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September Newsletter of Petal First Baptist

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Greetings!

What an August we had! I just had to share a few of the pictures from our first collaborative effort with the Center for Families and Children and Excel by 5 to combine their Health Fair and our expanded 3:11 day into one. We really weren't sure what to expect, but whatever it was, it far exceeded anything we could have imagined. We opened the doors at noon and there was already a line in the parking lot as you can see in the pictures below. By the time the day was done, we were able to serve 405 different children in over 200 families! We estimate that we had almost 2,000 people in our building at one point during that day including volunteers, vendors and guests. It was simply an incredible day of service and loving on our community in an extraordinary way! We gave out information and the Gospel to each family and every family was prayed over as they exited our building.

The comments of thankfulness were overwhelming from those who received the resources to the vendors who were here and expressed their joy and gratitude for this incredible event! Petal FBC, this is a huge way that we were able to fulfill our mission of engaging people with the hope of the Gospel to see lives transformed. We are starting a follow-up next week with those families who indicated they didn't have a church home (there were many) to invite them to Petal FBC or encourage them to attend Church somewhere. We are already planning for next year and met with a team of people to talk about how we can make it better next August.

Thank you, Petal FBC, for your willingness to be the hands and feet of Jesus, meet others' needs, and let them know there are people who really care about them, their families, and their salvation!





We jump into September with two new message series and our continued walk through The Journey in LifeGroups, plus we continue to have record attendance on Family Friendly Wednesday nights! I encourage you to be here for both! Also, don't forget this past summer (June-August) we saw our largest expenses ever for camps, Kidz Extreme, mission trips, and our huge back to school event, but our offerings didn't keep up. We are hoping that we can catch up in September, so if you have possibly fallen behind over the summer let me encourage you to catch up or give a little extra so we can continue to do even more to fulfill our mission and see many lives transformed by the power of the Gospel!

I feel more blessed than ever to be the pastor of Petal FBC! I love each of you and I'm humbled to be your Pastor, Shepherd, and Friend! I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

In Christ Alone,

Brad

SEPTEMBER 24 • 5:30 - 9:30PM • SOUTHERN LANES • \$15.00

BELIEVER'S BASH

2017



signup with a local church by sept 20th to avoid lines & ensure shirt size

ROCKWALL • BOWLING • TSHIRT • LASERTAG
INFLATABLES • DRINKS • SNACKS • FRIENDS
music from KJ52

Believer's Bash is for students 7th thru 12th grade. Contact Chris by Wednesday, September 20th, to sign up. The cost is \$15 and includes a T-shirt. Come for a night of fun!



We begin work this Saturday on the home of Alfred and Delores Brown. Their home was damaged by the January tornado and they have had to live apart due to space constraints in their daughter's home. We want to get them back together as quickly as possible so we are partnering with Mt. Vernon and Petal Methodist to rebuild this house. We are planning on working on Saturdays throughout the next couple of months. We will also be working during the week if you have availability. We will need 4-5 volunteers this Saturday and around 10 next week. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Andy Simmons at 601-606-2994 or sign up in the foyer on Sunday. Thanks, Petal FBC, for once again being the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbor just across the street!

FAMILY FRIENDLY WEDNESDAYS RETURN AUGUST 9TH

Family Friendly Wednesday Night is ongoing! Supper begins at 5:30p followed by Refuel for adults, Refuge for students, TeamKid for kids, and Zip for preschool all starting at 6:15p. Impact for College/Career will start at 7:30p. For Adults in Refuel, we have just begun a brand new series entitled Read the Bible for Life. We are talking about how to get the most of reading your Bible and giving tools on how to read different parts of the Bible. This will prepare us to read through the entire Bible as a Church Family in 2018. (If you teach on Wednesday nights or can't make it, they are all available on our website under messages.)



JOIN US ON
THE JOURNEY

**LIFEGROUPS
SUNDAYS @ 9AM**



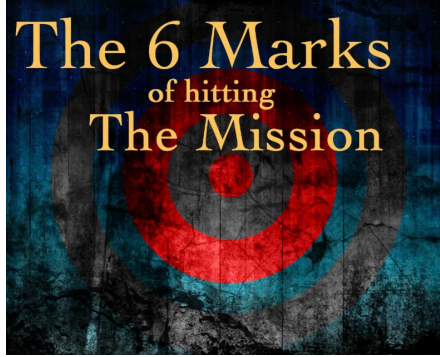
We have begun the 3rd semester of The Journey for all our LifeGroups!
This material is designed to help every person in our church become a deeper disciple and, most importantly, become a disciple maker. If you're not in a LifeGroup let us help you get connected!



Join us Friday, September 22nd @ 5:30 pm for a fun time of fellowship as we tailgate before watching the Panthers play! Everyone is invited and encourage to bring a side dish, dessert, or drink. Bring a friend, neighbor, or co-worker who isn't apart of a church family and help connect them with Petal FBC. Webb & Townsend LifeGroups will be hosting.



Join us as we launch two brand new Message Series in September. We will start with "The Map to Our Mission" which will be followed by "The 6 Marks to Hitting the Mission". These will both be part of our overall series on Vision 2020.



DENTAL CLINIC OCTOBER 24-28

TO VOLUNTEER SIGN UP ON OUR FACEBOOK EVENT
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 601-545-3198

The dates for the Dental Clinic hosted by our church are Oct. 24-28. This is a free clinic for adults ONLY who are uninsured. Clinic times are 8a to 5p Tuesday, Oct. 24th thru Friday, Oct. 27th with a break for lunch each day and Oct. 28th from 8a to 1p. Volunteers are needed to staff the waiting area, help with check-in, escort patients to and from the dental truck, take vital signs, and help with check-out. Volunteers can work all day or just for an hour or two. To sign up, go to the Church Facebook event page and leave a message stating the day and time you can work. Someone will then be in contact with you. If you have any questions, call the church office at 601-545-3198.



Brandon Dillon by letter
and Megan Harvey by
statement



Vicki Grinnell by
letter



Debra Hood by letter



Ricky and Jena Terry
by statement

thank you!

Dear First Baptist Church,
Thank you for your hospitality as you hosted our new teachers for breakfast on Friday, July 28th. You helped them understand the cooperation our schools have with our local churches and community. We are blessed to have your support through prayer and physical assistance for our students and staff. When we try to explain the relationship between our churches and schools, it is hard for our new employees to understand. But one they see it "in action" they are amazed that we have that important partnership. We appreciated your continued involvement and support of our employees and students. Your prayer support is one of the reasons our students are able to experience a high level of academic success. Thank you for providing encouragement and assistance as needed for our students and staff.

Sincerely,
Margaret Tynes

Petal First Baptist Church,
Thank you for the time to collect and deliver the school supply donations to Petal Primary School. They will be put to good use by our students and teachers. Thank you for thinking of us and for all you do for others.
PPS Thanks you!
Tessa Trimm, Principal

Dear Church Family,
I am so honored to be a part of such a giving church. You have once again stepped up to the plate and raised \$2,543.86 during our baby bottle campaign for Hope Clinic. Generosity such as yours allows us to effectively reach our community with the Hope of the Gospel to See Lives Transformed.
In Love,
Lynn Colvin, Hope Clinic

It was such a lovely thing to do, so nice in every way - Your thoughtfulness means more to us than words can ever say.
Thank you from:
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred and Delores Brown & Family



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