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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 2nd: All Church Work Day
- March 3rd: Missions Committee Meeting
- March 6th: Deacons' Meeting
- March 10th: Daylight Savings Time starts
- March 11th-15th: Bangs ISD Spring Break
- March 12th: Advanced Group Covered Dish Luncheon
- March 13th: Business Meeting
- March 17th: St. Patrick's Day, Celebration Choir will sing
- March 24th: Youth Ministry Team Meeting
- March 27th: Maintenance Committee Meeting
- March 31st: Fifth Sunday Covered Dish Luncheon
- April 3rd: Deacons' Meeting
- April 6th: All Church Work Day
- April 7th-14th: Week of Prayer for North American Missions-
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- April 7th: Missions Committee Meeting, Children's Ministry
Team & Vacation Bible School Training Meeting
- April 10th: Business Meeting
- April 14th: Special Offering for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- April 19th: Good Friday, Church Office closed
- April 20th: The Great Hunt-Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt
- April 21st: Easter Sunday, The Lord's Supper, Celebration Choir
will sing!
- April 24th: Maintenance Committee Meeting
- April 28th: Youth Ministry Team Meeting

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH FOR GOOD FRIDAY.



SENIOR PASTOR: Dr. Pepper Dill
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Words of Encouragement...

➤ John 7:17 -
If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.
[NASB]

Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own. [NLT]

The key to what Jesus said in John 7:17 is this: *the sequence.*

1. You have to have a desire or willingness to do God's will (to act, to obey, to carry-out);
2. *THEN* comes the knowledge we can experientially understand.

We, too often, want to have knowledge and understanding before we are willing to say "yes" (to obey). But in God's economy of faith, what He wants is a desire and willingness to obey on our part first. Then comes the understanding and knowledge.

This is how we are to walk by faith. A heart ready, set on "obey;" and trusting that God will give us knowledge and understanding as we obey (do His will).

This process and expectation violates our carnal (fleshly) tendencies. It makes us uncomfortable. But, our natural tendency to not start with obedience also prevents us from fully knowing and understanding. It keeps us on the outside, looking in – wanting to know, but unable to understand.

Furthermore, obedience leads to blessing. Disobedience leads to trouble. Remember Jesus' parable of the two builders who each built a house? One built on cheap, easy-to-access sand. The other built on costly, difficult-to-reach rock. The second construction project, the one on rock, demanded more time and expense. But when spring rains turned the creek into a gully washer, guess which builder enjoyed a blessing and which experienced trouble?



According to Jesus, in Matthew 7:24, the wise builder is whoever hears what the Lord is saying and does them. Both builders heard the teachings. The difference between the two wasn't knowledge and ignorance, but obedience and disobedience. Certainty and security come as we put God's precepts into practice. We're only as strong as our obedience.

Blessings to you on this journey of obedience.

Pepper



Daylight Savings Time starts at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 10th.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 9th!

CHILDREN'S NEWS



Camp Scholarships & Church Work Days

We would like to partner with parents to assist with summer camp cost. If your student participates in 3 work days by March, we will pay \$88 of your camp cost. The remaining \$87 can be raised by fundraisers or paid by the camper. See Mrs. Joy or Mrs. Dodson for fundraiser details.

Sign up in the foyer to help with our Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt! Collection baskets will be in each building soon!!! (No Chocolate Candy Please!) This is a great way to share Jesus with our community and invite them to worship with us!

EASTER – SPRING MUSICAL – CAMP – VBS – FAMJAM – OH WOW!!!

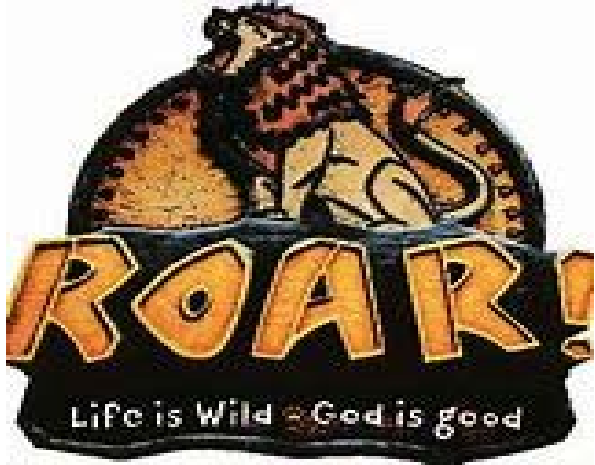
Are you READY!

