

The Fellowship at Field Store Monthly Newsletter

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“A WORD FROM PASTOR DAN”

As I write this article for our January newsletter the calendar says there are only 13 days remaining in the year 2018. (And only 6 shopping days till Christmas!) Where has the time gone? The bible is so true when it talks about the brevity of life. The Psalmist said, “Remember how short our time is.” Job said, “Now my days are swifter than a runner.” Then, in the New Testament, James says, “life is like a vapor that appears for a short time and then vanishes away.” I think when we come to the end of a year, we are reminded of these truths concerning how quick time passes. In West Virginia we would say, “our lives are going downhill so fast that the telephone poles are starting to look like a picket fence.”

Year end is a time to reflect and think back and thank God for all He has done for us in the year that is coming to an end. Then we are to look ahead and plan for the year to come. As you plan for 2019 you may want to read the story below:

*A teacher walks into a classroom and sets a glass jar on the table. He silently places 2-inch rocks in the jar until no more can fit. He asks the class if the jar is full and they agree it is. He says, “Really,” and pulls out a pile of small pebbles, adding them to the jar, shaking it slightly until they fill the spaces between the rocks. He asks again, “Is the jar full?” They agree. So next, he adds a scoop of sand to the jar, filling the space between the pebbles and asks the question again. This time, the class is divided, some feeling that the jar is obviously full, but others are wary of another trick. So he grabs a pitcher of water and fills the jar to the brim, saying, “If this jar is your life, what does this experiment show you?” A bold student replies, “No matter how busy you think you are, you can always take on more.” “That is one view,” he replies. Then he looks out at the class making eye contact with everyone, “The rocks represent the **BIG** things in your life – what you will value at the end of your life – your family, your partner, your health, fulfilling your hopes and dreams. The pebbles are the other things in your life that give it meaning, like your job, your house, your hobbies, your friendships. The sand and water represent the ‘small stuff’ that fills our time, like watching TV or running errands.” Looking out at the class again, he asks, “Can you see what would happen if I started with the sand or the pebbles?”*

As we look ahead and plan for the year 2019, let’s be sure we get the big things in first. If we are not careful in our planning and preparing, we will come to the end of 2019 with having only added more sand and water and missing those things that will matter into eternity! Remember Philippians 3:13 – 14 as you prepare for 2019: “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”



MEN MARK YOUR CALENDARS – 2019 MEN'S RETREAT, January 25&26, Touch Ranch

Pastor Kyle Childress of First Baptist Anderson, TX will be leading us through the book of Ruth looking at the men in that book. The sessions will be:

1. A Man and His Family – A Look at Elimelech and His Sons – Chap. 1
“Be Where You Are Supposed to Be”
2. A Man and His wife – A Look at Boaz – Chap. 2-3
“Be Who You Are Supposed to Be”
3. A Man and His Career – A Look at Boaz and the Relative – Chap. 3-4
“Be What You Are Supposed to Be”



The location of the retreat will be at Touch Ranch, 277 Langberg Rd – Bellville TX 77418. All men high school age and up are encouraged to attend. We plan to have an evening meal at 6 pm on Friday evening. Around 7 pm we would start our time of worship and Bible study. Around 9 pm or so we would have free time. There are overnight accommodations at

Touch Ranch on Saturday, we would have breakfast around 7 am. Around 8 am would start our time of worship and Bible study. We expect to dismiss after Noon. Cost is \$20.00. Sign up sheet in the church foyer as we need an accurate head count for the Friday night meal – steak. For more information please contact Victor Uherek or Wendell Barton



Women’s Ministry FSE Staff Appreciation

on Tues, Jan 15 we’ll be wishing our FSE Staff *A Souper New Year!* as we jump start the new year off with a soup and salad lunch. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer soon. To get involved with this important ministry to our teachers see Fonda Goode or call her at 281-705-5252.

