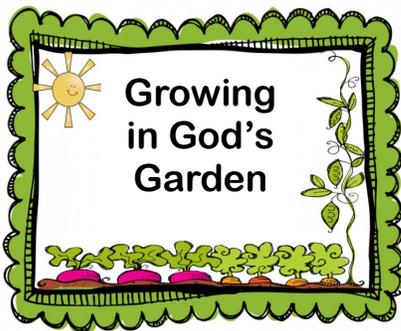


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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM Dr. Randy Bennett

The Untended Garden

After being out of town for two weeks of vacation I was anxious to walk through my garden to see how it fared in my absence. The corn and cucumbers looked fine. Many of the tomatoes in their colorful cages were noticeably tilting to one side. The bell peppers were discolored and drooping. The yellow squash and zucchini plants were riddled with white flies. All but a few of our delicious peaches were lying on the ground. And of course there were hundreds of weeds all over the garden and surrounding areas. As I walked back to the house I realized how important the gardener is to the garden. Without the care and nurture of the gardener the vegetables and flowers suffer while the weeds thrive. There was no one to water and protect the plants. There was no one to pull the weeds. There was no one to straighten out the tomato cages and remove unwanted root runners. The garden needed a gardener.

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As a Pastor and Missionary I immediately associated the garden to a church, Bible Study group, or ministry. Every organization needs caregivers whether they are vocational ministers or members of the church. Someone must take care of the people God has entrusted us with. Someone must care and nurture those enrolled in a small group. Someone must care and direct the ministries and those who volunteer in them. Someone needs to mow the lawn, pull the weeds, and paint the buildings.

After Jesus' Resurrection He intentionally waited for the right moment to talk to Peter. Peter vowed to die for Christ the night of Jesus' arrest. Sadly and tragically Peter ended up denying His Lord three times. Peter's heart was humbled and broken. The Lord restored him by asking him a few key questions followed by three simple instructions for the future. "Peter do you love me (agape = unconditional love)?" "Yes Lord, I like (phileo = friendship and brotherly affection) you." Jesus replied: "Feed my lambs." He asked him the same question again. "Peter do you love (agape = unconditional love)?" Again Peter could only say that he cared for Jesus as a brother. Jesus replied: "care or shepherd my little ones". Jesus asked Peter a third question. "Peter do you like (phileo) me?" "Yes Lord, I like you." Jesus followed with the command to feed his little ones. Jesus used the same word for brotherly love in His third question to Peter. It seems that Peter was not ready to make any more bold claims for his future as he did the night of Jesus' arrest. Jesus' challenges to Peter are a strong reminder to feed (teach, disciple, and mentor) God's sheep as well as to shepherd (care, nurture, love, and protect) God's people.

It breaks my heart to drive by an abandoned or neglected church building. A whole string of questions come to mind. Where are the teachers, preachers, and care givers? Where are the Bible teachers and ministry leaders? Is anyone home? Do these people love the Lord?

Just as a garden needs a gardener the church needs shepherd leaders to teach God's Word and care for God's little ones. It is a thing of beauty to see what a dedicated gardener can do. The same is true for shepherd leaders who lovingly care for and feed the body of Christ.

Your Missionary,

Randy L. Bennett

Dr. Randy L. Bennett



KCSBA LEADERSHIP FORUM



NO FORUM IN AUGUST

KCSBA Seminar:

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Warren Haynes**

Topic: **Discipleship Uncomplicated**

August 20th 9:00am

Free



Discipleship
*Un*complicated

DR. WARREN HAYNES

Northside Church, 3331 Calloway Drive, 93312

RSVP: KCSBA Office 325-1265

JULY 2018 FINANCIALS



We sincerely thank the following churches and missions for their contributions during JULY 2018. Financials are based upon contributions received by the last work-day of the month. Any contributions received after the last day of the month will be accounted for in the next months financials. We are grateful to these churches that make missions a priority and give faithfully to KCSBA.

Columbus St Baptist Church
Crossover Church of Rosedale
Country Oaks Baptist Church
Daybreak Baptist Church
Fairfax So Baptist Church
Fairview So Baptist Church
Fellowship Baptist Church
First Baptist Ch, Edison
First Baptist Ch, Kernville
First Baptist Ch, Tehachapi
First So Baptist Ch, Shafter
First So Baptist Ch, Taft
First So Baptist Hispanic Church
Golden Valley Christian Church

Griffith Ave Baptist Ch, Wasco
Harmony So Baptist Church
Mountain View So Baptist Ch
New Life Community Church
Primera Iglesia Bautista, Wasco
Resurrection Church
Rising Star Baptist Church
Riverview SO Baptist Church
Seguidores de Jesus
Trinity So Baptist Church, Taft
Valley Baptist Church
Vision Plus Church
Weldon Baptist Church
Westchester Baptist Church

