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Pastor's Corner It's so good to be back in Tulia. My school experience went tremendously well, but it was certainly a demanding time of learning, too. This week, we hit the ground running again. I will take a short segment of this week's newsletter, though, because I wanted you to read Melanie Vasquez's latest update to us. Melanie is our church's missionary to Macedonia. She will be there until December 2010. Melanie is keeping up as best she can with limited internet access, but I've asked her to write for our newsletter on occasion. Her update follows some announcements.

Men's Breakfast – Our next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for next Sunday morning at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall! Jeff Matsler will lead our devotional time. Get up just a little earlier next Sunday morning and celebrate good fellowship.

Deacons' Meeting and Business Meeting - Our next regular deacons' meeting will be July 25 at 5 pm in the Chapel. We will be preparing for our next Lord's Supper and for the August Church Picnic. At 6 pm our quarterly church business meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Serve – Sunday Serve is August 1! A list of service projects and a call for volunteers will be made next Sunday in your Sunday school classes and in the 11 am Worship Service. If you're not going to be around next week, let us know where we can plug you in. There will be activities for the kids and a combined worship service with Crossroads, New Fellowship, and FBC at 11 am that day. All three churches will work together.

An Encouraging Article – FBC Tulia and New Fellowship have been selected as "Spotlight" churches for our local Baptist association. An encouraging article about our churches was written and posted on-line. You can see it

by going to www.caprockplains.org. Click on "About us." Then, click on "Church Spotlight - Tulia FBC and New Fellowship. I'll have a hard copy in the library, too.

Melanie's Mission Update

Hello brothers and sister in Christ. I send Greetings from here in the Balkans. I want to thank you for all your prayers and give you an update on all the work that I have been doing so far. I have been here a little over a month now and the first weeks consisted of helping with a team of 15 people. We taught English and helped do some construction work. Most importantly, we were able to love on lots of unbelievers. Since then, I have begun interviews for economic development in a village called Konjare. This has been so exciting to me. I am meeting lots of different families, and they are inviting me back everyday. I have been to Kosovo to help a World Changers group with sports camps for a week. It was really neat there, too, and was such a good turn out.

At the camp I got really close to a translator named Malmira. She is a pretty devout Muslim. God really placed her on my heart and we just hit it off. In the end she was given a Bible and will hopefully be coming to a church service soon. It's really exciting. On July 13 I will be in Kosovo helping with English camps. Please pray for this. We will be teaching Serbian and Albanians together. This is huge step in bringing these two people groups together after the war.

It's been so amazing to see God working. He is so good to us, and we are so unworthy. I am reminded this month of the forgiveness he has given us. We tend to take for granted the love and mercy he has for his children. I hope that as I am reminded of this you will be to. Thanks so much.

Melanie

Happy Birthday

- 29 - Hal Wilkerson
 30 - Blake Burrow
 August
 1 - Patrice Sims
 2 - Clay Bishop, Miranda Eastwood, Dusty George, Jason Russell
 5 - Junior Haney, Mildred Whitmire
 6 - Jamy Harland, Jody Harland
 8 - Karen Barnett, Betty Mabry
 9 - Karl Berry, Charlene Muirhead, Myrna Schulein, Steve Stout
 11 - Bryan Dunn, Clydell Grantham, Kelsey Kiker

Congratulations

Brent & Cally Mote proudly announce the birth of their grandson



Peyton Nix Dawson
July 11, 2010
7 lb, 13 oz

He is welcomed by parents, Dan & Jackelyn Dawson and grandparents, Ken & Nancy Dawson.

Mission Outreach Project

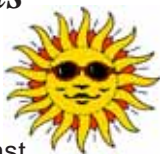
We have an opportunity to reach out to children in rural, war-torn Afghanistan through a member of Charlotte Fulkerson's family. He has requested small items that he and his team can hand out to the children. Choose items that don't require electricity or batteries, such as tops, yo-yo's, slinkies, cars, dolls, etc. (no guns, please). Also the children really like something as simple as paper and pencils (with a sharpener), books, band-aids, soap and washcloths, shoes. There will also be a need for money to cover the postage.