Dear Fellowship Family, *Transition Update:* The **Pastor Search Team**, in a step of faith after our Day of Fasting and Prayer, is actively soliciting resumes for Senior Pastor. Listing have been placed on both the SBTC web site <https://nextstep.sbtexas.com/job/b3nlb6/senior-pastor/waller/texas/united-states> and the SBC web site <http://www.sbc.net/jobs/21119/senior-pastor>.

The Fellowship at Field Store, a church of 70 members in the greater Houston area, is prayerfully seeking a Full Time or Bi-Vocational pastor as we enter into our 21st year of ministry.

The candidate must have a call in accordance with Jeremiah 3:15 and Jeremiah 23:4 and meet the scriptural requirements of 1 Timothy 3:1-7 & Titus 1:6-9. He is to have a heart for the lost and a zeal for discipleship. He will Shepherd our family of believers with biblical, visionary, strategic leadership.

Duties include but are not limited to preparing and giving weekly sermon, leading weekly Bible study, overseeing activities of the church, and community involvement. Accepts and upholds The Fellowship at Field Store's Constitution and By-Laws. Loves God, loves spending time with God, never ceases to study and receive training to further their ministry. Has a personal, active, and growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Loves the Church, and has a desire to see it grow. Salary: TBD

GRACE TO ALL As we began December, we continued our study in Genesis seeing God redeeming His people. As we studied Genesis 37 and the life and actions of Jacob and family, we learned favoritism leads to hatred and strife. Jealousy leads to opportunity to sin and bitterness leads to betrayal. As we continued in Genesis 39, we watched Joseph go from a favorite son to a slave. We see God is present even when we are alone. God is kind even when our situation is difficult, and God is at work even when we can't see it. We find our way into Genesis 42 and see how God redeemed His people through Jacob's favored son, Joseph. God is faithful to fulfill His plan. God is faithful to prompt forgiveness. God is faithful to bring good from evil. Review of Isaiah 9 tells us God's people in Isaiah's day would have viewed these promises through their national struggles at the time. We see greater hope: the hope of Christ rescuing us from sin and providing peace with God. Prince of Peace brings light and joy to the world. The Prince of Peace brings freedom and peace to the world. The Prince of Peace brings justice and righteousness to the world.

Because of illness and other issues conflicting with our Tuesday morning Bible study and luncheon, all of us could not come together at same time and had to rely a lot more on self study. However, our prayers go out for our elderly as they draw closer to our Lord. We pray as we study God's Word, we see a greater hope - the hope of the Messiah who was born to rescue his people from sin and provide peace with God.

Some our ladies joined the Christmas ornament exchanged at the church in December. We thank Georgia for her donation of her candy specialty. We offered rides to our older ladies to join in an evening with the AD Players. Those that were able to come, said they felt blessed. Our ladies thank all who assisted in the outing for our ladies that weekend. (Marla)

Grace Bible Study Class on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. An opportunity to serve... Are you available to help with providing transportation to bible study on a Tuesday morning? Or maybe you're available to come and perhaps help serve or even provide lunch for the class? If so contact Jenelle or Marla to be a blessing to our ladies of the Grace Class. P.S. the grace class is open to women of all ages.



HUNGRY FOR THE WORD...

MID-WEEK FILL-UP JOIN US every Wednesday evening @ 6:15 for our Mid-week fill up, a light dinner (n/c) (nourished/physically equipped), and fellowship followed by Bible Study (nourished by the Word) @ 6:45pm.



FOOD PANTRY Thank you all for answering our call for items needed in the pantry! This month we could use: Peanut butter, jelly (grape), pancake mix (just add water type), syrup, powdered milk, and toilet tissue. Thank you again for supporting our pantry, volunteers are always welcomed.

JOYFUL NOISE



O come, let us adore Him - We'll praise His name forever
We'll give Him all the glory - Let's worship and adore Him
For He alone is worthy - Christ the Lord

It seems like we can distill the essence of what we strive to do throughout the Christmas season in these very few phrases. I hope that as we have opportunity this Christmas and really throughout the year, that we will really think about what we are declaring as we sing Psalms, Hymns and songs of worship and praise.

