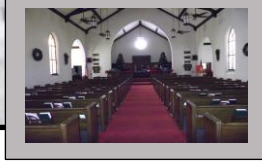


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

July 2024



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First Things First...

[Since a fall has rendered my “good” hand to limited functioning, I am repeating the article which appeared in the February 2020 edition of the newsletter.]

This I Believe

“...in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect.”

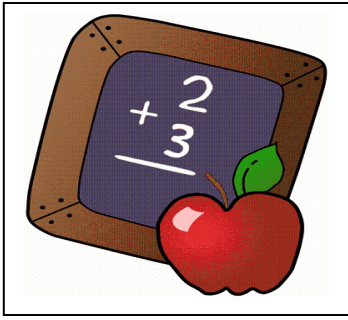
1 Peter 3:15

Belief exerts a powerful influence on every aspect of life. As Peter says above, there is a hope in everyone who believes in Christ the Lord. Each one of us should be ready, at any time, to make a defense (tell the reason) for that hope. In the next several *First Fruits*, I plan to share a summary of what I believe so that you may know me more fully and so you may see the reason for the hope that is in me. I begin the series with my belief regarding the Bible.

I believe all sixty-six books of the canonical Old and New Testaments are the divinely inspired Word of God and I submit to them as the sole source of truth and the final authority in all matters of faith and life; and of which the original documents are inerrant as to fact and infallible as to truth. I believe that the faithful work of scribes and translators committed to this principle have preserved and presented the very words and very thoughts through which God communicates with people today. I believe the Bible should be read and understood literally, unless the text and its context clearly indicate that a passage is to be read figuratively or symbolically. The Bible carries authority over all other writings and thoughts. When I am uncertain or unclear of the interpretation or application of a Bible passage, I apply the scholarly rule that Scripture interprets Scripture; the clear teachings of Scripture shall interpret the complex. This Word of God speaks in two doctrines: Law and Gospel, each may be found in both the Old and New Testaments. The Law is any words, phrases, verses or chapters in which God says what we must do or must not do. This Law brings the knowledge of sin and convicts the human heart of its unworthiness before God. The Gospel is the statements revealing what God has done, is doing or will do for humanity. This Gospel resurrects, revitalizes, refreshes, and restores the spirit that has been killed by the Law. The Gospel is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe. The Word of God endures forever and should not be interpreted in any manner that lessens its validity, purpose or authority. Scripture alone defines good and evil, right and wrong, and the way and means of salvation.

The Word of God carries the message of the Gospel and that Word is true. I have confidence in the promise of God that, although I once was dead in my transgressions, I have been made alive in the Christ who loves me and gave His life so I may have forgiveness by His grace and mercy!

To God is the glory forever and ever, Pastor Grier



First School And Day Care

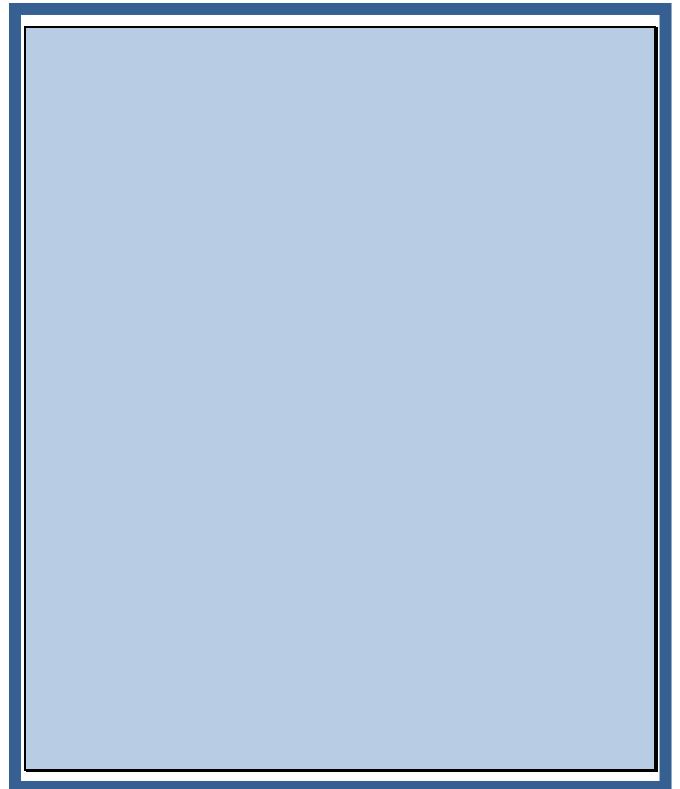


The First School has 150 children enrolled this summer and we are enjoying so much summer fun!