Ready to love & serve God and the families in our community! I LOVE this time of year because the months are filled with opportunities to share Jesus! Join us in prayer and as a volunteer! It's about to get CRAZY FUN!!!

Grace Wins!!! Joy ☺

SAVE THE DATES For 2019!

March 2nd: Work Day 8am-12 Noon
April 7th: CMT & VBS Training Meeting at 7:10 pm - Children's Church Room
April 20th: The Great Hunt! Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt- 2:00pm pm at Bangs City Park
May 5th: Kid's Spring Musical
June 7th-10th PreTeen Camp at HOTBE (weekend session 2)
June 23rd-26th: VBS-5:30-8:00 pm Group's ROAR!
Life is Wild! God is Good!
June 30th: FAMJAM at Camp Bowie Aquatic Center



STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him."—John Piper

I don't necessarily support all of what John Piper says, however, I believe he is spot on with this statement. It begs the question of what or who our satisfaction is placed. This is a fundamental understanding that we all—as Christ-followers—must answer. Yet, it is so hard to answer.

I bet we can all say, "Yes, I am satisfied in my LORD!" However, if that is true, the above statement about Him being "glorified in us" must also be true. Sadly, Jesus is not always glorified in all we do. Of course, we are sinners...saved by grace, but we cannot hide behind that any more than the early Christians Paul spoke to concerning grace.

So, what is the point, Seth? My point is that I sometimes find myself wondering where my satisfaction is placed. Is it placed solely in the LORD—as it should be? Embarrassingly enough, it is not. I recognize that. I bet you can recognize that, too. With the biggest celebration approaching—Resurrection Sunday—I find myself wondering how "satisfied" am I in the LORD. It is a scary question to ask, but if we ask it, we can begin to tear down any barriers that are keeping us from placing our full trust in Him.

Resurrection Sunday is about the redemption of humanity finally realized through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Jesus. Beat. Death and Sin. And, through Him, we can too! If we would but humble ourselves enough to let God do His "thing" in our lives, we can glorify God through our witness of satisfaction in Him! What a beautiful testimony!

So, as we prepare our hearts for Resurrection Sunday, focus on Christ, His Words, His Commands, His Attributes, His Love, His willingness to experience death for you and me, and most of all, His Grace. Are you and I satisfied with His grace? When we are, He will be most glorified in us!

--Just a thought, Seth

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/23—Parent Conference: 20th Century Parents of 21st Century Kids: Understanding the Postmodern and Postmillennial Culture.

MISSIONS

Bangs Food Pantry OPEN! First Thursdays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Third Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

ANNE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Week of Prayer
April 7th-14th
Special Offering
Sunday, April 14th

SENDING HOPE

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The Missions Committee will have short meetings once a month in the front of the church sanctuary at noon on Sundays as scheduled in the Church calendar.

God's Work Our Hands

BANGS FOOD PANTRY

Our Medical Closet!

We have a wide variety of equipment to loan out including wheel chairs, walkers, beds, bed rails, and shower chairs.

Celebration Choir NEWS

Starting on Wednesday, March 6th, the Choir will rehearse every Wednesday at 7:10 pm in the Choir Room to prepare for Easter. New voices are always welcome!
Pick up CD's in the Choir Room with our Easter music to practice at home!
Sunday, March 17th: The choir will sing during worship at 10:45 am.
Easter Sunday, April 21st: The choir will sing two special songs!



BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

DECEMBER 2018 MEETING MINUTES

- November 2018 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted, one letter was granted, and one new member was approved.
- Nominating Committee recommendation was approved.

JANUARY 2019 MINUTES

- December 2018 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted, one letter was granted and two new members were approved.
- The amendment to the Bylaws was presented and discussed (ADM-FI) with voting at the February business meeting.
- An update was given on the Minister of Worship Search Committee.

DECEMBER 2018 GENERAL FUND	
Total Contributions:	\$38,068.62 (5 Sundays)
Weekly Average:	\$9,517.15
Weekly Requirement:	\$8,437.98
Fund Balance:	\$13,365.13
BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$57,115.97 (12/30/2018)
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$8,290.18 (12/30/2018)

JANUARY 2019 GENERAL FUND	
Total Contributions:	\$33,720.92
Weekly Average:	\$8,430.23
Weekly Requirement:	\$8,552.04
Fund Balance:	\$14,342.01
BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$57,135.97 (1/31/2019)
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$8,291.41 (1/31/2019)