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Look Inside this Issue
for detailed information in regards to
meeting with the Prospective Pastor!

Calling all High School and College Graduates! CLASS OF 2017

Let us be the first to congratulate you
on your accomplishments!
Call the church office and let us know about
you and your future plans!
Pictures to be included in the
Courier are needed
no later than **Sunday, May 14th!**



A Called Business Meeting

to approve the proposed Senior Pastor
financial package will be held on
Sunday, May 7th

following the morning worship.

Meet and Greet

fellowship for the prospective pastor will be at
noon on Saturday, May 20th.

You will not want to miss the

Worship Service

Sunday, May 21st.

The Candidate will preach during the morning
service and a vote to approve the new minister
will be held immediately following the service.

THESE ARE EXCITING TIMES!

Dr. Glenn Armstrong

Interim Pastor

Given our peculiarities, our selfish pride, our different backgrounds and perspectives, it is difficult - even for God's people - to live and work together in peace. There are several individual personality traits essential to harmonious relationship in any organization or workplace. In the last edition of the Courier, I wrote of flexibility—the ability to bend, to compromise, not to insist on having one's own way.

Equally important is patience - specifically patience with other people. The Bible speaks of patience with others as bearing with them, or putting up with them. "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Col. 3:13). Be patient with each other! The temperamental and the tactless, the conservative and the liberal, the introverts and the extroverts, the young and the old - let's just recognize our differences and put up with one another! We should put up with others because we hope other people will put up with our idiosyncrasies and odd quirks of personality.

"Love is patient..." (1 Cor. 13:4). Love is the lubricant that, when applied to our relationship, reduces the annoying squeaks that disturb the harmony we seek. We put up with our children because we love them. We put up with our spouses because we love them. Let

us love each other at church and try to be patient with each other. In the process, we might become a little more like Jesus.

The topics and texts of the next two sermons will be:

May 7

"Get a Life!"

James 4:13-17

May 14

"Way to Go, Mom"

1 Sam. 1:1-8, 19-28

I enjoy worshipping with you at Third Baptist and preaching in your beautiful sanctuary. You are an attentive, receptive, and gracious congregation to whom to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Jan Lampkin, *Minister to Children*

Greetings from the Children's Department! We are sorry to know that Wes Roberts and his family will be leaving TBC soon! We will miss them and wish the best for them in their new ministry. We pray for his success in his new church!

We are excited about the new pastoral candidate! We look forward to him and his family meeting Team Jesus and the youth of TBC. We pray for a smooth transition for his family and our congregation.

We have two more Wednesdays before we break for the summer! This past Wednesday we took 80 children and leaders to Smothers Park for a time of fun and safe play. The children always enjoy the park and fellowship time together.

We are currently finalizing our summer activity schedule to provide ongoing communication

with our children and their families.

Vacation Bible School is July 9, 10 & 11, 2017 and our theme is CAMP OUT-Getting S'more of Jesus! We are currently looking for volunteers to help in VBS. If you have time in your schedule, please let me know. We need you!

A special message to the volunteers that work with our children:

Your ministry to children in TBC is so very important. This church could not fulfill its mission and vision without your sacrificial and loving ministry to our children. Know that the leadership and congregation of TBC appreciates your service as do I. If there is something you need to do your job better, please let me know. I want to be a resource to you as you carry out your ministry at this church. I know I look busy at times, but make a point to connect with me. I am here for you!



A great time Smothers Park!

Please continue remember us in prayer!

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 2:6*

Prospective Pastoral Candidate Schedule of Events

Called Business Mtg. Sunday, May 7 12:00 PM	Vote on Financial Package
Sunday, May 14	Candidate will announced to the Congregation
Called Business Mtg. Wednesday, May 17 6:00 PM	The Search Committee will meet with the Church to answer questions about the Candidate. (Sanctuary)
Friday, May 19 4:30 PM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM	Candidate will meet with Staff Dinner with Candidate Candidate will meet with <u>all</u> past & present Ordained Deacons
Saturday, May 20 9:00-12:00 noon 12:00 PM	Candidate to meet with Committees (Centennial Room) Meet & Greet Light Luncheon with Church Family (FSR)
Called Business Mtg. Sunday, May 21 12:00 PM	Vote by ballot on Candidate following the worship service.

David Roberson, Minister of Music

We often talk about the many reasons music is meaningful in worship. I was looking at an article this week and found the following:

The people of God sing. After escaping from the Egyptians and crossing the Red Sea, the people of Israel sang a song to the Lord (Exod. 15). Singing was part of Israel's formal worship in both tabernacle and temple (1 Chron. 6:31-32, 16:42). The Psalms bear rich testimony that in joy and sorrow, in praise and lament, the faithful raise their voices in song to God. Hymn singing was practiced by Jesus and his disciples (Matt. 26:30). The Apostle Paul instructed the Colossians, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And

whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Col 3:16-17).

Music is a gift of God and part of the created order. From its inception, "when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy" (Job 38:7), to its consummation, when "every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them: will sing to the Lamb on the throne (Rev. 5:13), creation is musical. "All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres." Human music making participates in the music of creation and reflects the order, beauty, and diversity of God's creation.