Notes of encouragement to the soldiers who are serving and reaching out to the children would also be appreciated. For more information, contact Charlotte at 994-9151.

Summer Events

Tuesdays at Noon – Ladies Bible Study in Fellowship Hall



July 25 – Men's Breakfast at 8 am in Fellowship Hall

July 25 – Deacons meet at 5 pm in the Chapel
Business meeting at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall

August 1 – Sunday Serve (call the church office to sign up to work)

August 5-7 – Community Renewal International trip to Shreveport, LA

August 15 – Church Picnic

August 28 – Annual Ladies Luncheon

August 28-September 1 – Go Tell Crusade

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

I would like to give special thanks for all of the cards, phone calls, and inquiries about Ola Mae Goodwin's health (my mother). She is currently at Triumph Hospital and is receiving great care. Her surgery went well, but she must now recover from it and is 74 years old. Please continue to pray that her health is restored if it be God's will and keep all of us in prayer. Mom is a believer and genuinely thanks everyone for their show of faith and Christian love. Also, I would like to thank Pastor James for visiting her while she was at BSA Hospital in Amarillo. You are truly a spiritual leader who I admire and respect. First Baptist Church of Tulia, you're the greatest!

In Christian love and with sincere gratitude,

Predenia Grantham & family

First Baptist Church,

Prayers do work!!! I want to thank all of you for the calls, cards and prayers raised to our Heavenly Father on my behalf. We got the word I am in total remission and will be taking chemo every 6 months for 2 years as insurance. I told the doctor I would gladly go along with his insurance program. I do ask that you continue to pray that those insurance programs work.

Our thanks and our love,
Clyde & Nancy Vaughn

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for us, provided scholarships for students, sent emails, gift certificates and followed us on the internet while we were at camp this past week. We had an awesome experience. God moved in the lives of our students and our sponsors and I hope you were able to see the excitement in the students this past Sunday. It is an exciting time in our student ministry right now as we are reaching out and ministering to more and more Jr. High students. I hope you will continue to pray for us as we continue to seek ways to reach out into our community. We are also in need of workers. If you would like to be involved with our students, please come visit with me about the possibilities and opportunities we have. Thank you all again for your love and support for our students.

God Bless!

Greg

Baptist Women, FBC Tulia,

Thanks for the books! They are being sent to Eagle Pass and will be in use very soon. I appreciate your sensitivity to the needs of others.

God bless you,

Lester Meriwether, Literacy ConeXus

Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Rick & Ernesteene Aldridge and family in the death of his brother, Kenneth.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Ellen Gressett and family in the death of her husband, Bill.

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies, its not too late for you to participate in the Bible study based on the book *Revolution of Character* by Dallas Willard and Don Simpson. It focuses on "helping our desire to be more like Christ". Cost for the book is \$10. Bring a friend and your lunch and enjoy this noonday study which meets



in the Fellowship Hall from 12-1 pm. It is open to all women of the community. Child care is provided (bring lunch for your child too), but we ask that you contact the church office at 995-3591 by noon on Monday to reserve a place.

Sunday Serve is August 1st!

Please pray about where YOU can serve and call the church office TODAY.



Thanks, Kevin!

For the past two years Kevin Burrow has served as our associate youth minister. He has done a fantastic job and been invaluable in discipling our students. On July 30th, Kevin will be moving to Waco in preparation for his Seminary studies at Truett. He will be greatly missed by myself, our students and our church. On Wednesday, July 28th, we will have a going away party for Kevin during our normal youth ROC time at 7 pm. We invite you to join us. If you can not join us and would like to show your appreciation and encouragement to Kevin as he continues his education, please feel free to send a card of encouragement. Our students will be taking up a love offering to help Kevin as he goes to school and we invite you to participate in that as well. Thank you Kevin for all you have done and good luck at Truett. Thank you church for allowing me to recruit and mentor young ministers.

Greg

Attention Ladies

We are looking for two more hostesses for the Ladies Luncheon, August 28. If you can help, please call Sheila McKay at 774-1448.