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## Words of Encouragement...

1 Peter 2:9 > "...for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light."

1 Peter 2:12 > "Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world."

Has this happened to you?

- A clerk was rude and you have not been back to that store.
- A desk clerk at a motel ignored you and you took your business elsewhere.
- The receptionist at the doctor's office acted snarly and you are seriously considering finding another specialist.

While you are pondering that ill-mannered treatment and your response to it, consider that as a follower of Jesus Christ, you sit on His front desk. You represent Jesus to the public. You are, so to speak, answering His phone and dealing with inquirers seeking Him. People are making decisions about Jesus—to come to Him, ignore Him, or oppose Him—because of your behavior.

If that doesn't give you some sense of concern, then you're not paying attention.

They are watching you. Others... the world... your neighbors... your co-workers... they're watching you and me to see if we really are who we say we are, and if we really believe what we say we believe.

You wish they wouldn't. You may even tell people, "Don't look at me; look at Jesus." But you're wasting your breath. They're going to look at you to see if you are real, Jesus Christ is real, and this faith is genuine. You have no choice in this matter. God said from the beginning this is how it would be done.

You may recall that after David's sin with Bathsheba and the manslaughter of her husband to cover up his wickedness, the prophet Nathan informed him that the heathen nations around them were "blaspheming God" as a result. They looked at David and came to conclusions about God. (II Samuel 12:14).

Therefore, you have some tough decisions to make.

- 1) You're going to have to decide what to do about those areas where you do not measure up. We all have such areas; none have arrived at the finish line yet; none of the living have been glorified. You're either going to live as a hypocrite (ignoring the inconsistencies in your talk and your walk and hope no one notices), or humble yourself and live as a fellow-struggler among strugglers.
- 2) You're going to have to decide whether you have an obligation to outsiders and your weaker brethren. You will recall what the Apostle Paul said about that: "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another" (Romans 13:8). We owe them love. And he said, "Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible." (I Corinthians 9:19).
- 3) You must decide whether to live your life according to what you deserve (your "rights") or ask the Lord what He wishes you to do ("His will"). On the night before He was arrested, tried, and crucified, Jesus prayed, "Not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 22:42).
- 4) You will decide every day of your life whether to abide in the Lord and draw strength from His limitless reservoir or live in your own strength and go bankrupt every 24 hours. "Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God." (II Corinthians 3:5).
- 5) Will your ambition to achieve something great in life drive you or will the desire to please Christ in all things be the consuming passion of your life? You have to decide.
- 6) Is it enough for you to hear His "well done, good and faithful servant" at the end of your life? Some people calling themselves followers of Jesus go for the glory now, instead of later. Each of us must decide.
- 7) Will you get up every morning of your life and ask the Lord to touch souls through you, love others through you, and encourage others through you?

Many blessings to you as Jesus' front-desk representative. May He find us faithful.

Pepper

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 3rd: Clothes Closet OPEN
- May 4th: Vendor set up for Garage Sale
- May 5th: MAYFEST, Garage/Bake Sale, Youth Water Kiosk
- May 8th: Advanced Group Luncheon
- May 12th: Carwash for Camp Youth Fundraiser
- May 13th: Mother's Day, No Children's Church, No Evening Services
- May 16th: Deacons' Meeting
- May 23rd: Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting, Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- May 25th: Last day of school for Bangs' students, Bangs High School Graduation
- May 27th: Celebration Choir sings
- May 28th: Memorial Day, Church Office closed
- June 3rd: Missions Committee Meeting/Lunch
- June 4th-7th: Pre-Teen Camp
- June 6th: Celebration Choir Rehearsal
- June 7th: Clothes Closet OPEN
- June 10th: Celebration Choir sings, CMT Meeting
- June 11th-16th: Youth Camp at Camp Eagle
- June 13th: Deacons' Meeting
- June 17th: Father's Day, The Lord's Supper, No Children's Church
- June 18th-21st: Vacation Bible School
- June 20th: No prepared meal or evening services
- June 25th-29th: Super Summer at Howard Payne University
- June 27th: Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting

## THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 28TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY



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# CHILDREN'S NEWS



## SAVE THE DATES!

May 27th: Deadline to sign up and pay for Pre-Teen Camp  
 June 4th-7th: Pre-Teen Camp at HOTBE "Thriving for Christ"  
 June 18th-21st: VBS 5:30-8:00 pm Group's Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus

FBC Family,

This summer will be full of activities and great opportunities to share Christ. Join us for VBS, Camp, FAMJAM and CHURCH!!! As we prepare for these ministry opportunities, let us prepare our hearts as well. Read John 15 together as a family and talk about what it means. How do the words and commands of Jesus in these verses apply to our lives, words, actions? How can we encourage one another and show the love of Christ to others? This will be our theme for Pre-Teen Camp this year with our focus verse being John 15:5. Let's prepare our hearts as a family, church and Children's Ministry to THRIVE and let God use us in a MIGHTY way!

John 15:17 "Love each other."