Income from Churches for JULY 2018	2018 Monthly Budget Projection	Difference for this month
\$8,359.33	\$ 12,068.38	-3,709.05

**Working together to spread the
Gospel of Christ . . .
Thank you for your giving!**

KCSBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS



AUGUST

- 30-Aug 4 *Jenness Park – CentriFUGE Week 5*
- 5 *Sun SBC – Social Issues Sunday (Emphasis – Purity)*
- 12 *Sun SBC – Student Evangelism Day*
- 13-14 *Mon-Tues CSBC – Pastors’ Orientation,
Ministry Resource Center, Fresno*
- 19-25 *Sun-Sat SBC – Worship Music Week*
- 20 *Monday KCSBA Seminar with Warren Haynes—Northside Ch*
- 31-Sept 2 *Jenness Park 65th Anniversary*

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 *CSBC – Month of Prayer and
Offering for California Missions Offering*
- 2 *Sun SBC – Discipleship Rally*
- 2 *Sun SBC – Single Adult Sunday*
- 7-9 *Fri-Sun Jenness Park – Hispanic Ladies’ Retreat #1*
- 14-16 *Fri-Sun Jenness Park – Hispanic Ladies’ Retreat #2*
- 16 *Sun SBC – Anti-Gambling Sunday*
- 22 *Sat Elevate 2.0 - TBD*
- 22 *Sat Autumn Begins*



2018



First Baptist Church of Shafter

Backyard Bible Club VBS
...boy was it hot! ...but you see from the pictures it did not slow down those who attended (maybe the adults a little)



Fun with Bounce Houses, water slide, games, Pastor Jim even took a pie in the face because the kids gave over \$125.00 to foreign missions...hooray for the kids!



On July 1, Buttonwillow Community Baptist Church celebrated in Christ with their first baptism. Congratulations to Miss Chelsea Chamblee.



Colossians 2:12

**Valley Baptist Church
Shafter Migrant Camp
August 6-10**

Haircutters, barbers and
volunteers still needed.

Contact:

Valley Baptist Church
661-393-5683
Adriana Andino



TRUTH TRAINED & FAITH FIT

Mother Daughter Retreat 2018 October 5-7

*Early Bird Arrival - Friday starting at
9:30 a.m. - add \$20 per person. Includes lunch!*

"Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."
- J. Timothy 4:7-8



JENNESS PARK
Christian Camp

SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDE:
*Cardio Capers
&
Neon at Night*

**JOIN US FOR A SPIRITUALLY NOURISHING WEEKEND OF SAVORING GOD 'S GOODNESS
WITH MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS, AND FRIENDS.**

Mothers, daughters, grandmas, sisters, aunts, cousins – all are welcome to attend this annual event that helps bring women together. It is designed for ladies who desire to draw closer to Christ and their loved ones. Amazing food, sound biblical teaching, engaging worship, so many activities you can't do them all, await you. Join us for a memory-making weekend!

Jenness Park is excited to host **Speaking and Worship - KELLYE CASH** for the 2018 Mother-Daughter Retreat. Kellye learned early in life to be flexible in a number of environments since she was the daughter of a US Navy fighter pilot who took their family all over the country. In 1987 Kellye had the unique opportunity of demonstrating her Christian faith while running for and achieving the title of Miss America. Following numerous civic engagements during her year as Miss America, Cash attended college and began a career as a Christian music artist and speaker. She made appearances on "The Today Show" and "Good Morning America;" has performed with her uncle, Johnny Cash; and has recorded a number of CDs. Kelley currently lives in Milan, TN with her husband Todd Sheppard, a high school teacher and volleyball coach. They have three children. Kellye is the Music Ministry Assistant at First Baptist Church in Milan and is a fitness instructor for the Milan Y. Additionally, she teaches piano and voice lessons and coaches for a creative problem-solving competition.



