

THE MESSENGER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, COTULLA, TX

Pastor's Thoughts...

Congratulations to Melody Tripp and Nyssa Rodriguez on graduating from Cotulla High School. That is a big accomplishment for them and we are proud of them. Let's not forget Faith Montgomery either, who graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. All of these students studied hard, were involved in their school, and fulfilled all that was required of them. I am pretty sure they have a sense of satisfaction in what they have accomplished. What lays ahead for them? Melody plans to continue her studies at Houston Baptist University and Nyssa plans to attend Texas State University in San Marcos. Faith plans to going into teaching for now. Pray for these girls as they open a new chapter in their lives.

This milestone in these girls' lives made me think about our own journey in life. How are you coming along? How is your progress? When we began a new life as Christians, we began a new journey. We had to learn a new way of life (following Christ). We had to study (spending time in God's Word). We needed to spend time with the Master (prayer and worship). We got involved in different activities

(serving the Lord). All of this is not only an opportunity but also a need to keep us healthy spiritually. Spending time with the Lord every day

and serving Him faithfully is all part of being a healthy Christian. Sort of like eating everyday and exercising so we can keep ourselves physically healthy. So my question to you again is: How are you coming along? How is your progress? If none of this is happening to you, either you are not a Christian or you are dying (failing) as a Christian. Think about it.

At the end of school, exams are given to students to see if they pass or not. So in life: the end is nearing and in a sense, a final exam (Judgment Day) will be given to every human being. When my time comes, I want to be able to say: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). How about you? How are you doing? How is your progress? What will your life report card look like?

Your Pastor and Friend,
Bro. Loren Fast

Here, There, and Yonder.... FBC on Missions



These are new chairs purchased for the kid's school at **Christlike Children's Home** in Kenya. Our church is providing financial support for this ministry. Keep Bro. Linus and the children's home in your prayers".

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June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Area Pastors Pray	2 Las Palmas 10:30 am	3 CHS Graduation	4
			Prayer Meeting 6pm	Praise Team 7pm		
			The ROCK 7pm			
5 Praise Team 9:15 am Mission Committee Meeting 3pm Deacons Meeting 5pm SALT 7pm	6 VBS Meeting 6pm	7 Ladies Gate Guard Luncheon 11:30 am	8 Prayer Meeting 6pm	9 AGENDA DEADLINE Praise Team 7pm	10	11
12 Praise Team 9:15 am Youth Council Meeting SALT 7pm	13 Finance Committee	14 Men's Gate Guard Lunch 11:30am	15 Business Meeting 6pm	16 Las Palmas 10:30 am Praise Team 7pm	17	18
19 Praise Team 9:15 am Father's Day No Evening Events	20-21 SUPER SUMMER JUNE 20----- JUNE 24		22 Prayer Meeting 6pm The ROCK 7pm	23 Praise Team 7pm	24	25
26 Praise Team 9:15 am	27	28	29 Staff Meeting 8am Deacons Meeting 9am	30 Las Palmas		
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 26----- JUNE 30						
No Evening Events			No Evening Events	No Evening Events		



June Birthdays

04 Jennifer Mc Coy 11 Karen Northcut
26 Charlotte Montgomery

May 15th, we recognized Nyssa Rodriguez (left) and Melody Tripp (right) as our 2016 High School Graduates. Next year Nyssa will attend Texas State University and Melody will attend Houston Baptist University.



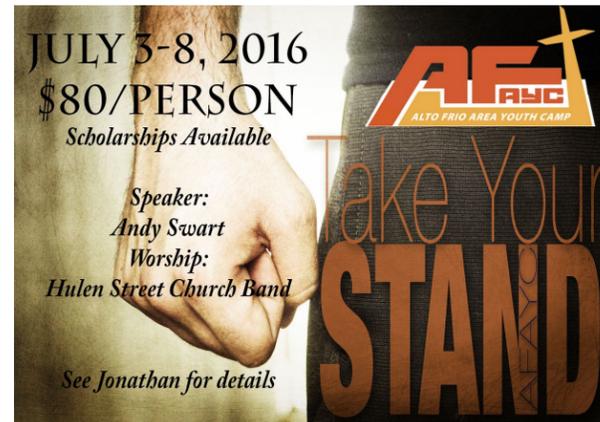
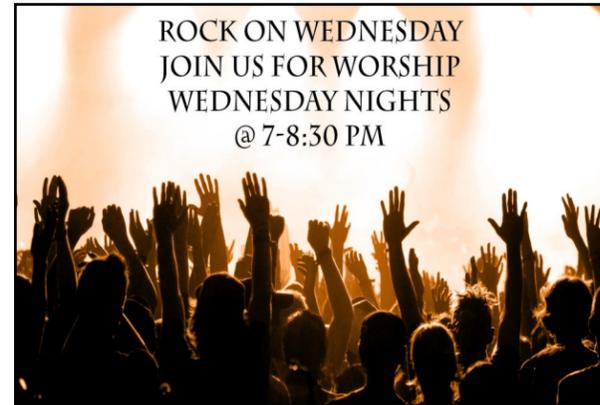
Rock Thoughts