Love, **JOY** 😊



"CHILDREN ARE A HERITAGE FROM THE LORD... LIKE ARROWS IN THE HANDS OF A WARRIOR..."  
PSALM 127:3-5

### Sign up now at [fbcbangs.com](http://fbcbangs.com)

Pre-Teen Camp at Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment (HOTBE)

for a week of THRIVING for CHRIST! Connected John 15:5

June 4th-7th for kids who have completed 3rd-6th grade

Speaker: Randy Fair Worship: Nick Ewen

Camp fee of \$170 is due by Sunday, May 27th

Sign up online at [fbcbangs.com](http://fbcbangs.com) or see Joy or Kialynn!

Fundraisers will be available.



Worship-Bible Study-Crafts-Pool-Waterfront-Archery-Riflery-Paintball

Ropes Course for kids completing 6th grade

Sign up to help with VBS or attend VBS at [fbcbangs.com](http://fbcbangs.com)  
**June 18th-21st**  
**5:30-8:00 pm**



# We need your e-mail addresses!

The Church Website has been updated with new software and we have lost all of our email addresses for weekly updates. If you want to continue to receive weekly updates, please submit your e-mail address on our website: [fbcbangs.com](http://fbcbangs.com) or fill out the tear sheet in the bulletin on Sunday and place it in the Offering Plate. We apologize for this inconvenience.

## MISSIONS



Clothes Closet OPEN! Thursday, May 3rd, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Clothes Closet OPEN! Thursday, June 7th, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

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



MAYFEST Garage Sale/Bake Sale-Saturday, May 5th, 8am-4 pm in the Gym & Snack Bar

All the money will support local missions.

Call Teresa at 325-642-9426 to reserve a space. Hurry, spaces are going fast! Vendors may set up on Friday May 4th, 8:30 am-noon.

Donations needed for the Bake Sale! Contact Shirley Porras, call or text at 530-722-7485

## MUSIC NOTES



Hello, all!

Wow! I can't believe that Spring is in full bloom! I love this time of year! As we've seen the grass spring up and starting to turn green, the amazing flowers in bloom, and the new leaves on the trees, it reminds us of the new life that we all have in Christ! Our God lavished His love on us in the form of His son! Wow! I'm getting excited just thinking about it! Let's remember to keep His praise on our lips all year long! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

He gave us His life!! What more could He give? Let us be reminded that our true joy and fulfillment in life will only be realized when we fully give ourselves to Him in return! Easter Sunday was such a joy! It is, without doubt, my favorite Sunday of the year as we celebrate the resurrected Savior!

The Celebration Choir has been a great success! It has been really a true joy singing with so many of our voices together to lift up the name of Jesus! There is lots of love and laughter involved! If you enjoy singing, you should definitely join us!

Music is a gift from God! Let's all use it for His glory! Experience, again, the joy that it is singing with other believers in song to our Lord! There's nothing like it!

See you in Church!



*Soli Deo Gloria, Bro. Corey*

## Associate Pastor/Youth Minister NEWS



When something exciting happens, most people are quick to proclaim the news. Whether it is your thoughts on a blockbuster movie or a life changing event in the family, sharing the information is expected.

In Acts 4, Peter and John were arrested after Peter boldly proclaimed the Word of God. The authorities charged the two of them with "speaking and teaching in the name of Jesus." I love Peter's and John's response—"we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

That verse has become our Student Ministry Mission Statement. I want our students to feel the burden of sharing their story of how Christ has moved in their lives. I want them to feel the urgency of sharing the Gospel of Jesus with their peers. I want them to do this because it is what we are called to do.

Becoming mission-minded is a process. It is not just going on a trip in the summer for a week-or-so in a strange place. Mission-mindedness is a lifestyle—second nature to the believer. I believe we can get there. I believe this is possible not only with our students, but also for our children and adults.

What would it look like if we (FBC Bangs) embodied the attitude of, "we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard?" I look forward to finding out.

**Bro. Seth**

### Upcoming Events or Important Dates

- MayFest—5/5—Youth will have the opportunity minister to the community through handing out water to folks in the community
- Carwash for Camp—5/12—Youth carwash fundraiser.
- Youth Camp—6/11—6/16—Camp Eagle, Rocksprings, TX
- Super Summer—6/25—6/29—Howard Payne University

### BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

#### FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING MINUTES

- January 2018 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted and letters were granted.
- There was no old or new business.

#### MARCH 2018 MINUTES

- February 2018 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted.
- There was no old or new business.

#### FEBRUARY 2018 GENERAL FUND

Total Contributions:	\$32,083.95
Weekly Average:	\$8,020.99
Weekly Requirement:	\$8,437.98
Fund Balance:	\$11,735.63
BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$81,701.74 (2/28/2018)*
CHURCH ROOFS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$26,446.09 (2/28/2018)
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$8,280.13 (2/28/2018)

#### MARCH 2018 GENERAL FUND

Total Contributions:	\$34,502.73
Weekly Average:	\$8,625.68
Weekly Requirement:	\$8,437.98
Fund Balance:	\$14,480.47
BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$101,326.92 (3/31/2018)*
CHURCH ROOFS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$46,078.09 (3/31/2018)
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$8,280.81 (3/31/2018)

\* Includes funds for the roof projects