone enjoy the sweetness of a banana split.

Solomon references this human phenomenon in Proverbs 27:7. In this proverb he contrasts someone who is full with someone who is hungry. Although Solomon in this passage refers to food, the spiritual concept expressed can be applied to many aspects of our life. When we indulge in too much of even the best things, our life can eventually become bland and indifferent. However, when we remain hungry, we can find the sweetness even in the bitterness of life.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jerry Miller, Reggie Jaco, Elsie Stites, Mark Halter, Alayna (Berry) Momot, Robin Hafley, Charlene Elders, Madison Karas, Debbie, Noelle, Rett Sechler, Kelcy Sadler, Doyle & Carolyn Smith, Carole Short, Dan Sanders, Rob & Cheri Voss, Amy Gann, Verna Keller, Steve & Beth Young

IN MEMORIAM

Joe Stocker, Warna Lucas

CONGRATULATIONS TO

-Maxine Cole on the birth of her great granddaughter, Haven Indigo Lim, born August 1, 2021

It comes down to keeping balance and perspective. We need to consistently work to remain hungry for the Lord through personal worship and spiritual preparation all the while not neglecting our everyday tasks and obligations. Finding this balance will allow us to appreciate the sweetness of both the “honey” as well as the “bitter.”

- 1. Am I maintaining a Spiritual balance and perspective in my life and leading others to do the same?
- 2. Are there areas of my life where I am so full of myself and my plans, that I have overlooked or neglected my spiritual life and preparation?

One great way to maintain spiritual balance and perspective throughout the busyness of life is to get involved on Wednesday nights at church. There are many ministry options for you to get involved and if you are a singer, there is no better time of the year to consider joining us in choir. On September 8th at 7:00 we will begin our Christmas Musical rehearsals and several new singers will be joining us. I hope to see some of you at rehearsal and if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

New Beginnings By: Jason Welker

Even though this time of year is chaotic, the thing I love about a new school year is that it is a time for new beginnings. Children begin new grades and think about participating in new activities. As you and your children are planning new ways to spend your time this fall, I encourage you to add our church’s activities to your schedule. We have a lot of great things to offer families.

We continue to offer our midweek youth worship service, Ignite, on Wednesdays evenings from 6-8 PM in our Student Center. During Ignite, we play games, eat snacks, hang out, and, of course, worship God. Our youth worship team consists of both teens and adults and they lead us every week. We also open up the Bible every week and see what God has to say specifically to our group each service.

After a short break in August, Sunday Fuel Bible Study is kicking back off on September 19. Each week we meet in the Student Center, but break off into small groups where the boys will study with the boys and girls will study with the girls. Just like on Wednesdays, Sunday Fuel meets 6-8 PM. Speaking of Bible Study, don’t forget about our Sunday morning Bible Study every Sunday at 9:15 AM. We have two classes; one for grades 7-9, and one for grades 10-12.

Lastly, I am excited to announce something new that we are offering this Fall. I have teamed up with other youth pastors and after nearly every Farmington Home Football Game, we are hosting 5th Quarter events. The first 5th Quarter will start after the game on September 17 and will be located at FBC. The next two 5th Quarters will be on October 8 and 22, and will be held at other churches. As the other youth pastors and I discussed, teens are always looking for a place to hang out after the games. We wanted to provide them a safe place to do just that, and create an event where we can share Jesus with them at the same time.

I look forward to investing in your teen this Fall. Let’s start off the school year right!

AWANA Restart By: Mark Phillips

I was recently with my family and got to visit a cousin that I have not seen in a while. His daughter was also with him, and this is about the first time that I have talked to her. I told her parents that she has a zest for life. My cousin's wife said that she thought that was one way of putting it and thought she was just being a handful. We laughed about it and continued with our visit. I have thought about the conversation several times. What happened to us, as adults, that we lost that zest for life? This little girl was happy and excited about everything. She talked and acted like she had no worries in the world. Momentarily, I wanted to be just like that. While it may not be realistic, shouldn’t we all want to have a zest for life? Getting older is not fun, but may we stop occasionally, have fun, a zest for life, and let God remind us of all the great things that we have. What a reminder of how God wants us to be and how we should see life the way that kids see life!

