

FIRST words

TO REACH PEOPLE FOR JESUS CHRIST & TOGETHER BECOME MORE LIKE HIM

As we identified in worship last Sunday, “surrender” is a good word. No, it is more than a good word, it is an act or decision that can free us, release us, and heal us. I have listened to the choir’s anthem from Sunday, “I Surrender,” often this week. I love the rich and moving melody, but even more, the words have challenged me in profound ways of coming before the Father. I have used the lyrics as part of my daily morning devotional time. The song keeps calling me to a new way – a way of purpose – a way free from worry – a way of intimate companionship with the Lord. The words are like a road which take us into the presence of the Father as we surrender everything, even our fears and darker side to Him. The words call us to come out of hiding and bring our brokenness to Him. Let me share the words of this journey which can change your living, your giving, and your meaning.

***I know Lord Your plan for me is right
I need You to fulfill
Your purpose in my life
I submit to You my King
Be my everything
I’m coming to You again
Lord here I am***

***I surrender I surrender
Lord I surrender my life
Give it all to You
I surrender I surrender
Lord I surrender my life
Give it all to You***

***Humble and broken I come to You
I’m trusting and waiting
To see what You will do
Lord You know what’s best***

***And at Your feet I find my rest
I’m coming to You again
Lord here I am***

***I surrender I surrender
Lord I surrender my life
Give it all to You
I surrender I surrender
Lord I surrender my life
Give it all to You***

This step of surrendering is the desire of our heart to “want what God wants above anything else....” How, you might ask? Well, we can’t do it on our own. We let go and say, “Lord, I’m giving it all to you Jesus.” “The Lord’s Prayer” becomes a way of wanting what God wants. We pray “Our Father, let me honor Your name on earth as it is in heaven. Your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” This act of surrender is for God to rule and reign supremely in our lives with no rivals even as the Lord reigns in heaven. I know, we become so preoccupied with our struggles in the here and now, but one day...one day we will bow down before the Living and Sovereign Lord of all. Can you imagine kneeling before His Throne?

Let’s go ahead and take that step of surrender now and give it all to Him. Lord, give us the desire to want what You want and as we pray, “Your Kingdom come in our vision for transforming downtown through the purchase of First Christian.” As we look to the fall, let us surrender so in everything and any decision, we will ask, “God, what do you want?” – nothing less, nothing more, nothing else....

Surrendering Again,
Phil





CITY LIGHT CULINARY ACADEMY IS NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS!

Classes will begin August 26, 2019
It is a 12-week course.

If you know anyone who is interested or
would benefit from this program, please
contact Chef Kayleen Mills
at 325-673-6686 x 103
for more information.

Volunteers Needed For Round Up Sunday

In order to make Round Up Sunday a
success, we are in need of volunteers
to help man the inflatable games, set
them up, and take them down. If you are
willing to serve for an hour, please call the
Melinda (675-8112 or
melinda.norris@fbcabilene.org).





RoundUp Sunday August 25

It is so hard to believe that school is about to begin.

With the excitement of school starting, we also have an exciting new start in Sunday school as our preschoolers through high schoolers promote to new classes. Not only is this Sunday an exciting time for children and students; but as a church we have the opportunity, after a wonderful time of worship, to gather for a great brisket lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship. Sign up for the lunch in Sunday school or contact Debra (675-8116 or debra.clemmer@fbcabilene.org). Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children (K-5th grade) and preschool is free. There will also be inflatable games for children and students. This is an important Sunday for our church and we hope you will make every effort to attend on August 25.



These pictures will give you a glimpse of some of the work which took place on the Family Mission Trip to McAllen.



FBC FOUNDATION GRANT REQUEST FORMS ARE AVAILABLE

Forms are available in the office.
Deadline to return the form is noon,
Friday, September 6.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

August 1, 4 years
Donna Lee
GLO Teacher

August 12, 11 years
Rosalinda Garcia
GLO Teacher

August 2, 18 years
Steve Queen
*Director, Counseling &
Family Enrichment*

August 24, 4 years
Kim Cummings
M. A. To FLC Director

August 5, 6 years
Jennifer Woodard
*FFP Director/
Communications*

August 29, 13 years
Suzanne Shaw
Receptionist/Church Clerk

August 8, 8 years
Jennifer Miller
*M. A. to Pastors for
Preschool & Children*

August 29, 8 years
Becky Tucker
Pastor for Children

August 9, 2 years
Michelle DeLaMater
GLO Teacher

August 31, 20 years
Eric Couvion
*Superintendent of
Buildings & Grounds*

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

July 2019

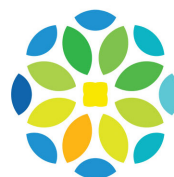
Budget	July	Year-to-Date
Required	\$259,058	\$1,921,121
Given	\$176,747	\$1,893,216

*God continues to bless our faithfulness through
the tithes and offerings given to His Kingdom
work.*

EVENT CALENDAR:

AUGUST

- 4 Personnel Committee
5th Grade Pool Party
Real Talk (H.S. Students)
- 5 5th Grade Trip to Ft. Worth Zoo
- 7 Youth Worship Night
- 8 Kids Fun Night @ Play Faire Park
- 11-15 Pastoral Staff Retreat @ Glorieta
- 13 Rockin' Moms
- 14 Buildings & Grounds Committee
- 15 Healing Hearts Meeting
- 18 Kindergarten Party
Missions Committee
Steering Committee & Team Meeting
- 20 Finance Committee
Deacons' Meeting
- 22 Maturing Adult Trip to WASP Museum
- 25 Round Up Lunch/Activities @ FLC
- 28 Church Conference
Wednesday Meal/Activities Begin
Children's Choir/
Mission Enrollment Party



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