

# THE MESSENGER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, COTULLA, TX

## Pastor's Thoughts...

The summer program here at FBC has begun and it looks to be a busy summer. Our youth have already completed their week at Super Summer. I thank the Lord for the six students and three adult leaders who went and were ministered to. We have had 2 families join our FBC family: Terry and Steve Lange and Byron, Alycia, Jamie and Emma Reynolds, and of course little Tyler. We welcome you. Closing out the month of June we had our annual Vacation Bible School. This year we had a good group of kids and a lot of workers. And everyone has worked hard and as a team.

July is now here and we have some of our church family assisting the Encinal Community Church with their VBS. During the same week our youth are going to Alto Frio for summer youth camp. Later in July Dora and I will be traveling with FBC Carrizo Springs for an evangelistic mission trip to Lima, Peru. All of this while still serving our community through Sunday worship, Wednesday Prayer Services and Youth activities, and reaching out to those in need. A real busy time indeed.

Even though we are busy and doing activities we believe the Lord would have us to do, it is important that we take some down time to rest, revive and recoup. Jesus did that on occasion: after healing many people (Mk

1:35), and feeding of the 5000 (Mt 14:23 & Mk 6:46-47). He took time to get away, to be alone to pray, and no doubt to rest. Sometimes we get so busy doing things that we soon forget about our time with the Lord. He wants time with us, He likes to hear from us, and He even asks us to "Be still and know that I am God (Psa 46:10)." Some people think that taking a rest and relaxing is a waste of time. On the contrary, the Lord thinks otherwise. Taking time to rest and relax may be the best time for you to focus on God's goodness, His many blessings, and just getting to know Him. Time spent with God is never a waste of time.

A lot of things are going on at church as well as in your personal life. But don't forget that God loves you and wants very much to spend time with you. Doing that will help you grow as a Christian and will make you an overall better person. Now sit back and relax!

*Your Pastor and Friend,  
Bro. Loren Fast*

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

We want to thank the students from Baptist University of the Americas (BUA) in San Antonio for giving a week of their summer to serve here in Cotulla. Esteban Guitz, Argenis Lopez, Mateo Beltran, Cheyenne Davila and Alejandra Gaitan handed out VBS flyers, surveyed the community around our church, helped move furniture and ended each day assisting in our VBS. You have all done a great job and we thank you for all you did in helping to minister to our community.



Thank You!  
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The Youth At Super Summer



Progressive Youth Fusion

Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> - FBC Carrizo Springs

Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - FBC Jourdanton

Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> - FBC Cotulla

Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> - FBC Charlotte



Each evening will begin at 6:00pm with dinner to follow.

Focus: The Scriptural Importance of Missions & Church Planting  
Special Guest Speaker: Bobby Higginbotham, Pastor of The Pathway in Tacoma, WA

Music: led by John Mark Harvey, Music & Missions Minister at FBC Charlotte

L.B. SeanW

DON'T MISS THIS!!!



ROCK ON WEDNESDAY  
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
@ 7-8:30 PM

Rock Thoughts

Galatians 5:22-23 tells us that as believers in Christ we are to exhibit the Fruit of the Spirit. The qualities of this fruit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. What's interesting is that the scripture doesn't say that the Fruit of the Spirit SHOULD be these things. Instead, it tells us that it IS these things.

As believers we have received the Spirit and with it we now possess the fruit that He produces. These qualities are within the believer and ready to be used in order to experience the best life that God has for each of us.

So, let's show our fruit to the world and represent the Father the best way we can.

Jonathan





# Vacation Bible School



VBS  
2016



BUA Students  
helping out  
with VBS



### Our Condolences...

To the Snowden Family in the passing of Mickey Snowden.

To Kye & ET Page in the passing of her father Vance Wilson.



Pray for Bro. Loren and Dora Fast as they will be traveling to Lima, Peru on a mission trip. They will be leaving July 15<sup>th</sup> and will return on July 23<sup>th</sup>.



## Noe's Ark

It has been so hot, making it difficult to do things around the house or anywhere else for that matter. I always say that we should always praise Him despite our circumstances or situations. Even though I am uncomfortable with the surroundings and the climate, I need to learn to practice what I preach. There are times we are not happy in the cold, hot, rain or snow. I have got to stop complaining and give God the glory for everything He has done and will continue doing for me. I have to truly believe and daily live His word which says: **“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”**



Romans 8:28 King James Version (KJV)

In Christ ,Noe

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## JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						July 4th celebration at Veterans Park
3 Lord's Supper Praise Team 9:15 am	4 July 4th Office Closed	5	6 Area Pastors Pray 8:30 am Prayer Meeting 6pm	7 AGENDA DEADLINE Praise Team 7pm	8	9
ALTO FRIO AREA YOUTH CAMP JULY 3-----JULY 8						
Encinal Vacation Bible School July 3rd ----- July 6th at 6:00- 8:00 pm.						
SALT 7pm			The ROCK 7pm			
10 Praise Team 9:15 am Youth Council Meeting 4pm	11 Finance Committee	12	13 Business Meeting 6pm	14 Las Palmas 10:30 am	15	16
Jonathan vacation July 11th -----16th						
Mission Committee Meeting 7:30 pm SALT 7pm			The ROCK 7pm	Praise Team 7pm	Peru Mission Trip***** Loren & Dora on trip***	
17 Praise Team 9:15 am	18	19	20 Prayer Meeting 6pm	21	22	23
Peru Mission Trip July 15th - July 22						
SALT 7pm			The ROCK			
24 Praise Team 9:15 am	25	26	27 Staff Meeting 8am Prayer Meeting 6pm	28 Las Palmas 10:30 am	29	30 Fellowship Hall Resv. K. Friesenhahn's Baby Shower
Progressive Youth Rally July 24th - July 27th						
SALT 7pm			The ROCK 7pm			
31 Praise Team 9:15 am						
5th Sunday Covered Dish Lunch at 12:00pm Singspiration 6:00 pm SALT 7pm						

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 Dub Allen 03 Dori Trevino 05 Aaron Montgomery 05 Sammy Lambert  
06 Phyllis Caudle 14 John Allen 18 Bea Murdoch 20 Joy Watson  
21 Selena Aguirre 23 Luke Montgomery