



What an amazing week at camp for our students. We are grateful for a God who



loves us and transforms us through camp and for the rest of our lives!



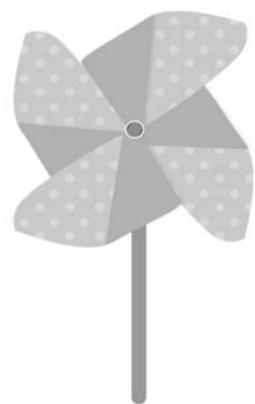
### Upcoming August Events

- Aug 3— Youth Bowling and Movie Night
- Aug 5— Women's Bible Study
- Aug 7— Prayer Walk @ 7:30pm  
Singing at the Oaks
- Aug 8— Singing at the Hillside  
Youth Mission Project  
End of Summer Bash
- Aug 9— Finance Committee  
Personnel Committee
- Aug 10—Round Rock Express Baseball Game
- Aug. 11—Sunday School Training
- Aug 12—Deacons Meeting  
Tribute to Bill Rucker  
@FUMC at 6pm  
Women's Bible Study
- Aug 15—Care Center
- Aug 19—Sunday School Promotion
- Aug 20—First Day of School
- Aug 21—Legacy Outfitters
- Aug 29—First Wednesday Night for Youth and Children  
Side by Side Youth Event

### We Need Your Help

Do you want to get more involved at the church? Do you want to impact the future, and impart some wisdom? The children's ministry is in need of teachers and helpers for boys(1st-6th), girls(1st-6th), and Preschool-Kinder groups. There will be a training Saturday August 11th at 10am in the church fellowship hall, and another training if you can't attend the first, on Sunday August 12, immediately following the service. This will go through what a lesson looks like and help answer any questions you might have about the kids. If you can't volunteer in a teaching capacity but would like to support us, you can pick up a prayer bookmark on the ministry table with prayer requests for the year.

Thank you for your continued support!



### Women's Ministry Notes

FBC Gatesville Women's Ministry is hosting a single day women's conference on September 8, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM in FBC fellowship hall. We will be studying the life of Ruth. This conference will equip women to share God's love and grace; to positively impact other women and the world around us. Breakfast and lunch will be served and childcare will be provided. We will have door prizes and drawings throughout the day. The cost is \$20 per person and t-shirts will be given to all registered attendees. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church Women's Ministry. You can sign up any time beginning Monday, 7/30/18 by contacting the church office. We will have a registration table set up at church on Sunday, August 19 and Sunday, August 26. If you would like to attend or would like more information, please contact the church office at 254-865-2014 or at [office@fbcgatesville.org](mailto:office@fbcgatesville.org). We feel blessed to share in this time of fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

“ Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay.”

Ruth 1:16

### Sunday School

#### Adult's

**Aug. 5-Averted**

2 Sam. 20:1-2,14-21

**Aug. 12-Resolved**

2 Sam. 21:1-6,10-14

**Aug. 19-Thankful**

2 Sam. 22:26-36,50-51

**Aug. 26-Disciplined**

2 Sam. 24:10-25

#### Children's

**Aug. 5-Work Together**

1 Corinthians 1:3;4;12

**Aug. 12-How to Love**

1 Corinthians 13

**Aug. 19-Don't Give Up**

2 Corinthians 1-7

**Aug. 26-Give In Love**

2 Corinthians 8-9

Offerings Received in June:

\$31,285.71

Budget Needs:

\$33,333.33

### Nathan's Notes

On August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the First United Methodist Church we will sing a “Tribute to Bill Rucker” for all of his years of service to this community. We will have a Community Choir plus solos and etc. paying tribute to Bill. I hope you will mark this date on your calendar and join us for an evening of celebration.

On August 29<sup>th</sup> we will begin our Fall Children's program. All three Children's Choirs will meet that night at 5:30pm. Please make sure your child or children are here to begin a new year.

The Sanctuary Choir will move back to 7pm for their rehearsals on August 29<sup>th</sup>. This would be a great time for some of you to make a commitment to help us lead worship each Sunday by singing in the choir. Please pray about it and join us on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Remember “He Who Sings Prays Twice”

**For we are his  
workmanship, created in  
Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God  
prepared beforehand, that  
we should walk in them.**

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# THE PROCLAIMER

First Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas

First Baptist Church Family –

Wildfires have been a little too close to home over the past couple of weeks. I am thankful for the firefighters, first responders, and volunteers who have fought these fires. I am thankful that Richard Sweaney took the lead to have our church provide support to the firefighters as well as breakfast one morning.

Wildfires worry us because they are unpredictable. They can flare up before we know it. They blow where the wind blows. They leave a mark where they have been. We prefer fires we can control – one in the fire pit in the back yard or a fire in the smoker that we can cook with.

In Scripture, the LORD's Presence often came in fire. The LORD spoke to Moses out of a bush that was on fire but not consumed. The pillar of fire led the people of Israel in the wilderness. Fire came down from heaven to consume Elijah's sacrifice on Mt. Carmel. There were tongues of fire that came on a rushing wind on Pentecost. In each case, the responses varied. Moses didn't want to go, but did. The people grumbled in the wilderness and didn't trust the LORD so it was the next generation that entered the Promised Land. In the aftermath of Elijah's stand for the LORD, he ran in fear of Jezebel, but ended up meeting the LORD in the midst of sheer silence. Peter boldly proclaimed the Good News about Jesus at all costs.

How do we respond to the LORD? Do we treat him like fire? Do we like when He is under control, predictable, beneficial, but we get a little uneasy when the LORD starts to move in ways that are out of our control, when the Holy Spirit can flare up at any moment, when we are not sure where following Jesus will lead. What happens when God moves like a wildfire? Do we resist like Moses, grumble like the Israelites, or flee like Elijah? We can try to maintain control of our own lives only to find out that we really are not, or we can stand boldly like Peter, who had finally learned that Jesus had a different way than his own which was far better! Let the fire of the Lord get in your bones and go wherever the Spirit leads!

Instead of trying to keep the fire of God under control, let's fan it into flame in our lives! Paul tells young Timothy, "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:5-7)

*Chad*

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## Aug. Birthdays

**Aug. 1-**Terry Haney,  
Kason Herbelin, Janie  
Jones

**Aug. 4-**Laramie Fain

**Aug. 5-**Chris DeSpain,  
Alex Verastegui

**Aug. 7-**Pat Craig

**Aug. 8-**Joyce Edmond

**Aug. 9-**David Hudson

**Aug. 10-**Chad Bertrand

**Aug. 13-**J.D. Sheffield

**Aug. 15-**Josh Farr

**Aug. 16-**Linda Barnes,  
Pat Brazzil

**Aug. 22-**Christis Hellon

**Aug. 23-**Wanda Baker,  
Janice Gray-Sheffield

**Aug. 24-**Clifton Cooper

**Aug. 27-**Bob Bates,  
Josephine Pollard