

Volume 7, Issue 6 June Newsletter of Petal First Baptist

Dear <<First Name>>,

Boy, summer has come in with a roar and man is it hot! Good news is that it doesn't look like it's going to rain next week for Kidx Extreme 2019 as we prepare to POWER UP June 2-6!! I hope and ask that you start praying right now for one of the single most important weeks in the life of our church as we reach our own kids and those in the community as well. I encourage you to make sure you and your family are a part! You can pre-register at www.petalfbc.com/kidzxtreme. Please do this whether for your child/student or you as an adult volunteer. This will help us so much. Let me also encourage you to invite your unchurched/lost neighbors', friends', co-workers' kids to be a part. A survey came out last year that said most parents - 60% - would encourage their children to attend and even more parents - 69% - would encourage their child to attend if they were invited by a friend! You know what that means? - 7 out of 10 folks that get invited to attend our Kidz Extreme would come! Even more, two-thirds of those interviewed said they would plan to send their kids to a VBS even if they skip church themselves! So, who will you invite? We are praying, planning, and preparing for a great week! Please let me say ahead of time THANKS to all who will serve, sweat, and love on kids and students. We can't do it without each of you!

We are going to do a very different and challenging summer message series entitled Elephants in the Room: Hard topics we tend to avoid. We are going to look at 7 different challenging cultural issues and how the Gospel informs and answers these issues. The first 5 will carry a PG-13 rating so we will provide parents the option to send their kids from K-5th grade to the children's area after the worship portion for a kid friendly message that goes along with our 252 Series for the Summer. I hope you will be here for this series and invite someone to join you, and pray for us as we prepare this

challenging series.

June 16 - "Addictions or Freedom"

June 23 - "Homosexuality/Gender Identity Or Design"

June 30 - "Depression/Anxiety/Mental Illness or Wholeness"

Please also pray for our student ministry as the 70+ students and adults go to MFUGE in South Carolina, **June 17-22**, and for our 20+ kids and adults who will be attending Kids Camp here in MS, **June 17-19**. Thank you Petal FBC for investing in the lives of this generation through Kidz Extreme and Camps. **It helps us fulfill our mission of engaging people with the hope of the gospel to see lives transformed.** Let's pray for transformation to happen in our lives and the lives of our children and students this summer.

I pray that you have time to get away this summer with family and friends and relax and unwind. We all need it! But let me also encourage you to not take a vacation from your walk with the Lord or your Church Family. Make it a priority to be here each Sunday that you are in town. (We don't do Wednesdays to give everyone a break, so Sundays are even more important as it's the only time that we gather). Let me also encourage and challenge you to give this summer as we have the most expenses of the year and we are behind our Church Family Plan on where we need to be. I am looking forward to a great summer and all that the Lord is going to do! See you Sunday!

In Christ Alone,

Brad



ITS FINALLY HERE!! Kidz Xtreme (Pre-K - 5th Grade) and KickStart (6th - 8th Grade) - June 2-6 from 6-8:30 pm. IF you still haven't, you can Register RIGHT NOW online at petalfbc.com/kidzxtreme by 3 pm Sunday or at the door Sunday evening. Volunteers also need to sign up online. It's going to be an incredible week. A free supper for the children participating will be

available starting at 5 pm each night.

If you ordered T-Shirts, you can pick them up in the back of the Worship Center Sunday. If you have not ordered one yet, you can pick up an order form in the Foyer or Children's Area. The T-Shirts are \$7 each. Place form and payment in the labeled box or return both Sunday evening.

An offering will be taken up each night to go towards our Resource Fair & Backpack ministry here in Petal. There will be a competition between the girls and boys based on who collects the most money throughout the week. The leader will be announced each night during the week and the winner will be announced Thursday night. Dollar bills are welcomed!

Family Day for Kidz Xtreme will be Sunday, June 9 at 10:30 am. Come celebrate with your kidz! We hope to see everyone there!

We are getting ready to POWER UP for this coming week and hope you are, too!



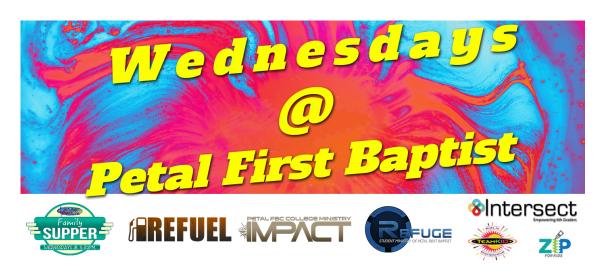


Join us each Sunday morning beginning Sunday, June 16th, @ 10:30 a.m.

for this brand new message series as we take a look at challenging and difficult topics that we often avoid. We will dive in and see how the Gospel speaks into these subjects. It has a PG-13 rating so parents will have the option to send your kids (K-5th Grade) to the children's area after the music portion for a special kid friendly time.



The annual Baby Bottle Campaign kicked off Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day) and will end Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day). Pick up one bottle per family at the designated table in the lobby on and fill it with change, dollar bills, or checks and return it by June 16. Help us support Hope Clinic!



There will be **NO FAMILY FRIENDLY WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES** this summer! Family Friendly Wednesdays will resume August 7th!



Backyard Kidz Club will starts Tuesday, June 12, at Forrest Garden Mobile Home Park. We will meet each Wednesday in June and July, with the exception of July 3, starting at 6:30 pm. Contact Whitney McDonald if you would like to help or have any questions.



Join us for a special day of worship, prayer and fellowship on Sunday, June 30th. We will have a special time of prayer over our nation as we celebrate July 4th and then followed by our annual All American Family Meal for the whole family.







Our 3rd Annual Petal Family Health and Resource Fair is 2 months away and we are beginning our preparations now! It is Monday, July 29th from 10

a.m. - **3 p.m.** We are asking everyone to go ahead and sign up for the place where you will volunteer. Here is the link to sign up: petalfbc.com/fair. The training dates for those volunteering to be a guide or help with uniforms are listed below. You only have to attend ONE of these trainings (if a guide or uniforms only) as they will all be the same. They are Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23 & Thursdays, July 11,18, & 25 at 6 p.m., as well as Sunday, July 21, at 4 p.m.



Text PFBC to 970-00 to sign up for our **NEW** texting platform! Be on the lookout for more information about how you can receive updates for more specific categories. We need everyone who would like updates via text messaging to sign up, even if you were signed up for our previous platform.

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We are excited to share that our church now has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV.

Some LifeGroups are using RightNow Media as their curriculum. If you are in a LifeGroup, you should have received an official invitation email to give you FREE access to RightNow Media. If you have not received an email but you would like a link, please let the church office know.

Once you find the email, simply click the link, sign up for an account, and you're all set to explore more than 20,000 videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you and your family!



Kids Camp dates are June 17-19. Camp is open to children who have completed 2nd to 5th grades. **Remaining balances are due ASAP.** To register, complete a form which can be found on the counter in the children's area. Contact Denise with questions.



MFuge is quickly approaching! There are still spots left, so contact Chris if you would like to sign your student up or if you have any questions. Remaining balances are due ASAP.







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