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65 Attend Bi-Stone Association Executive Board Meeting in Coolidge!

The air-conditioning was turned on. The baptismal waters were filled and being warmed. Electrical musical instruments were plugged in and ready to go. In the Fellowship Hall, wonderful Mexican food was warm and ready-to-eat. Tables and chairs were set up 77 people. Pastor Chuck smiling and excited to see people showing up for this great meeting in our church. He could smell the excellent food and was growing more hungry by the moment. Someone else must have noticed that the First Baptist Church of Coolidge Texas was doing something great for the Lord their God.

As the dinner bell rang and 65 people made their way to the Fellowship Hall for dinner, power was suddenly lost in the auditorium. No lights, no warming water, no musical instruments, and most of all on a hot August night, no air-conditioning. Extension cords were quickly brought out and run from the back of the church building clear up to the front to help run the musical instruments and the sound system. Ceiling fans were turned up high, and the baptismal candidates were warned that the water might be a little chilly. Yet, the opposition continued.

As the attendees were finishing their meal pastor Chuck had cobbled together, using extension cords and extra equipment, all the necessary items needed for the service to continue.

Styrofoam plates were handed out to be used as fans, and cold water was encouraged to be brought into the auditorium. As worship began, the crowd sang so loudly, that the rafters began to lift, the Spirit of God permeated the auditorium with His Presence as we watched six new believers being baptized by Iglesia Bautista la Fey pastor Marcos Vargas. Hearts were warmed by the Spirit of God, and as the worship continued all the opposition mattered not.

Olin Boles, the Director of Missions for Bi-stone Association, later stated that in all his years of ministry he had never been at a better Association meeting and had never seen baptisms done in such a service. As the people departed to go home, all they could say was something in the nature of praise the Lord or glory to God!

Thank you to all the members of the church who worked so hard to make this very special night possible. The electrical problem was found and fixed the very next day but the blessings that God gave to us on that night will last us a lifetime. What a joy it was to be there and to see God at work.



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It's on my heart...

Dear Church Family,
The story on the front page of this in addition says much about the blessings we received from our executive board meeting last month. Also you will notice that are giving for the month of August almost met our budgetary needs for the month which compared to the previous months is

significant for us as a church. It is my prayer that we as a church will capture in our hearts desire of God to reach the community of Coolidge Texas with his gospel message and we will understand the privilege that is ours to have the opportunity to share Jesus with the people of our community.

As we look to September we look to the month of new

beginnings. The children return to school, schedules of gotten back to normal, and summer travels have greatly it is a time when we as church members, turn to our church and to our God to remember all that he has done for us. I pray you will consider all that God has done for you, and out of the joy in your heart seek to be everything God wants you to be in his love,
Pastor Chuck

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT

Jesus, however, invited them: "Let the little children come to Me, and don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
Luke 18:16 (HCSB)

The children will began a new year of Gospel Kids on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:00 PM. We had a "Welcome Back" party that first evening with an emphasis on our annual mission project, Operation Christmas Child. We are all looking forward to Brother Glen's famous grilled cheese sandwiches. On the following Wednesday, we will begin our lessons from the Gospel Project program which is the same material being used on Sundays in Sunday school. Many of our children have already grown in their

understanding of who God is and the plans He has for their lives through the Gospel Project materials we have been using the past two years on Wednesday nights. What a blessing it continues to be for those of us who get to work with the children each week in our church! We hope that many more of you will come on Wednesday night to help with Gospel Kids and the Youth. Please let myself or Melanie know that you would like to help.

Please be in prayer for Deborah and our young

Christians as they go through a study designed to help new Christians their age learn how to grow in their relationship to Christ, His church, their families, and others. Deborah will be teaching this class during the time of Gospel Kids after our welcome and music time. She will be discipling not only new members of our church but also children who have made professions of faith but attend other churches. She really needs at least one adult who will commit

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Outreach Opportunities

(Keeping the “Main Thing” the “Main Thing”!)

