

COOL CONNECTION

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YOUTH LEAD OUT IN TRUNK 'ER TREAT! CANDY NEEDED

We have started collecting bagged candy treats to hand out October 31st in our annual "Trunk 'er Treat" outreach. Candy and bagged candy treats are needed by our Youth. We also need cars with trunks that can be filled with candy for distribution to the children of

This has been growing each year since we started. We would like to suggest that you and your family bring your candy and join us with your car at church and use this opportunity to bless the families of our community in the Name of Jesus



on this occasion that often is used to harm or endanger the children who are out that night. A safe place with safe candy

Coolidge. We make sure every child who comes to our church that evening goes away with a nice bag of candy that includes an invitation to them and their families to come to church the next Sunday.

and the love of Jesus handed out to each child of Coolidge. Come be part of this great outreach effort this October 31st at FBC Coolidge



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UNDER WAY

It's the beginning of fall, but we are already looking forward to Christmas. Many of you have expressed how you love to begin the season by participating in Operation Christmas Child. Deborah and I went to the kick off rally at Highland Baptist Church in

Waco the other week. We watched this year's inspiring videos of children all over the world receiving their boxes and then going through 10 weeks of intense discipleship and Bible study. The graduation celebrations from these classes were wonderful to see. Many children and their families have come to the Lord. The program began 20

years ago, and over 100 million boxes have been handed out. We also heard a testimony by a woman from Reisel First Baptist Church. They began participating a few years ago by collecting 30 boxes to send. This year their goal is 1,000 boxes. They have about 1,000 people in their town, and run about 50 people in church on Sunday morning. Their whole community and local public school have gotten involved. (Continued on page 2)

A NOTE FROM PASTOR CHUCK

September was a month that this church will not soon forget. We were so busy with so many wonderful activities. Our new Children's Sunday School and Wednesday evening "TeamKID" programs are doing well. Our Nominating Committee is quickly filling up positions of ministry service for our Lord through our church.

Our missions church, Iglesia Bautista La Fe continues to grow and do well. We celebrated with them yet another baptism and shared with them in the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Things moving in such a positive direction in the life of our church make me wonder what all God has in store for us in the month of October.

Trunk 'er Treat kicks causes us to come together for the Gospel as does Operation Christmas Child. As we prepare for our Annual Meeting for the Association, we prayerfully must consider all that God is doing in and through our Association and be a part of what is happening through our Association. Just this last month our



students at Navarro College Mexia

church fed over 80 students and staff and we saw Kevin Jones lead a Bible Study of 7 students prior to the Pizza Lunch. Let us join Kevin in praying for the students at Navarro College Mexia

campus as together we reach out in love.

Our church lost one of our longest standing and most faithful members this last month. Sybil Brown will be missed by all. Her Funeral Service was a tribute to the Gospel and to her love of the Lord, her family, her church and her community. Now that Sybil has joined the Great Cloud of Witnesses I wonder what she will be looking to see from the hearts and work of the members of FBC Coolidge? Looking at her church with the eyes of Heaven, will she see us continuing to pick up and do the work of the Lord in this place? I pray you will consider what God would have you do out of your love of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Chuck

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Another lady from Mexia gave her testimony about how her family got involved a few years ago by giving three boxes. She became so passionate about what God was doing with children through the program that she volunteered to take her family to Colorado to help at a packing center there. Last year, she went to Peru to help distribute boxes in

"Operation Christmas Child is starting this month"

some of the poorest neighborhoods in the world. Her slide presentation made us uncomfortable over the poverty but joyful over the happy faces and hopeful eyes of children who have come to the Lord. This year her family is preparing 300 boxes to send.

See Deborah or me if you would like to donate a box and \$7.00 to Operation Christmas Child. The money goes for

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not only the shipping, but also the teaching materials and Bibles for the ten week discipleship programs. Our brochures list acceptable items and how to pack your box. We were told that the children really love getting a picture and a letter about the person who sent their box. Just slip in a card or note of encouragement with the other items in your box. Interpreters will be on hand to translate for them. The National Collection Week is Nov. 12-19, so please get your box to us before then so that we can get it to High Land Baptist Church.

TEAMKID CONTINUES RAPID GROWTH

We have been having a great time on Wednesday nights at TeamKid! We are continuing to learn how to overcome many of life's hurdles. One of our recent lessons was on "bullying". We discussed not only why we shouldn't bully others, but just as important, what the bible has to say about how we should treat bullies.

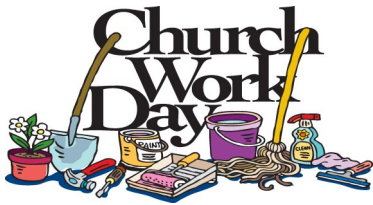
As a reminder, will have our TeamKID store open December 12 where the kids

can use their points earned to purchase Christmas gifts for their families. **We desperately need donations of new or gently used items for our gift shop.** In addition to items, we will also need some extra adult volunteers this Wednesday night. Please let any of the TeamKID workers know if you might be willing to help.

Thank you for supporting the kids of FBC Coolidge!!



UPCOMING DATES TO KEEP



Mark your calendar, **Saturday, October 27th**, as the "Fixin' Up for Fall" workday at church. As we prepare for the holidays, we need to prepare our building, both inside and out, for some needed repairs. The Building and Grounds Committee is asking for all able-bodied persons to participate as we still need to finish painting the fellowship hall, improve the entry ways, fix lighting in sanctuary, and work on the floor and door of the nursery.



The **Finance Committee** wants to remind you that at the November business meeting, the 2013 budget will be adopted. Please submit budget requests in writing by October 20th, which is our church council meeting. Thank you.



The **Ladies' Monday Bible Study** continues their study from Joyce Meyer's book, *Managing Your Emotions, Instead of Your Emotions Managing You*. This is a study that anyone can join in, whether they've missed the previous weeks or not. Come on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. to the fellowship hall to enjoy good Bible study and sweet fellowship.



In November, we would like to host a **Thanksgiving Dinner** for our church family and our sister mission church, Iglesia Bautista La Fe. The meal will be served on Sunday, November 18th, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer for you to R.S.V.P.

BI-STONE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS

The Bi-Stone Baptist Association Annual Meeting is Tuesday October 9th at First Baptist Church Fairfield, Texas. The first meeting is at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00PM. The second meeting will begin at approximately 6:30PM and will feature reports from all the Ministry Teams of the Association including the Project Embrace Task Force. Also new this year, the Association is starting a choir for this meeting and will be performing in the second meeting.

Our Annual Sermon will be brought by Terry Coy, who is the Missions Division Director for the Southern Baptists of Texas State Convention. Terry will be bringing us a good word concerning our missions work and the call of God on our lives to respond to His call to missions.



We hope many from our church will attend. If you need transportation assistance, if you will let Pastor Chuck know, he will help connect you with a ride for this great event.

Come support your local Baptist Association!