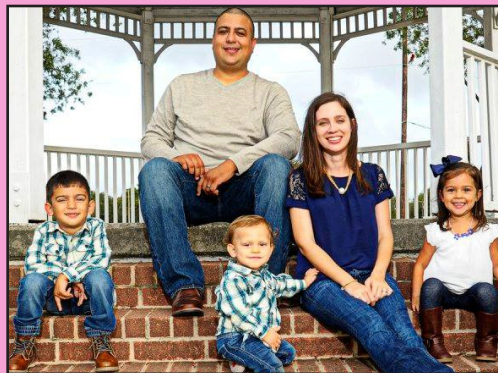


MEAL TRAIN FOR THE RIVERA FAMILY

Website to sign up for meals -- mealtrain.com/trains/vqq0vw



As most of you know, Ashley Rivera was diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer and recently had a double mastectomy. Bringing meals will help take the burden of cooking for the family off of her husband, Bryan, so he can help care for Ashley and their three children when he is home in the evening. Ashley is the daughter of Corky & Mary Velasco. Ashley grew up at FBCTC.

*****IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFO:** Allergy information -- Dairy Allergy (Butter and "cream of xxx" soups are okay. Please avoid milk, cheese and sour cream). Ideal meal delivery time is at 5:30 p.m. so Bryan will be home to handle the drop off. Address is 2537 19th Ave. N., Texas City, Texas. For any questions, call or text Lauren Nonnenmacher (843) 609-8546 or Bryan Rivera (409) 457-8224.***



Ken & Pam May

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TEXAS CITY

First Facts

For the week of August 20, 2017



Bert Atwood

Heart to Heart...

By Robert Miller

RACISM AND THE BIBLE

The events in Virginia last Saturday were heart-breaking to the vast majority of every American. Every Christian surely has a heavy heart when such hate and violence happens anywhere. It reminds us that we live in a fallen world.

What concerns me is that many folks use the Bible to promote racism, hatred, and violence. Our founding fathers, who certainly were not perfect men, did create a nation that could rise above racism, hatred, and disrespect. If you listen to Martin Luther King Junior's famous "I have a dream" speech before he gets to the "I have a dream" part he states, "I have come here today (Washington D.C.) to cash a check." He goes on to talk about the promissory note that was given to every American that was written about in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Specifically, Dr. King eloquently emphasized the part of the declaration that states, "all men are created equal and are given certain inalienable rights." These are not only great truths to build a country on but more importantly, these are divine principles taught in the Scripture that we as believers are to embody.

It amazes me when I read history and learn that some of our Baptist forefathers used the Bible to teach that African Americans were an inferior race. It is hard for me to stomach that the state church in Germany and some of the world's greatest Bible scholars at the time used the Bible to justify the persecution of the Jews. All of my life up until the past ten years I have dealt with white supremacists, some have been church members where I have served in the past. A lot of them have tried to convince me that the Bible teaches racism. I have vehemently argued with them while at the same time doing my best to show them the higher road of love and not hate.

It is important for us to divide the Word of God rightly. Anytime someone uses the Bible to promote hate, disrespect, and bigotry, then you know they are not of God, and they are misusing the Bible.

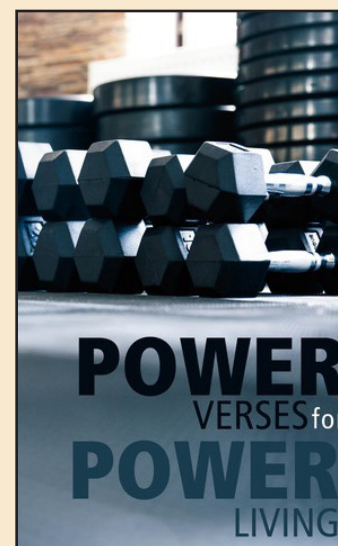


SUMMER SERMON SERIES THE CALL (Counting the Cost of Following Christ)

08-20-17 "The Fruit of a Disciple"
John 15:8



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES



BEGINNING AUGUST 27

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This week at FBC-TC August 20 - 26

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study/Promotion Sunday
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. Sunday School Leaders Mtg. - Room 5
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting - Room 5

Monday

- 8:45 a.m. Ladies Cross Training Workout-Room 2

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 8:45 a.m. Ladies Cross Training Workout-Room 2
- 5:00 p.m. Burgers, Etc. Bunch - Beyond Burger
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise Service
- 6:30 p.m. J.A.M. - Youth - Upper Room 9

Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Elmcroft Senior Living Service

Friday

- 8:30 a.m. Ladies Cross Training - Bay Street Park

Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. Weight Watchers



FBCTC KIDS PROMOTION SUNDAY
AUGUST 20

Sunday School Hour 9:30-10:30am

Children will start Sunday School in their old class and end in their new class. On Sunday, August 27 they will start in their new class.

