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July Newsletter of Petal First Baptist

Dear <<First Name>>,

I hope that you are having an incredible summer. It's been a busy here with the completion of **Kidz Extreme** where we saw over 465 people with almost 350 of those being kids & students. **We saw 18 decision, 10 of which were children who trusted in Christ as their Savior and Lord!** Our students and children had great weeks at camp, Backyard Kidz Club has been incredible, and we've been in full gear getting ready for the Petal Family Health & Resource Fair which is coming up at the end of this month. Plus, we've been busy upstairs trying to complete the student space before the start of the school year. **Please let me say a HUGE THANKS to all who have served, sweated, loved and led** each of these ministries this summer. We simply can't do it without each of you!

We are in the middle of what has proven to be an incredibly powerful **summer message series entitled Elephants in the Room: Hard topics we tend to avoid.** We are going to look at 4 more different & challenging cultural issues and how the Gospel informs and answers these issues. The next 2 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. In case you missed one, they are available to watch or listen to on our [website](#) or our [YouTube channel](#). (Click the link)

July 7 - "Abortion or Life"

July 14 - "Suicide or Hope"

July 21 - "Race & Reconciliation"

July 28 - "Social Media/Technology & Balance"

Finally, let me urge you to make our **Petal Family Health & Resource Fair, which is on Monday, July 29 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**, a priority day for you to come and serve our Petal community in a major way. This will be our 4th year to offer this event in connection with The Coleman Center for Families and Children where we will see thousands of people on our campus helping hundreds of children! **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! We need LOTS and LOTS of volunteers** to be guides, help with uniforms, greet people, help with security,

prepare food, etc. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON OUR [WEBSITE](#) TODAY!**

Please continue to pray and be a part of events that will happen in July for students as a group goes to Super Summer, as we continue our Backyard Kidz Club, and as we start our preparation for a new school year in August. I pray that you will be willing to serve when asked, step up and volunteer to serve! Also, don't forget that LifeGroups continue all summer long at 9 a.m., so be sure to have you and your family here! I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

In Christ Alone,

Brad



Our **3rd Annual Petal Family Health and Resource Fair** is less than a month 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.



Join us each Sunday morning @ 10:30 a.m. through the month of July as we continue this message series where 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.



Summer Update on OutLive Your Life Phase 2

We continue our work upstairs on the 2nd Floor Student Space with AC being installed this week along with more electrical work and lighting. The flooring has been ordered and we are waiting to install it once the lights and AC are completed. We are hoping to have the room ready by the end of August. We are working on the next projects to be announced this month so stay tuned. **Also, we will have a workday to complete some minor projects with painting, cleaning, and building a stage. Stay tuned for that date!**



There will be **NO FAMILY FRIENDLY WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES** this summer! Family Friendly Wednesdays will resume August 14th!

WEDNESDAYS
6:30

← JUNE 12 JULY 10
JUNE 19 JULY 17
JUNE 26 JULY 24
JULY 31
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JULY 31 (FOOD WILL BE SERVED)

BACKYARD KIDZ CLUB

FORREST GARDEN MOBILE HOME PARK

Backyard Kidz Club continues through July 31st at Forrest Garden Mobile Home Park. We will not meet this Wednesday, July 3rd, but will start back July 10th at 6:30 p.m. Contact Whitney McDonald if you would like to help or have any questions.

JUNE

JUNE 2-6 - KickStart MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH-8TH

JUNE 4 - TACO TUESDAY/BIBLE STUDY

JUNE 10 - McDONALD'S MONDAY/BIBLE STUDY

JUNE 12 - SUMMER REFUGE BEGINS

JUNE 17-22 - MFUGE

JUNE 26 - WENDY'S WEDNESDAY/BIBLE STUDY

JUNE 26 - REFUGE

JUNE 30 - GULF ISLANDS WATER PARK

**upcoming
EVENTS**

JULY

TACO TUESDAY/BIBLE STUDY - JULY 2

NO REFUGE - JULY 3

McDONALD'S MONDAY/BIBLE STUDY - JULY 8

REFUGE - JULY 10

KAYAK TRIP - JULY 11

SUPER SUMMER - JULY 15-19

REFUGE - JULY 17

MYSTERY EVENT - JULY 21

WENDY'S WEDNESDAY/BIBLE STUDY - JULY 24

REFUGE - JULY 24

H.S. GUYS ALABAMA HIKE - JULY 25-27

PETAL FAMILY AND RESOURCE FAIR - JULY 29

TACO TUESDAY/BIBLE STUDY - JULY 30

REFUGE - JULY 31

Upcoming

EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

August 4th - Prayer Walk @ PPS

August 11th - Back to School Sunday

August 14th - Family Friendly Wednesdays Kick Off



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.

rightnow MEDIA

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!



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