

**Sermon Series: Divine Interruptions**  
**Today's Sermon:**

**“Finding God While Chasing Donkeys”**  
1 Samuel 9

1. Our focus is to be on the \_\_\_\_\_ things in life. (1 Samuel 9:1-4)
2. Always be looking for a \_\_\_\_\_ from God. (1 Samuel 9:5-10, 15-21)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is the most important event in your life. (1 Samuel 10:1, 6-7)

**1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders will join adults for Worship at 10:45 am for the month of May and through the rest of the summer and then be dismissed at sermon time for Kids Church.**



**Kid's Church Jr. (3 Years - Kindergarten)**  
**Two Year Olds**  
**Babies - 23 Months**

**First Steps**

Membership is open to anyone who has 1) placed their faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and 2) has been baptized by immersion by a body of believers of like faith and practice. We will be happy to assist you with these spiritual decisions. Text FIRST to (409) 215-0332 to be contacted or meet one of our Ministers near the platform after the service to discuss your spiritual decision.



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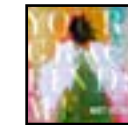
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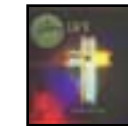
August 4, 2019



Song: This Beating Heart  
Artist: Matt Redman



Song: In Christ Alone  
Artist: Travis Cottrell



Song: Cornerstone  
Artist: Hillsong Live



Song: From the Inside Out  
Artist: Hillsong United



Song: Another In The Fire  
Artist: Hillsong United

Message

Dr. Robert Miller

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Deacon of the Week

Jerry Williams

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## This Week @ FBCTC

August 4 - 10

### Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Band/Tech Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Singers
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

### Monday

- 6:00 a.m. Youth leave for New Braunfels

### Wednesday

- 5:00 p.m. Burger Bunch - Whataburger
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Praise
- 6:30 p.m. *J.A.M./S.M.A.S.H Awards* - Youth

### Thursday

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

#### Ministry Staff

Dr. Robert R. Miller, Pastor  
 John Talley, Associate Pastor, Worship & Administration  
 Dennis Johns, Associate Pastor, Families  
 Meschel Hara, Children's Minister

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First Baptist Church  
LIVE @ 10:45 am



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## A Message from Dennis Johns

The past month has flown by, but yet has been extremely beneficial in the overall scheme of God's kingdom. Vacation Bible School, Sports Camp, Youth Camp, and Camp SonShine all have the same theme of God's love becoming more complete in us by loving each other. Each day all participants were encouraged to fall in love with God through learning more of him and his statutes and provision. Each activity was structured to assist in acknowledging God's love for us and creating the space to encounter that love. We were encouraged to gather with others through groupings of fellowship as the day's events were consumed and enjoyed. This structure that was created in the programs and camps of the month were a great example of the how the Kingdom of God is supposed to look like; loving God and loving each other.

*1 John 4:11-12; 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.* Yes, we ought to love one another, but sometimes we let ourselves get in the way. Each year following the summer events, we evaluate how things could be better and what needs to change to allow God to move freely and then hopefully the next event is more tailored to encourage encounters with God's love. Our own lives are no different. We need to consistently evaluate and look for feedback that will help us make changes and seek opportunities to allow encounters with God, and others; sometimes those decisions are personal and difficult. We might need to address our pride, or our fear, or perhaps an unforgiving spirit. The one truth from this passage that seems to be so plain is that God's love is made 'complete' in us if we love one another; you see, others are vital to our growth in Him. There are no "lone ranger" Christians; we need each other.

At the close of Camp SonShine each day the campers were encouraged with the words; "take Camp SonShine home with you." We cannot always be at VBS or Youth Camp or SonShine, but we all can continue with the mind of Christ as we love each other - *"Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."*

### Financial gifts for July 28, 2019

	Week	To Date
Financial Plan	21,021.78	357,370.26
Financial Receipt	10,409.00	316,612.33
World Missions	110.00	2,900.00
Glass Memorial Baptistry	172.00	92,329.17



It finally happened! Wednesday, July 31st, we finally closed on the Mainland property! We are so thankful to our Building Committee and the professionals who donated their time and resources: Realtor Sherry Williams and Attorney Amanda Johnson and the entire law office of Roberts, Johnson and Cain.

We received \$3,250,000 from the sale, along with \$699,000 from the back portion a few weeks ago. The money was used to pay off the Mainland property loan and the credit line construction loan. \$1,588,147.01 is now in the bank awaiting cost estimates from our contractor who is working with sub-contractors now on pricing.

Thank you for your continued prayer, faithfulness and giving! While we are all excited about this next step of building may we continue to build our faith in following Christ and making disciples.



On Back2School Sunday, our students will be promoting to their new classes during the Sunday School Hour. They will start in their old class and end in their new class. Our first graders will be presented with Bibles during Adult Worship. If you would like for your 1<sup>st</sup> grader to participate in the First Grade Bible Presentation, please RSVP with Meschel Hara ([mhara@fbctc.com](mailto:mhara@fbctc.com)). We will also recognize and pray for teachers and students during Worship.

### 7th Grade Crossover

Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. in the "Upper Room" Parents & students come join us as we celebrate the next step for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders.

**Children's Ministry Back2School Bash, August 25<sup>th</sup> @**  
 Altitude Trampoline Park, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
 RSVP to [mhara@fbctc.com](mailto:mhara@fbctc.com)