We are singing these words to God. Our aim in worship should always be to declare the truth. Part of that equation must require from us the effort to declare these truths from our heart - to really mean the things that we are saying. There is only One Person capable of monitoring and really knowing the veracity of our words. John in his letter of 1 John tells us that what we believe will really be demonstrated in our behavior - not the behavior while we are at church for a couple of hours out of the week, but in those other 166 hours of the week as well.

When you declare: Jesus is my Lord and Savior - You will take the Name of Jesus with you wherever you go.

Let's treat Him like the King of All Creation - Let's worship and adore Him
He is Christ The Lord.

Jeremiah 29:13 Class *"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."* Jeremiah 29:13 is a more descriptive name for our group as this is what we are about as we continue to Explore the Bible. We continue our study of James. We will continue to meet in the sanctuary. Anyone wishing to do Books of the Bible survey studies this is the class for you and all are welcome. Please, come and join us. Wendell & Cynthia

SUNDAY SCHOOL Well folks another year has passed us and now we are coming into a new year. Let us prepare for a great and wonderful exciting year to explore our hearts and serve our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. All of our Sunday School teachers have been a great blessing and we love each and every one of them for serving us each Wednesday and Sunday by sharing and teaching the love of God by his Word.

Let's take a big step in stepping up this year by doing what God taught us all to do by seeing where he is working and joining him in his works and just not waiting or asking show or lead us. But let's take note to where he is and lets all join in where he is working. God has given us the gift, love and mercy all we have to do is accept it and spread it to others around us, here, there and everywhere where God is working. So, join me and our great and awesome Sunday School teachers share the greatest gift of all, Gods love.

Blessings to all on this New Year with family and friends as we step up and make a change this new year. Remember it only takes one step because God will walk with you for the rest of your life.



CONNECT Student Ministry

Before going into what has been going on in the Student Ministry, I want to start with two awesome things coming up that I need your help preparing for. **The first is Disciple Now** which will be from March 22 – 24; we will be doing it a little different this year and partnering with another church. Because of this I need to arrange host homes for the students to stay and eat at. If you have any interest in volunteering for this please let me know. The other thing is **Camp Registration**. This starts January 1st so I need to know very soon who is going so that I will know how many spots to reserve. (Pastor Joseph Chumchal: 832-588-8792).

Now a little bit about what has been going on in this ministry. I don't have room to list all of the things that have taken place in this ministry so far this season so I will just focus on some of the Highlights. A few Wednesdays back we provided our students an opportunity to spend some time in worship through songs and then an opportunity for them to share a testimony. Several testimonies were shared and then one young man spoke up and said that God had really used the time of worship through song to speak to him. He said he had sung these songs many times before but this time the words really impacted him so he went into the bathroom and prayed to accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior. This testimony was a blessing to us all. We have also been blessed to spend some time in fellowship and worship with several other student ministries in the area. It is neat to have this opportunity for them to connect with other believers. We have been greatly blessed and we in return want to be a blessing to others. One way we have been doing so is by serving to help one of the older ladies in our church family to clean out one of her storage buildings. Please pray for God to bless this ministry with many more awesome testimonies about what He is doing.



Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year! We're looking

forward to seeing you all at church on Sunday's & as always, I encourage you to invite a friend. ~Mrs. Cindy



2019 BLAST: Grades K-5 1pm-4pm, Thurs, Jan 3.

New Year's celebration for grades K-5. Movie, crafts, games, snacks – come bring your friends! Contact Cynthia for more information and to save your slot. 281 221-6134

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NURSERY NEWS It's hard to believe the year is almost over! This month in the nursery, we learned about the birth of Jesus and talked about how he was born in a manger (Luke 2:6-7). We held our baby dolls much like Mary held Jesus as a baby and sang Happy Birthday to Jesus, too! One of our favorite things to do in the nursery is give back to Jesus through our offering time. As an extra treat the month of December, we got to dance along to some Christmas music to celebrate! In January, we will learn about how God helps us all to grow and will visit the book of Luke to learn about Jesus growing from a baby to a child. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year and look forward to seeing some new faces in 2019!