Hopefully, the hot weather will be behind us, and we can once again feel the cool breezes on our faces. This reminded me of the Sunday school lesson we had today with our children's department. Only difference is, it wasn't a cool breeze....it was a sound like a violent wind, and it brought with it a power that enabled them to do amazing things. When we let the same power that filled the believers back on Pentecost, fill us today, we are able to do amazing things as well. I asked the children this morning if they believed that the same Holy Spirit that helped the believers long time ago to be bold and do amazing things would do the same for us? Most of them said, “Yes!” (In fact, many of them got excited about going out to visit kids they want to invite to church.) But, I have to admit, some answered, “No.” Let's have the faith to believe like the ones that said “Yes!” Let's ask the Holy Spirit to go out before us as we have the divine appointments that God has already prepared for us to have.

Remember.....4x4x4 visitation = 4th Sunday, at 4:00 p.m., to visit 4 families!!! See you on September 27th at 4:00 p.m. Maybe you could make some cookies, write a card, or just bring a smile to share with others.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

September 23 not only brings in the first day of autumn, but it is also a special day for our school kids. This is the day that they will meet at the flagpole and pray for their school. I've been reading where some states have brought prayer back into school. If we could all gather and pray with these students would make a huge statement. Let's support them on Meet You at the Pole! Everyone starts gathering around 7:00 a.m.



Thanksgiving Meal Planning Meeting

Another meeting has been scheduled for plan for our community wide Thanksgiving meal which will be November 22nd this year. At the last meeting, a lot was discussed and we would like more participation to make it successful. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19th at 9:30 a.m. for this important meeting.

Deborah

G.A.L.S. REPORT



Hard to believe another month has already passed. Time flies when you're having fun or getting older!

GALS met the end of July at Blanch Frazier's house home. She always makes us feel so welcome. We thank her so much for her warm hospitality. We didn't have a set agenda for this meeting except to pray. We spent an hour of sweet prayer and praise. So if your heart felt a little warm during that time, know we were praying for you!

On August 22nd we had a meeting for the Coolidge Community Thanksgiving Meal. Though we didn't have a great turnout, we did get a lot accomplished. We will have another meeting in September and in October. Please continue to pray for the meal and for doing God's work

Betty Smith is a most important part of our lady's group. She's always available when needed and so dedicated to GALS and our church. This past year Betty has seen some rough times. But, she always handled it semi— calmly and always depended on God. Thank God Mr. Smith is much better and maybe her life can calm down. We truly love and admire her. —————→

The hospitality team has been quite busy this last month.

We had the Bi-Stone Association Executive Board meeting at our church on August 11. The food, that was supplied by La Fey, was wonderful and they did a fantastic job. It was enjoyed by everybody in attendance and there was more than enough food for everybody.

The next Sunday, August 16, we had potluck lunch before the business meeting. Everyone brought easy food and cleanup was so very simple. Thank you to all who brought food!

The next Thursday, August 20, we hosted the family of Francis Goodrich for lunch. Thanks so much to all that brought or helped with set up cleanup. The family was so grateful and gave the church a beautiful bouquet of purple flowers in a beautiful purple vase.

We want to thank everyone who helped in any way we cannot do it alone just together. Together we can do anything.

God bless,

Francis

Call if we may be of any help. If we can offer a prayer on your behalf or offer you a hand to help we are here for you.

Francis

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Student Page

He Came, We Go!!

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to assist her in this class. I also need another adult who will commit to assist me as I teach the other children the material from Gospel Project. Other workers are needed in getting the rooms set up, getting the refreshments ready and cleaned up, helping children in small groups, and helping children as they leave to go home. Melanie also needs at least one adult who will commit to sitting in her youth class each Wednesday night as she teaches.

Quite a few years ago, I went through a life-changing study called, Experiencing God, Knowing and Doing the Will of God by Henry Blackaby, a great man of faith and a spiritual leader in our Southern Baptist Convention. He challenged believers to follow the example of Jesus who says in John 5:17, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too am working." Jesus goes on to say in verses 19-20 that He can do nothing by himself but only what He sees the Father doing. Jesus said,

"For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these." To follow Jesus' example we must watch to see where God is working and join Him in that work because God is always at work around each of us, and it is His will for us to join Him in that work. Unless God has called you to another work on Wednesday nights, please pray about joining God in the work He is doing with the children and youth.

Jo Lynn

M.E.N.'s Prayer Breakfast
Saturday September 19th
at 8:30 am
The food is great!
The coffee is great!
Invite the men you know and
bring them with you to this great
time!