I am so excited to start our second year of AWANA. We have had a few activities over the summer, and if the attendance at those events is any indication of how our fall and winter of AWANA will be, we have great days ahead! I am asking for more volunteers this year. We need more readers and listeners and people to interact with kids. Even if you think you have nothing to contribute, or that you are too busy, please reconsider. Imagine what giving even 30 minutes of your week can do for a child on Wednesday night. Please let me know if you are interested in helping and I can guarantee you we can find you a place to work. The kickoff for the children is August 25 from 6:00 to 8:00. Our first night of AWANA is September 1. Come join the fun. And, who knows? You might even find your zest for life again!

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

FBC Gifts Year to August 22: \$1,142,964.97

As school goes back into session for fall, your gifts go back into work helping, among many other ministries, our AWANA children’s program. Last year was our first year to switch to the co-ed AWANA program on Wednesday nights and we saw our weekly Wednesday evening attendance jump from around 15 kids to nearly 60 kids within a few months. It has been a tremendous ministry to not only our children, but to children in the community as well.

AWANA, unlike our previous Wednesday night children’s programming, requires a lot of books, supplies, and other materials. Your gifts go to provide these much needed supplies for us to share the Gospel with the younger generations.

*Amount reflects both General Fund and Designated Gifts

FRIENDLY FACES OF FBC

Meet Marilyn Moore!

Marilyn is a friendly face you may recognize from the stage on Sunday mornings as she plays clarinet in our orchestra! What you may not know, is that Marilyn also volunteers with our kids. She is one of our music leaders for the AWANA kids program on Wednesday nights as well as yearly being a music rotation leader for our Vacation Bible School. She regularly shares not only her love of music with others, but also reflects the love of Christ through her work. Thank you Marilyn for reaching others for Christ through music!

THANK YOU NOTES

“We are so humbled and very grateful for all the prayers, kindness and support given to us by our church family and many friends through Loman’s illness and during the day of his funeral...”
-The Loman Stone Family

“Thank you so much for cooking and preparing such a wonderful family dinner after Andy’s funeral service. It was so delicious and meant the world to all of us.”
-Lee & Cindi Thurman

To read more of our thank yous for this month, visit our “Thank You Board” located outside of the sanctuary in the foyer.

5th QUARTER

Bring a friend and join the party!

September 17 @FBC Farmington 210 N. A Street

October 8 @Parkland Chapel 1260 Karsch Blvd.

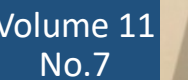
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NEWS & VIEWS

September 2021

Back 2 Church Sunday!

Unlike most parents, I'm not a huge fan of this "back to school" season. I have too much fun with my kids during the summer months, so I get bummed when it's time for them to head back to school. However, I know why it's vitally important that their summer break does end and that they return to the classroom to continue to learn the skills necessary to one day get a good job and live successfully on their own, then they may NEVER leave my house. I love my kids, but that's just not gonna happen.

Just like being away from school too long can be detrimental, when we get out of the habit of making church a regular part of our week, it too can lead to serious problems. The joy that comes from worshipping together, the encouragement we receive through fellowship, and the strength and wisdom we find through Bible study and sermons is something that cannot be forsaken. However, I realize that due to a variety of circumstances, it can become very easy to let other things dominate your schedule so that you can begin to miss out. Let's fix that.

I hope that ALL of you can make it to church on Sunday, September 12 for a very special Back 2 Church Sunday! The morning's schedule will be a little bit different. There will be NO 8am service, but we'll get things started with a special Sunday School rally and donut fellowship in the gym at 8:45am before we dismiss to our classes for small group Bible study at 9:15am. Then, we will all come together for a joint worship service at 10:30am (overflow and socially-distanced seating will be available in the gym) followed by a church-wide potluck lunch at Engler Park immediately afterwards. It's going to be an awesome Sunday of worshipping the Lord together!

If you've been missing out on church lately, why not take this opportunity to jump back in? We've been missing seeing you! If you are already a regular attender, then why don't you find some friends or neighbors that don't have a place of worship and bring them along with you? Our fellowship will be even sweeter with them here with us!

I also realize that due to things like health issues/concerns, transportation problems, work conflicts, etc. some of you aren't able to participate with the in-person worship services at this time. First of all, please know that we are praying for you and look forward to the time when we can see you again. In the meantime, I hope you are joining us for worship either online or through our radio broadcast. If you need someone to talk to during this difficult season, would love some prayer, or have other needs that we could help with, please contact the church office.

Blessings! -Pastor Greg

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Upcoming Highlights

