

COOL CONNECTION

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BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

This September our church joins with over 20,000 other churches in the United States of America to extend a special invitation to people to come back to church. Recent research indicates that over 80% of non-church attenders would consider coming to church if someone would take the time to invite them to come and go with them. We suggest that you invite someone to come and pick them up in your car. Then, after church we suggest that you go out to lunch together. Many times around the lunch table you will have the time and opportunity to answer any questions they may have about our church. We will also have resources available



to you that you can offer to them that will help encourage them to start back to church.

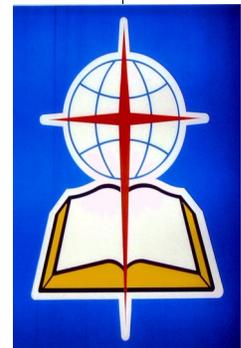
For example, we are starting a new Men's Ministry that will be trying to meet once a month for breakfast and then to go and perform ministry for two hours in a local home of someone who needs assistance. As this ministry grows, it will be a great opportunity for us, as a

church to get involved in the lives of the people of Coolidge outside our walls.

This and many other opportunities await us during this time of special emphasis. This is a "pain free" no risk opportunity for people to come back and give church another chance. Who can you invite? Who are you praying for in your community or family? Take this one opportunity to try to reach out to others.

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NOMINATION COMMITTEE AT WORK

Our Nominating Committee is hard at work now seeking to find people who are called of God to serve in the many positions of service in our church. Margaret Shepherd leads this team and is working hard to have our list completed by the

time we meet for our Annual Meeting later this Fall.

If you have not been contacted by them and you sense God calling you to serve, let Margaret or Pastor Chuck know and they will

get you plugged into a place where you can serve as God has called you to serve.

Our church is committed to giving you the support you need to serve. So rise up and praise God by serving Him in His church!



A NOTE FROM PASTOR CHUCK

I still think that Fall is my favorite time of the year. The turning leaves, the cool breezes, and yes the Football Games that bring back so many great memories.

Growing up in Southern California, we were as nuts about Football as we are here in Texas. Southern California is the only region in the nation that can compare to the passion that is felt here in Texas for Friday nights. I played all through my grade school years and through Jr. High where our team won our championship. I made so many good friends and spent so many happy hours in practice and in playing.

I had coaches that made life changing differences in my life. In 8th Grade one coach in particular stands out in my memory. Wayne Neugart was my coach and he challenged me to grow beyond what I thought I could do. He also challenged me to academically excel in all my classes. He taught me that a great person is someone who

learns from other great people and that if I wanted to be truly great, that I needed to not only practice hard, but I also needed to study hard. At the end of the school year, when I was moving on to High School, it was Coach Neugart who presented me with the Athlete of the Year award for our school for which not only required performance on the field, but also performance in the classroom and in the community.

Then on to High School and Coach Weaver. Coach Weaver believed in me and stayed past practice with me many a night working in the weight room or running me around the field working on my skills. I didn't realize how much I was changing as a young man until one day I saw my father on the practice field looking for me. I ran up to him and called his name. The surprised look on his face told me what he later confirmed to me. He didn't recognize me on the field. He was still looking for his young son and the coaches were

beginning to bring out the man in me. I will never forget the contribution Coach Weaver made in my life and the time he was willing to dedicate just to me.

The same is true in church life. Who is it that you are "coaching?" Whose spiritual life will grow and mature because you have dedicated and taken the time out of your busy schedule to spend time with them? Do you remember a person who, because of their influence, caused you to grow and mature in Christ? The best way to repay someone for touching your life in this great way is to turn around and to do it for someone else.

I want to encourage you to take the time and to show the interest in helping someone else grow and mature in their love for the Lord Jesus Christ. You too will be touched by what you see God doing in their lives.

Pastor Chuck

GALS UPDATE

Last month, many of the ladies went to the Atrium Nursing Home in Waco to sing. We had a great time meeting new people, and we even helped one lady celebrate her 83rd birthday! Afterwards, a meal was enjoyed at Luby's, along with great fellowship. We will be going to the Manor Nursing Home, LTC in Mexia and LTC in Groesbeck in September.

In September, our weekly Bible study will begin meeting on Monday's at 10:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall, except for the 4th Monday of each month. (See next paragraph) I would like to apologize for the change of times, but this new time meets the needs of most of the women. I hope the change offers a convenient time for you to join us. We are still discussing Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. The study is divided into 40 days. Each

week we discuss a day at a time. The topics are such that is easy for women to join our study at any time.

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GALS. We call it GALS CARE.

The 4th Monday of each month is devoted to making baby caps and afghans to carry

to CareNet, the pro-life clinic for women. We also want to make shawls for those who are experiencing difficult health issues. If you would like to join us in this ministry, we meet at 10:00 a.m. at Frances Carter's home.

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LARRY AND MARY

Dear Church family,

The time has come once again for us to begin our work for the Lord in the camps. We will be at Pineywoods Baptist Encampment for the month of September. As always we covet your prayers for our travel and our work.