Our all-powerful & all-knowing God has chosen to let us help Him change the world through our prayers. "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you might be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (James 5:16 NIV) Text Linda Wallingford at [936-520-8441](tel:936-520-8441) with your prayer requests. Also text her if you want to be a part of our prayer chain.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

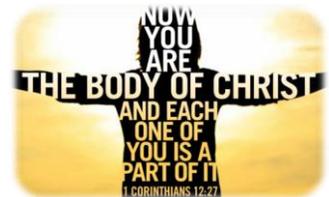
- ✦ Our Pastor Search Team
- ✦ The continuing mission in Wheelwright, KY
- ✦ **OUR PART OF HIS CHURCH:** *The needs of our church, those who are actively seeking to share the message through various ministries and your commitment to using the gift God has given you to serve in this body of believers as you are led by the Holy Spirit.*
- ✦ Pray for those we have opportunity to reach out to in our community i.e.. Pray for the hearts of those we encounter to be receptive and open to the Lord's calling when the time comes that He is speaking to them. Pray that He speaks in a way that cannot be denied or put off as coincidence, luck or whatever the world would have one to believe.
- ✦ The SS classes Teachers and families we have the opportunity to reach through this ministry, and your involvement in a class.
- ✦ Dana & Terry as they serve with 8 days of hope.
- ✦ Prayer makes a difference!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Pray regarding your place "your part" in the life of the Fellowship... If you are led to be involved in or have any questions about any of these please see the secretary for more information:

- 👉 **Nursery (1 hour) during Sunday morn Worship & Wed evenings**
- 👉 **Preschool (1 hour) during Sunday morn Worship & Wed evenings**
- 👉 Sunday School Teachers
- 👉 Food Pantry (2 hours) on a Tuesday morning
- 👉 Children's ministry
- 👉 **Wed Night Teachers**
- 👉 Visitation Team



- 👉 **Van Ministry**
- 👉 Praise Team
- 👉 Sound Booth
- 👉 Greeters & Ushers
- 👉 Facilities & Grounds
- 👉 **Grace Class ministry**
- 👉 & many more...



RIGHTNOW MEDIA provides Netflix style streaming of video Bible studies and training videos for adults, youth, and children. There is content from various Christian leaders covering a large variety of Biblical subjects with over 14,000 video/Bible study selections to choose from in many subject areas, as well as, safe programming for Kids. This is a free service which uses your email to setup your account. Your email will never be sold or shared by RightNow Media. There is no obligation. Use RightNow Media as you choose. Service is available 24/7 anywhere you can connect to the internet. To see an overview video of RightNow Media click on <http://fellowshipatfieldstore.org/ministries/e-communications/right-now-media- launch/> To get an "invite" email see Wendell Barton.

Online Training & Resources Portal Training for: Bible Students, Volunteers, Teachers, Church Staff and Pastors. New content is added monthly. Online Training & Resources are free of charge. For more information click on <http://fellowshipatfieldstore.org/about-2/opportunities-to-serve/online-training-resources-portal/>

DAILY READING PLAN VIA MY CHURCH APP One of the features of the My Church App is a daily Bible reading plan. Tap the center button at the bottom of the MY CHURCH APP screen and the daily reading plan @PursueGod Reading Plan will appear. To learn more about this My Church App feature go to <http://fellowshipatfieldstore.org/ministries/e-communications/daily-reading-plan-via-my-church-app/> For more information on the My Church App go to <http://fellowshipatfieldstore.org/ministries/e-communications/>

odds & ends....

CBBA The Creath Brazos Baptist Assoc. newsletter is available by e-mail, see or email Maudell to get on the mailing list. You may also go to Creath Brazos Baptist Assoc. website at <http://www.cbba.org/> and click on the newsletter to view.