Mother Daughter Retreat October 5 – 7, 2018

Special Activities: • Cardio Capers • Neon at Night

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PRICING

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by Sept. 5th

Gold Rush Cabins (Bathrooms located inside cabins)

	Adults (10&up)	Children (5-9 years)
Before 9/5/18	\$175	\$87.50
After 9/5/18	\$195	\$97.50

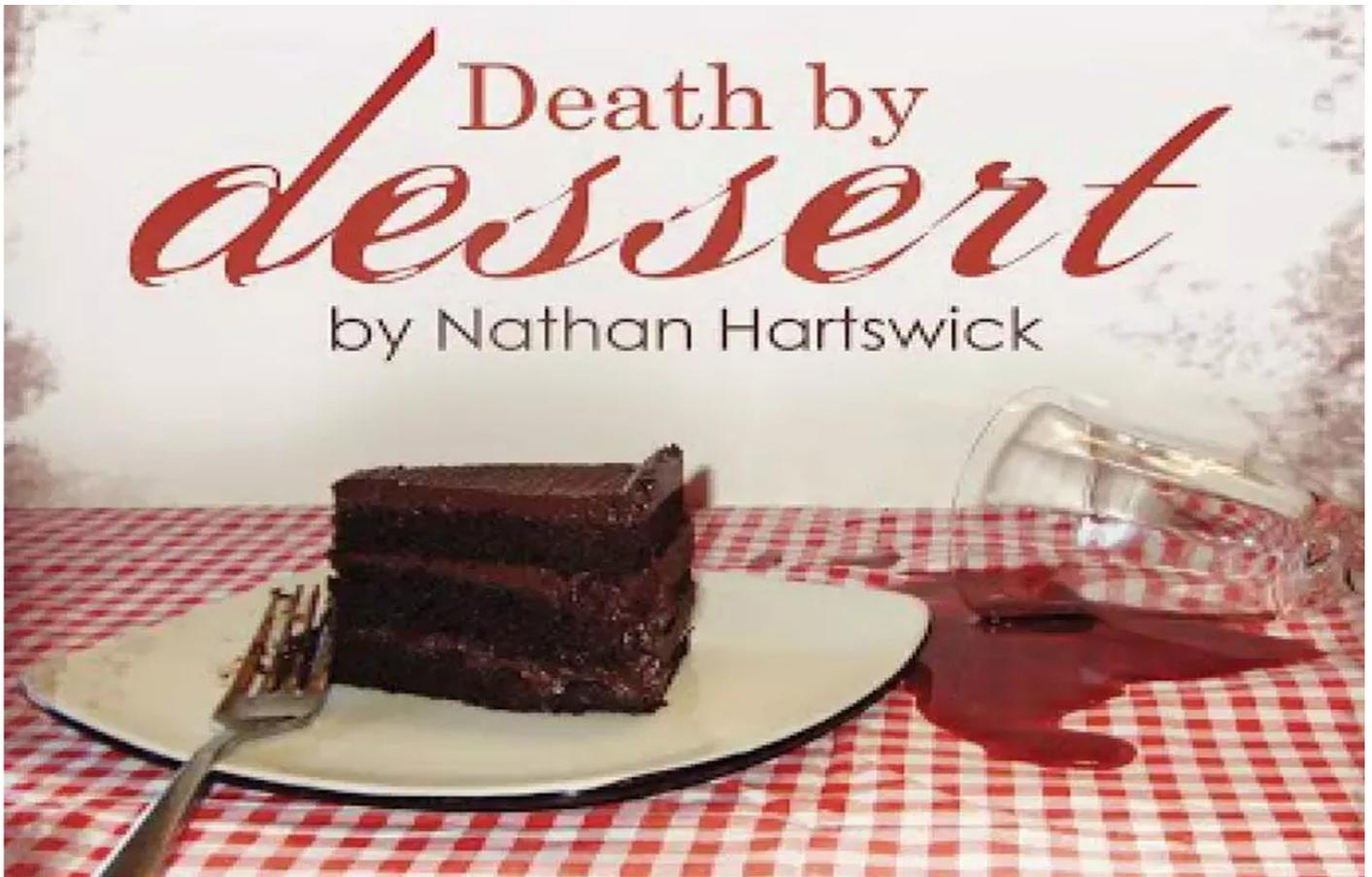
Ponderosa Cabins (Bathrooms centrally located)

Before 9/5/18	\$165	\$82.50
After 9/5/18	\$185	\$92.50

Early Bird Arrival - Friday starting at 9:30 a.m. - add \$20 per person. Includes lunch.

Jenness Park Christian Camp · 29005 Hwy 108 Cold Springs, CA 95335
(800)258-7554 ext. 101 · registrar@jennesspark.com





**Join us at Fellowship Baptist
3001 Stine Rd - 833-4345**

Presented by Youth

Sept 28th & Sept 29

Doors open at - 6pm

Mystery begins - 7pm

Cost \$20.00

Call for your tickets

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

661-833-4345

***It's dinner murder mystery open to all ages
(salad, pasta, and dessert) Come Join the Fun!!***

Gardening God's Way

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be obedient

Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for service

Turnip for one another

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is abundance in your garden

Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden, We must have thyme:

Thyme for God



Thyme for God