School is out, summer has arrived, and opportunity is here!! Parents, summer time is a offers a great opportunity to begin some valuable discipleship with your children. This doesn't has to be something big that takes a lot of your time or that you have to really work to schedule in. discipleship should be something we do as we go throughout our day to day activities. It should be something that becomes part of our everyday life. Simple things like go to church with your children, start a summer bible reading plan together, get a simple bible study you can do together (make sure its a theme/subject that your kids will be interested in).

Here at First Baptist Church, we have some wonderful things scheduled this summer that, not only can your students be involved with, but you, as a parents, can participate in as well.

Vacation Bible School is June 26-30, 2016, 5-8pm. It's for students who have finished K-6th grades. Parents are welcome to come join us; we always need more help!

Alto Frio Area Youth Camp is July 3-8, 2016, at Alto



Frio Baptist Encampment. It's for students who have finished 6-12th grades. Parents are welcome to come as adult leaders, or maybe you just want to help drive for us. Either way we'd love for you to join us!

Encinal Community Church VBS July 3-7, 2016. Those youth and parents that are not able to join us at camp are welcome to help out with VBS in Encinal.

FRBA Progressive Youth Rally is July 24-27, 2016 (tentatively). We want students to join for this events and need parents to help drive and to build connections with students.

Of course, we will continue our Wednesday and Sunday nights @ 7pm, as well as Sunday morning @ 9:45 am.

We look forward to seeing you at these events and helping you find great ways to disciple your families!! Have a great summer!!!

In Christ,

Jonathan



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

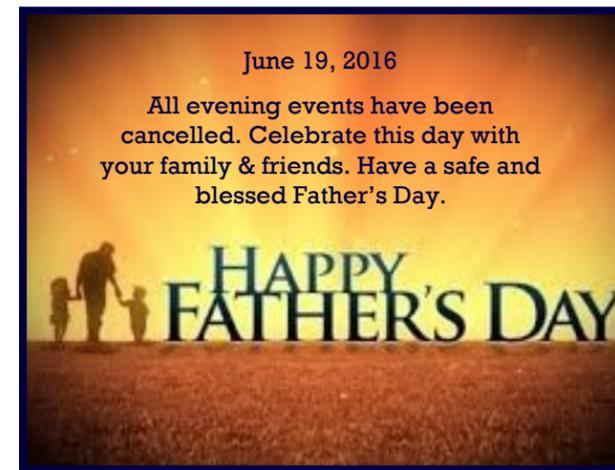
Dates: June 26th-June 30th, 5:00pm – 8:30pm

Register on our website or bring form to church office Mon -Thurs 9am-2pm. REGISTER EARLY!

Requirements: Children must have finished grades

Kinder thru 6th.

We can accept only 12 children that have finished Pre-K, please call Kye Page 879-5410 to pre-register



Noe's Ark

Matthew 5:14 You are the light of the world; a town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

As followers of Jesus Christ we must be visible. We shall not stay confined to our four walls and be content with just the receiving of His Word but also sharing it. It is clear in God's word that we shall go out and make disciples of others...but as we go out we should be a shining light a beacon in this community and elsewhere. Daily we should strive to be Christlike and when people see us we can share the love of Christ through our behavior and our personal testimony.

D.L. Moody was one of the greatest evangelists who

The church that prays for revival prays for a great awakening (Acts 3:19-20). There is a reason the revivals in early America are referred to as the Great Awakenings. If there is anything needed today it is an awakening from our slumber. We are so sleepy toward God, even the best among us. Our God-sensibilities, by and large, are so dreary that many Christians no longer even pick up their Bible. Entertainment has dulled us, yes, but the problem is deeper than that. We haven't merely been entertained by other things, we have failed to be awed by God. The church that prays for revival, then, is praying for an awakening to God. They are praying for times of refreshing from the Lord.

ever lived. He drew crowds of tens of thousands of people every time he spoke. Once when someone asked him how he could be such a powerful speaker, he said, "Before I speak I just go out to an open place and say, Lord, set me on fire."

We should be a light that is visible for everyone to see, not hidden under a bushel.

In Christ Love,
Noe

