

## Refreshing Time Away

Debbie and I enjoyed receiving some biblical teaching and participating in extensive heartfelt worship. We were on the older end of the spectrum of those in attendance. It was encouraging for us to look around and see nearly 7,000 young people praising Jesus Christ. Here are just a few insights that I jotted down from speakers we heard.

- We gain heaven's perspective in the presence of Almighty God.
- God was not in the earthquake, fire, or wind that split rocks. The LORD was in and spoke through the gentle whisper or soft breeze.
- The enemy seeks to get us to doubt God's word about being sons and daughters in whom God is well pleased.
- We have heard God sing over us with delight all our lives, but when we step into eternity we will see our loving Father-God face to face.
- The enemy points his sword at the areas of our greatness.
- The first murder in history happened over the issue of worship within the context of family.
- Through purity we are able to live distinctly as we arise and shine like stars in a dark world.
- Jesus slept in the boat because there were no storms in the realm of communion He enjoyed with the Father-God.

Thank you for letting us getting away for a bit of refreshment.

Les

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, Oct. 4

5:15 p.m. – All Kids Pizza & Ice Cream  
6:30 p.m. – Christian Ed Board Meeting

### Thursday, Oct. 5

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

### Sunday, Oct. 8

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

## Teachers This Sunday

### Nursery

Davis Family

### Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe / Marcia Liddy

### LOL

Traci Heller

## Last Week

### Oct. 1, 2017

### Attendance

Worship Service – 119  
Sunday School – 56

## Stewardship Report

### Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$5417.00
Missions	\$210.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$225.00
Deacons Fund	\$80.00
World Missions Offering	\$790.00
Shoes	\$100.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6822.00</b>



## **Congratulations!**

Our Good News Shoes Ministry has been awarded \$500 in ABC/USA Matthew 25 Grant Money.

## **Baptism Opportunity**

We will include a baptism service on Sunday, Oct. 15. This would be an excellent time for you to identify with Jesus by being baptized. Speak with Pastor Les if you would like to be baptized.



## **God, Up Close and Personal**

Everyone is invited to attend an eight week study entitled, "God, Up Close and Personal." The focus will be on experiencing the greatness of God by learning about the Lord's attributes. This study will include a brief DVD each week and a book. We will begin on Sunday, October 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the Becomers Classroom, which is located across from the restrooms in the education wing. There is a sign-up sheet on the church foyer bulletin board so that we can purchase enough books. The book will cost \$6.00. Please sign-up to get a book, even if you have been attending the Becomers Class.

## **Missions**

During October, we collect our World Mission Offering (WMO). This money will go to support Pastor Jon and Amanda Good and their four children. Their family is preparing to go to Hungary this year to minister in evangelism, discipleship, and education. More information about them is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place. WMO envelopes are available in the pews, in front of the regular giving envelopes. Make checks out to First Baptist Church and write your name on the outside of the envelope. Thank you to all who already contributed last week!

## **Church Business**

Please pray for the following boards as they discuss and decide our 2018 budget: Administrative, Deacons, Trustees, and Christian Education. The entire 2018 budget will be presented for approval at our FBC Annual Meeting in November.

## **Thank You**

First Baptist Church Family, I deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you so much for the beautiful tapestry throw. Cindy Mullins

## **Prayer**

Ed Higgins – Pray for his healing from pain.

# Real News



In the midst of all the important news about things going on in the world, we have now been informed that Hugh Hefner died. And many people are acting as if that is some great tragedy. The real tragedy is that he apparently died without ever having repented from his life of depravity and self-centeredness, and that means entering eternity without Christ.

People have talked about what this fleshly individual contributed to society, and eulogized him as if he was a great and wonderful person. But stop and consider, what did he contribute to society?

He helped create an unrealistic image of what women are supposed to look like that has left many women feeling insecure, inadequate, and unloved. He has spent his life elevating the importance of the beauty of a woman's body, which is generally something that is the result of DNA, but has completely ignored the true beauty that is the beauty within, which any woman can nurture.

Hefner has exalted and glamorized immorality, undermining the commitment of marriage, and created a false image of what love is. In addition, his creation of an unrealistic image of a woman's beauty has resulted in similarly unrealistic expectations by men. He has also fostered the replacement of love with lust, and lived out that passion in his own life at his haven of debauchery. He has allowed himself to become an agent of Satan, providing temptation to sin for generations of men, and helping build an industry centered on that same temptation. His satanic empire wreaked devastation on many marriages and in the lives of many men and women.

Hefner joined the ranks of hedonists throughout the centuries, from the worship of Dionysius, Baal, Aphrodite, and many more. Most of all, he reminds me of the man described in Mark 8, who amasses great wealth in a self-serving fashion, about whom it is remarked, "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?"

I am also reminded of King Jehoram described in 2 Chronicles 21, of whom it was said at his death that "he departed at no one's regret." I suspect that, if the Mr. Hefner could be seen at this time, he would be found to be like the man described in the parable in Luke 18, longing to warn people of the eternal danger they face if they follow in his footsteps.

The suffering of hurricane victims in Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida - that is news. The threat of nuclear war incited by North Korea - that is news. But the death of a corrupt self-centered narcissist - that is not news.

- A condensed and edited blog by Richard Crooks



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## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Joan Sills – Room 222  
Mildred Huss – Room 219B

### River Terrace

Phebe Edington – Room 134  
LaVera Krummen – Room 116

### Signature Healthcare

Bonnie McAfee – Room 403B

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Barbara French – Room 216

As we co-labor with other churches  
in our community,  
this week we pray for:  
St. John Family Worship Center  
Pastor Don Rentschler

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Sunday:  
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