Our VBS will be July 22nd – July 26th in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like your child to attend, please reach out to either Bree or Deanna at the school to register. We have limited space.

Thank You!
Bree Joines,
The First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –
Thursday, July 11th, 5:00 p.m.**



JULY READINGS

- 07/07 Exodus 33:7-11, Psalm 78:17-20, 2 Corinthians 12:11-21, Luke 11:24-32
- 07/14 Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 78:21-25, 2 Corinthians 13:1-14, Luke 11:33-44
- 07/21 Exodus 34:1-9, Psalm 78:26-31, Galatians 1:1-5, Luke 11:45-54
- 07/28 Exodus 34:10-20, Psalm 78:32-35, Galatians 1:6-14, Luke 12:1-7



- 07/11 Jimmy Nielsen
- 07/12 Jan Nelson
- 07/23 Gloria Campbell
- 07/24 Matthew Stewart
- 07/26 Linda Atchetee
- 07/31 Billie Jean Bram



- Our FLC Family**
- Cecil Anderson
 - Dorothy Atchetee
 - Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
 - Cora Lee Bishop
 - Pastor & Alys Grier
 - Loretta Johnson
 - Marilyn Kight
 - Kim & Larry Ledwig
 - Lloyd Nelson
 - Jimmy Nielsen
 - Ashley Schoeneberg
 - Bentley

Friends of FLC



- 07/12 Gaynard Wigginton
- 07/17 Benjamin Hernandez
- 07/19 Nora Borak
- 07/22 Kathleen Joines
- 07/29 Cecil Anderson

List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.



**PRAY FOR
ALL WHO
SERVE IN
THE US MILITARY**



- 07/13 Leroy & Billie Jean Bram
- 07/24 Pastor Clyde & Alys Grier

WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



OR



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Wed: 8:00am – 12:00pm

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COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 15th
6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
Phone: 979-541-6173

Flower Chart

The Flower Chart still has available dates for the second half of the year! Please sign up for the Sundays when you would like to provide flowers for our service.



First School Board

Thursday, July 11th
5:00 p.m.

Church Council

Monday, June 15th
6:00 p.m.

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



Pre-Gathering Seminars:

(To explore theme more deeply)
Seminar begins Friday, July 26th, at 1:00 p.m. To attend add \$20 more

Friday Night Benefit BBQ Brisket Dinner
\$15 early/\$20 late

LCMC Texas District Gathering

July 26 - 27, 2024

(4:30 p.m. Friday evening – 3:45 p.m. Saturday)
Zion, Kerrville, TX

Theme: Love Works (Luke 10:27)

Keynote Speakers: Greg & Susan Finke

Tickets: \$75 thru 6/30, \$100 after 6/30

(includes T Shirt)

To Register: Forms are available in the church office

Or register online:

www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>First School Board Meeting 5PM</i>	12	13
14 <i>Worship Service 10:45 AM Kids' Day</i>	15 <i>Church Council Meeting 6PM</i>	16 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Worship Service 10:45 AM W/Communion</i>	22	23	24	25	26 <i>LCMC Texas District Gathering Kerrville</i>	27 <i>LCMC Texas District Gathering Kerrville</i>
28 <i>Worship Service 10:45 AM Theatre Day</i>	29	30	31			

July Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Calvin Borak
SEXTON: David Kight
USHERS: Kirk Marek, Alvin Yackel
ALTAR GUILD: Nora Borak, Diane Stewart

READER

7th Cathy Schoenfield
 14th Diane Stewart
 21st Helen Johnson
 28th Ty Schoenfield

If you are unable to serve on your date,
 please find someone to take your place.



JULY FLOWER CALENDAR

7th Open
 14th Open
 21st Open
 28th Pastor & Alys Grier

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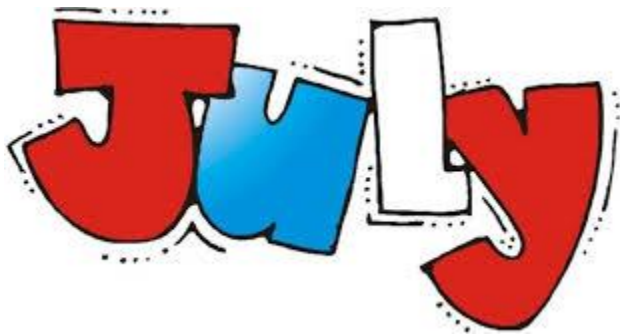
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Christine Richter, Office Manager
Bree Joines, Director of First School



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Join us on Sunday mornings!

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.