PANTRY HOURS Tuesday 10am to noon.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tues, Wed 8am to 4pm & Thursday 8am to 2pm

ALTAR FLOWERS Have you ever considered commemorating someone with flowers for the altar? If so please contact the church office to do so.

Postage If you get your newsletter though the mail and would like to receive it via email please contact the office. *If you are not receiving it via email you could be missing out on some of the goings on!*

e-Communication tools: While you are on the go we have several ways to keep up with what is going on here at The Fellowship. In addition to our **web site:** <http://fellowshipatfieldstore.org/> we offer the app **My Church** for smartphones and tablets. For more info on the **My Church** app go to <http://fellowshipatfieldstore.org/ministries/e-communications/> and a Facebook (FB) page for The Fellowship. For more info on the FFS Facebook page click on the Facebook symbol on your My Church App from your Smartphone or Tablet or use the link <https://www.facebook.com/fellowshipatfieldstore.org/>. Send your comments and suggestions regarding these to Wendell Barton.

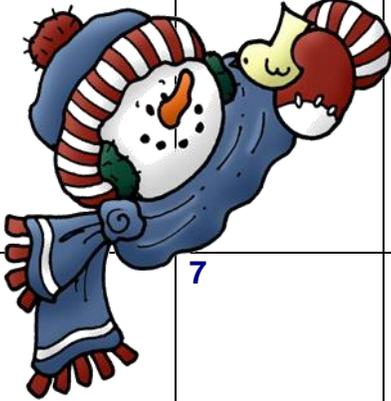
Essentials Discipleship Groups – small groups focusing on discipleship. The tool we use is Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden. Jesus's command in Matthew 28:19 is "make disciples". The format is small group setting of 3 to 4 journeying together through 25 sessions of discovery in typically an every-other-week format. Greg Ogden gives an overview in this video clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQCylMNI6io> If you have interest or want to know more, contact Wendell or Cynthia

SERMON'S ONLINE... The audio recordings of Pastor Dan's sermons on The Revelation of Jesus Christ and other sermons are available on the FFS web site at the link <http://fellowshipatfieldstore.org/a-word-from-pastor-dan/sermons/>

ANGEL TREE...Thank you to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Ministry! Because you gave, we were able to bless a single parent family in our area. If you wanted to give and missed the deadline for bringing the toys, we are still accepting funds to go towards the project. See Maudell for more information.



January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 2019 BLAST New Year's Celebration Grades K-5 1-4pm	4 Student Service Project meet at the church 9:30am-8:00pm	5
	6	7	8	9 WISD Kids go back to School today	10 Pastor Search Team Mtg at Jenelle's home 6:00-9:00pm	11 Judy Turner
13  Birthday Sunday Admin Team & Trustees Meeting 4-6pm Raeleigh Smith	14 Patsy Mills	15 <i>Women's Ministry</i> FSE Staff Appreciation Have a Souper New Year! *** Children's ministry team meeting 6-8pm *** SBTC Tax seminar Michelle Uherek	16 John Baker	17 Michelle Massey	18	19 Kodi Grossman
20	21 School holiday	22	23 Emma & Stacey Moyer Maudell	24	 Men's retreat Touch Ranch	
27 The LORD'S Supper 1qtr Member's Mtg 4:00 - 5:00pm	28	29 Cindy Ochsner	30 Patsy Siver	31		

EVERY SUNDAY: AM: Bible study all ages 9:30-10:30 & Worship 10:45.
 Children's Church for Pre-K thru 5th grade in Fellowship bld.

On months with a 5th Sunday they will join us for worship.

EVERY TUESDAY: Food Pantry 10:00-12:00pm Volunteer Today!

The Grace Class meets at Georgia's at 10am

EVERY WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week fill-up: 6:15pm - Meal (n/c).
 7:00pm - Children, Youth & Adults Bible Study & Prayer. Praise Team Practice @ 7:00



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