Sunday School Classes

2 Year Olds - Mary Velasco (CB Room 7)
3 Year Olds - Tammy Hazzard (CB Room 8)
4 Year Olds through Kindergarten - Linda Butler & Carolyn Jannasch (CB Room 10)

Elementary

1st & 2nd Grade - Lisa Campbell & Brenda McDonald (CB Room 9)
3rd & 4th Grade - Pam May & Betty Burns (CB Room 15)
5th & 6th Grade - Amos Jaramillo (CB Room 8)

Worship Hour 10:45am - Noon

New PreK 3's will go to CB Room 10 for Kids Church Jr.
New Kindergartners will go to Big Church for Worship then dismiss for Kids Church Jr. in CB Room 10.
New 1st Graders will go to Kids Church in CB Room 17 at sermon dismissal time.



FBCTC KIDS 1ST GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

During worship our 1st Graders will be presented with their very own Bible. RSVP to Meschel Hara (mhara@fbctc.com) if your 1st Grader plans to participate. Practice on stage at 9:30am on August. 20.

Awana Registration is open at www.fbctc.com/ministries/children.
For ages 3 to 6th Grade. 3 Year olds must be potty trained.

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Oh Happy Day
Everlasting God
Lion and the Lamb
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Great Are You Lord
The Fruit of the Spirit

Message: "The Fruit of a Disciple"
John 15:8



Attendance for August 13, 2017

Bible Study	191
Legacy Ministry Visits	15
Worship	376

FBC Phone Number: 409-986-4950
FBC Website: www.fbctc.com



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP MEETING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20
4:00 PM -- ROOM 5

Deacon Ministry

DEACONS MEETING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20
5:00 PM -- ROOM 5



CLUB 56
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, AFTER CHURCH
FUN CITY SK8
COST: \$12
SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP IS REQUIRED.
PIZZA IS INCLUDED.
Pick up from the church at 5:00 PM.
RSVP please:)



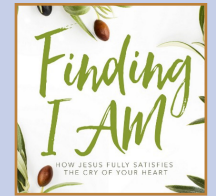
CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR

We want to "step up" our efforts this year and keep the idea of CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR LONG in our hearts and minds. We have a schedule of items that will go into children's shoe-boxes for delivery. In AUGUST we are asking for SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pencils (with sharpener), pens, markers, coloring books, crayons, water colors, etc. Drop boxes are in the office and at the entrance of the Worship Center.

Financial gifts for August 13, 2017

	Week	To Date
Financial Plan	22,167.89	443,357.83
Financial Receipt	14,949.21	371,481.34
World Missions	268.00	5,678.60

Did You Know...



TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S
BIBLE STUDY
BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
9:30 AM

We will be studying Lysa TerKeurst's *Finding I Am -- How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Your Heart*. Books are \$15. Please call Cindy Bergvall at 409-739-3845 to order a book.

Looking forward to seeing you.

The **VISION** of FBCTC is to pursue Christ first in life, love and actions.

The **PURPOSE** of FBCTC is to passionately love God, others and share Christ through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism.

The **MISSION** of FBCTC is to make disciples: bring them in, build them up, teach them how and send them out.

VALUES

First place belongs to Christ
Insist on the Bible being our guide
Relationships with God and others
Shame-free environment
Together we can achieve more

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BURGERS, ETC. BUNCH

Burgers, Etc.

Come join the Wednesday Night Burgers, Etc. Bunch. We will eat at a different fast food place each Wednesday @ 5:00 p.m. and then attend the Prayer & Praise Service. (These restaurants are close to the church -- not on Palmer.) Here is August's schedule:
August 23 -- Beyond Burger
August 30 -- Whataburger