You are all always in our prayers. We love coming home and seeing the wonderful work you are doing here in Coolidge.

Blessings to all

Larry and Mary

OUTREACH

Back to Church Sunday

-September 15th

Back to Church Sunday is designed to help churches like ours to reach out and invite everyone in our community to try church again.

This powerful, national movement encourages church attendance by inspiring and empowering church members to personally invite neighbors, friends, and loved ones to a special Sunday service.

Through this effort, we pray that spiritual renewal will occur not only in our community but throughout the nation.

There are yellow Back to Church Prayer Request lists in the foyer if

you haven't gotten one yet. Also, please pick up several copies of the new Sept-Oct-Nov outreach brochures to hand out to neighbors, family, and friends.



BUILDINGS/GROUNDS SETS FALL WORK DAY

Saturday, November 2 will be the fall workday for the church. These workdays usually begin at 8:00 a.m. and are over by noon. There are projects of all sizes for anyone who wants to help.

As time draws closer, a list will be compiled with specific projects. If you notice something around the church that needs attention, please let Glen Hullum and his Team know.

GOSPEL KIDS

By the first of September **Gospel Kids** will have met for three Wednesday evenings of fun and excitement as the children worship our Lord with music, prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. The Bible lessons began with how God created the world and people. The lessons will follow a time line through the Old Testament and eventually through the New Testament.

We had 20 children in attendance at each of the first two meetings, and we have 4 teachers who have committed to work with **Gospel Kids**. We want to thank all the adult members of First Baptist Church Coolidge who support the children with their prayers, snacks, and by volunteering to substitute teach when they are called on for Sunday School and Gospel Kids.

In Mark 9:37, Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one little child such as this in My name welcomes Me." May God bless our sweet church.

-Jo Lynn Holden

BI-STONE ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS

In our last Executive Board meeting Bi-Stone Baptist Association voted unanimously to call Chad Ray as our new Church Planter for the new church plant in the southeast Richland Chambers lake area. On August 25th the First Baptist Church of Keller Texas invited us to participate in the ordination service for Chad Ray and for one other individual who had been called from that church to pastor a

church in Oklahoma. It was a beautiful service. Pastor Chuck and Laura attended and represented our church and Association for this special time.

We look forward to this new work getting started October 1st of this year.

Bi-Stone Association



"to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Reaching our world one person at a time for the Lord Jesus Christ

Be in prayer now how you might be able to come and help to get this new church started. Pastor Chuck will be inviting Chad to come and preach in one of our morning services soon so that you have a chance to meet him and his family. Prayer is the biggest need right now.

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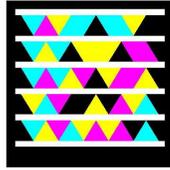
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First Baptist Church, Coolidge exists to connect people authentically in faith with the Lord Jesus Christ. His free offer of God's mercy, love, forgiveness, and restoration helps guide all we plan and do. The members of First Baptist Church, Coolidge are the ministers of our church and we serve the Lord in gratitude for all He has done, is doing, and will eternally do on our behalf.

We invite you to consider the offer of God's forgiveness and love, and come learn with us more about God's love for you.

He Came, We Go!!



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YOUTH NEWS

August was a slow but productive month as summer ended and youth were starting back to school. With school now under way, it means that all the Jr. High and High School sports starting up. So I'd like to encourage everyone to go out and support the Lady Jackets and Jackets as often as you can.

The students are continuing to grow and challenge themselves in new and exciting ways. On Wednesday nights in August we covered many different songs and how the music we listen to impacts our lives. We also found different scriptures that inspired the songs that were written. We learned what they meant and how to apply them to our lives. The youth continued to find ways to challenge themselves and to dig deeper.

Now time for the upcoming events of September and this is

where I can use the prayers of our wonderful church. In September we have our new "I'm Good" weekend, which is going to be a very intense weekend of studying God's word and worship. My cousin and Hubbard local Tim Thatcher will be leading worship for this event and I will be the speaker for the entire weekend. The Saturday night September 21, 2013 worship service will be open to the entire community and will start at 6:30. **Please invite friends, family and neighbors.**

This weekend will be challenging but also a lot of fun. I look forward to spending that weekend with the youth and with all of you who come to help. If there is anyone who wants to help with this event please let me know. I don't always have the time or the ideas to think of everything. For that reason I always welcome new ideas.

Speaking of opportunities to be involved with youth ministry, I would like to encourage any of

the adults in the church that would like to come share their Testimony or come and bless us by teaching a Wednesday night over their favorite Bible character to please contact me. I would love to be blessed alongside the youth in hearing your story.

So many times I ask the church to pray for this or pray for that. I'd like to finish this newsletter with a request for a prayer that our community night September 21, 2013 would reach many people in our community for Christ. Let us be a church that doesn't just talk about reaching into the community but one that takes action.

Chris, and the Youth

12 Let no one despise your youth; instead, you should be an example to the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12 (HCSB)