perspective

Summer is HERE! And while that might not mean much for you as an adult (other than extreme heat!), for a child, SUMMER IS THE BEST! I have more memories of summer activities than anything else in my life. Family vacations, swimming, friends, and CAMP!

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WHAT DECISIO	N HAVE YOU MADE FOR CH	RIST?
[] I have accepted Christ as my personal Savior, and I want to be baptized.	[] I want to move my letter from another Baptist church:	[] I want to join by statement having belonged to a Baptist church,

This is a picture of my actual FBC membership card filled out in my handwriting on July 18, 1993. I had attended Vacation Bible School at the church this summer. Even though the details are a bit foggy in my memory now, I believe that the fact that I professed my belief in Christ in the summer was impacted by the camps I was able to attend as a child. And I'm fairly confident that some of you reading this likely volunteered at VBS at FBC in the 90's and are a part of my story.

I know that I don't have to convince our church family of the importance of summer and camp in the life of our children. Earlier this month you blessed our children and youth at our fundraising lunch when you gave over \$12,000. "Thank you" doesn't even begin to describe the appreciation I feel for your generosity. First Kids Kamp, Preteen Camp at Camp Tejas, and youth Student Life camp, will all make a lasting impact on the lives of our children and teenagers. These are the future leaders in our world, and we have some amazing ones here in our very own church family.

I hope you'll make it a point to be involved in some way in our church camps this summer. Can't volunteer during the day? No problem. We take donations of money and food (for Kids Kamp). Now isn't a good time to donate financially? An encouraging word, prayer, or nudging a parent to send their child are all valuable contributions. This church is a wonderful place to be a kid, and you're making a difference in the lives of our children every day. THANK YOU!

Katil Balu

June 1 Swim at Crown K-6th

June 15 IHOP 3rd-6th

June 26-29 Kids Kamp July 3-7
Youth Student
Life Camp

July 8-12
Preteen
Camp Tejas

July 16
Promotion Sunday
Messy KickBall (youth)

August 2
Youth Back 2
School
Pool Party

JUNE 4

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JUNE 4

memorials & honorariums

Memorial and Honorarium Gifts have been given to the following Funds & Ministries of FBC:

Building Fund
In Memory of:
Emily Kistler
Rita Breckenridge
Anita Crona
Jon Hughes
Jerry Telford
Robert Goodman
Elizabeth Reneau
Helen Jackson

Benevolence Fund In Memory of:

B.B. Stanfield

Rita Breckenridge Ronnie Pat Durham Anita Crona

Organ Repair Fund In Memory of:

Richard Rainwater Rita Breckenridge Ronnie Pat Durham Anita Crona Beth Allgood Jimmy Powers

Organ Repair Fund In Honor of:

Martha & George Chandler

Youth Ministry In Memory of: Ronnie Pat Durham

Preschool Ministry In Memory of: J.P. Dobbs

Women's Bible Study Ministry In Memory of:

Suzanne Anderson

Music Ministry In Memory of: Richard Rainwater Emily Kistler

Deacons for the month of June

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Sympathy to

The family of Anita Crona.

Giff and Julie Durham and Mary Lynn Baxter in the loss Ronnie Pat Durham, father and brother.

Lacey Breckenridge in the loss of his wife, Rita.

Dr. Bill Kistler and Joyce and Mark Sperry in the loss of Emily, wife and mother.

Amanda and Zach Lawrence and family and Ashley and Will Rothhauser and family in the loss of their father,

James Chmielewski.

Mike and Theresa McLemore, Crystal and David Thomas and family, and Leigh and Jeremy Belschner and family in the loss of Judy McLemore, mother and grandmother.

JoAnn Rainwater in the loss of her husband, Richard.

Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed during the lunch hour (12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.) Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Financial Report

 Budget Needs
 \$615,775.00

 Budget Receipts
 \$658,418.04

 Building Fund
 \$66,088.00

 Other Designations
 \$59,560.00

 Other Receipts
 \$74,276.28

Staff

Mark Newton, Senior Pastor Katie Baker, Minister to Preschool & Children John Lassitter, Minister of Music Walker McWilliams, Associate Pastor/ Minister of Missions



Truett Newton

Coming in view of a call to serve as
Minister to Students.

The Student Minister Search Committee unanimously recommends Truett Newton to become our Minister to Students. Truett received his B.A. degree in Church Recreation and Leisure Services with a minor in Religion from Baylor University and a Masters Degree from Truett Seminary. He currently serves as pastor at First Baptist Church Chilton. Previously, Truett served as Youth Minister at Lakeview Baptist in Waco as well as spending numerous summers working as a youth and camp director. Truett is married to Grace, a native of San Antonio, and of course a graduate of Baylor as well. Grace is a Licensed Speech Pathologist.

We are thrilled with the possibility of Truett and Grace serving our students and impacting our church and community.

And, yes, Truett is the son of Pastor Mark and Aurelia!

Student Minister Search Committee

Melissa Abeldt Kevin Langston
Matt Baker Sarah Levine
Molly Ellis Kris McCall
Rebekah Koch Scotty West

This Weekend Saturday, June 3

Noon // Pizza lunch and visit in the youth room. All youth and parents encouraged to attend.

Sunday, June 4

9 a.m. // Coffee and Donuts for church family in the Reich Chandler Great Hall.

10:30 a.m. // Worship and vote on the Search Committee recommendation.