I hope to see you singing this Sunday!

Joe Bob Pierce, Formations

In the last Courier I spoke about the great experience I have had serving on the "Called Staff Search Committee." We have worked over the last year and a half to find a person and I believe God has led us to a candidate that is a wonderful match for Third Baptist Church. However, it is not my decision to extend a call to this candidate, it is the Church's decision.

With that in mind, I hope you will plan to be here the weekend of May 19-21. As you will find in our printed materials the pastoral candidate will be in town that weekend to meet us, meet with our committees, with the deacons, and preach in the morning service on May 21st. It will be important for everyone who can to not only attend morning worship that day, but also to attend a luncheon reception for the candidate and get to meet this person face-to-face. The reception will be held on Saturday, May 20, and will include a time of question-and-answer during which all of us will have a chance to ask questions and get to know this person better.

I am looking forward to what God will be doing through Third Baptist Church as we begin a new chapter in our Church's history!

Wes Roberts, Minister to Youth

Let me say it has been an honor and pleasure to serve at Third Baptist Church as your part-time Youth Pastor since August 2013. We so appreciate the love and support you all have given us through this past year after the passing of Zachary David. We needed each and every prayer and thank you for them as we continue to take one step at a time and move ahead one day at a time. We believe that through this tragedy God continues to show himself faithful just as His word promises. We will miss serving the students of 3bc but know God will send others to step up and minister to these youth.

We want to thank Court and Jenny Lewis for helping us each week as we ministered to about 45 or so students every Wednesday night. It would have been impossible to maintain without their help and we are grateful for them.

I heard a pastor preach a sermon last week, and one thing he said I will never forget, "Do not camp out where you are meant to pass through." I believe God spoke to me many years ago and told me to start a Church and I just kept saying "no." The thought and feeling never went away and only became alive again following Zach's passing into eternity. It is time to preach from the "rooftops" that this life is temporary and eternity is on the horizon for all who would call on the name of the Lord and accept Him as their Lord and Savior. Please pray for us as we move ahead and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the things you have done for my family.
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SUNDAY, MAY 7

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 Called Business Mtg.

MONDAY, MAY 8

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 1:00 PM Centennial Room Reserved
 7:00 PM OCTC Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MAY 9

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 5:00 PM Children/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Children/Youth Mission & Music
End of Children/Youth Activities till Fall
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 11

5:00 PM Community Meal

SUNDAY, MAY 14, MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY, MAY 15

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 9:30 AM Peer Learning Group

TUESDAY, MAY 16

10:00 AM Paula Settle WOM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

6:00 PM Called Business Meeting
 PSC Question & Answer
 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 18

5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY, MAY 19

4:00 PM Staff to meet Candidate
 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting
 5:30 PM Dinner with the Deacons
 6:00 PM Deacons meet Candidate

SATURDAY, MAY 20

9:00 AM Committees meet Candidate
 12:00 PM Church Fellowship and Question
 & Answer Session with Candidate

SUNDAY, MAY 21

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Called B.M. - Vote on Candidate
 4:00 PM Stewardship Finance Meeting
 6:00 PM Regular Business Meeting

OUR RECORDS

	April 16	April 23	April 30
Sunday School	127	103	106
Worship	235	159	162
Total Offering	\$9,644	\$7,962	\$5,155
Capital Fund	\$370	\$550	\$100
Memorials	\$50	\$35	\$100
Other Funds	\$514	\$12	\$157
General Fund	\$8,710	\$7,364	\$4,798
Weekly Needs	\$7,720	\$7,720	



how are you
SERVING?

**MEMORIALS**

Contributions to the church have been made:

in memory of Shirley Casebier by Lee & Bettie Kincaid, Frank & Martha Beller, Lindy & Abbie Mercer, The Esther Sunday School Class, Alexander & Co. CPA;

in memory of Margaret Chance by Frank & Martha Beller.

Get
INVOLVED

New Members Welcome!

TBC MISSION TEAMS meets the first Sunday of every month at 4:30 PM in the Game Room. Everyone is welcome to attend!

PAULA SETTLE WOMEN ON MISSION GROUP meets on the third Tuesdays. The next meeting will be on May 16 at 10:00 AM. All the ladies are invited!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP meets Mondays at 6:00 PM. Call Janice Raby at 270-683-1602 for details.

FREE Exercise Facilities
 Walk on the indoor track to build muscles and tone your body using the weight room!

DEACON INFORMATION
May 7

Laura Bronn, Pat Settle

Hope and Harvest Team
 Cissy Bishop, Judy Dixon

May 14

Larry Catron, Vickie Wells

Hope and Harvest Team
 Laura Bronn, Cherri Lolley

PRESCHOOL PRAISE
May 7

Jan Lampkin, Janice Raby

May 14

Cissy Bishop, Jennifer Spence

ATRIUM SOCIAL

May 7: Women of Faith

May 14: New Millennium