A word of praise and encouragement for the Members of FBC Eden. This summer has been a time of doctrinal deliberation for our church. These types of matters have caused serious and long lasting divisions within the body of other churches. I am heartened that in dealing with these issues we have dealt with them with openness, candor, and respect for one another. In the best sense of being “Baptists”, we have decided these matters at the congregational level, accepted the decision of the Members and continued on as a unified and loving group of followers of Christ. I pray that we will continue in this same manner as we deal with the vacancy in our pulpit; I have the utmost confidence that we will.

– Dwain Psencik

I want to express my appreciation for all the prayers, notes, visits, and calls throughout my hospital stays this summer. God is good! Thank you all! It took me out of the loop for awhile, but I am feeling great and glad to be back!

~Fred Escue
Hearts for Homebound

Hearts,
Those showers have made the weather a little cooler, making fall finally seem like a possibility. As you continue to pray for our church's future, I hope you also ask for God's guidance in all the ministries we have begun in the last few years: Hearts for the Homebound, Children for Christ, the ESL classes, the Bandas and their Mexico churches. Add to that list our regular ministries: Sunday School/Bible Study groups, Fusion, workdays, our tithing and offerings, our connections through the Lake Ivie Association. First Baptist Church of Eden covers so many needs in our community, and we are called to be and make disciples. I pray that we continue to pray for and be involved in all those ministries that make our faith and our Christian friendships stronger. The world does an effective job of tearing down what we try to build; be a positive contributor and lift up our church, pray for all our committees, invite friends to Bible Study or church, visit a shut-in, volunteer for a hard-to-fill position. You'll be surprised at the blessings that will flow your way!
Love and later, Claire Rucker

Secretary’s Notes

Church,
Before I collected articles for the newsletter this month, I prayerfully searched for images to add that seemed relevant. You can see for yourself the ones I felt led to use. What I didn’t know was how something as, seemingly, insignificant as newsletter images could be used for God’s glory. As you read, specifically the In Other Words, articles you can see a hint of a pattern. I’m not even sure how He will use this “coincidence”, but I know for sure there’s no such things as coincidences! It gets me excited to see God’s hand in every small thing we do. We may not realize or ever understand the purpose, nevertheless, I’m fired up for it!
Office hours are Tue-Wed 9am-4pm if you have any questions for me, drop by or call 325-869-3681.
~ Shaleen Bocanegra, Administrative Assistant

Fusion

Alright here we go! Without the back to school bash happening this year CFC will be doing something very exciting with the opening Wednesday night on September 6. Our fusion group will hopefully be a blessing to them as we assist in the fun. Then, on September 13 fusion will kick things off with a little surprise also. Just as Teresa put it in last months news letter " you don’t want to look back and realize that you missed out on something special". So if you fall anywhere between 6th grade and 18 years old come on the 6th and be a blessing to a younger generation and then come back on the 13th and hopefully be blessed yourselves.
God is good!
Loren

Church News

The Annual Members meeting will be held after church September 17th. We will be electing 5 Stewardship Board member positions (four 2 year terms and one 1 year term), a new Church Clerk, Treasurer, and 1 Trustee. Current Church Clerk is Phyllis Ellison, Treasurer: Shelly Hyles, the 2 year terms are currently held by: Butch Williams, Patricia Stephens, Clara Turner, and Mary Torres, and the 1 year term is currently held by Shaleen Bocanegra. The Trustee has agreed to run and Clara Turner and Patricia Stephens agreed to continue to serve. You can make nominations from the floor, but speak with that person before hand.
~Fred Escue
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My Dear Brothers and Sister,

Be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless...Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love. 1 Corinthians 15:58; 16:13-14

Are we being the church God intended?

Pray for the search committee that we would abandon our personal preferences and seek God’s wisdom to find the man He intends for this church. Cut this out as a reminder to for them Loren Briggs, Bill Campbell, David Dillard, Wade Ellison, Kit Hall, Stella Taylor, Clara Turner

Teresa

It's that time!!! Children For Christ begins the new year Wednesday, September 6th. Parents please bring your children at 6:00 pm and complete the registration forms. These forms provide us with your contact information and any allergies your children have. You won't need to stay with your kids if you want to leave after completing the form. You may pick them up at 7:00 pm. Our regular time each week will be 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm.

Our first night we will serve the children hot dogs. After hot dogs comes the Scavenger Hunt Bingo! Lots of fun and prizes too.

Calling all Chaos Diluters: Please come a little early to assist with the children while their parents are completing the forms and so we can explain the "activity." We will serve hot dogs followed by Scavenger Hunt Bingo. Curious? We thought we would combine two favorite games. Kids will be split into small groups and we would really like an adult with each group. They will not leave the church grounds.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

Scavenger Hunt

BACK TO SCHOOL 2 KICKOFF

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