

First Baptist Church

Kountze, Texas

Third Quarter, 2024

The Pastor's Pen

By Br. Daniel White

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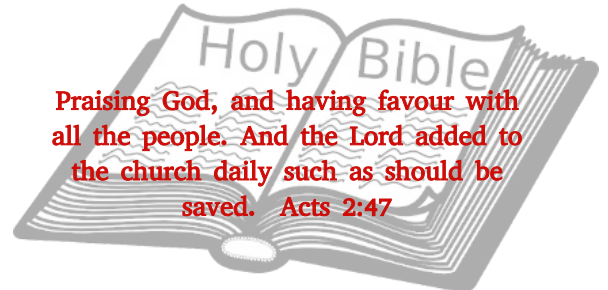
It is a joy and privilege to have Armor Christian Academy on our campus. A new year has begun, and I look forward to chapel services each Wednesday. The students are extremely well behaved and very attentive to the chapel devotion. The Academy has room for more students, and it is not too late to enroll. Please help promote the Academy and encourage parents to consider enrolling their students in this wonderful Christian School.

Not only does Armor Christian Academy have room from more students, First Baptist Church has room for more. I hope that you are promoting our wonderful church. We have many outreach tools in the conferencing room... come by and check out the various business cards, prayer request cards, and postcards that you can use to invite people to church.

We are also making a point to intentionally pray for membership growth, and specifically for God to bring us families that are wanting to work and grow the church. Please join us in this endeavor.

And the lord said unto the servant,
Go out into the highways and hedges,
and compel them to come in,
that my house may be filled.

Luke 14:23



Praising God, and having favour with
all the people. And the Lord added to
the church daily such as should be
saved. Acts 2:47

Operation Christmas Child

By D'Ann White

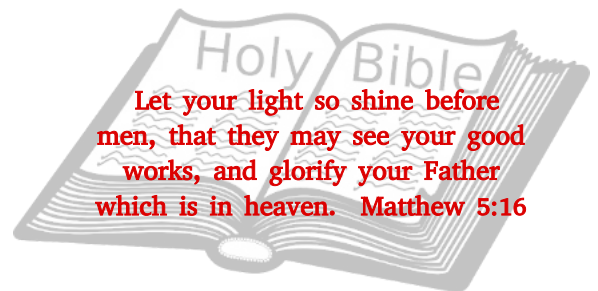
On July 14, 2024, Hartley Downs, the Big Thicket Director for Operation Christmas Child, presented a plaque to the church in recognition of 10 years of partnership with the organization.



Great Job!



Catherine Brandenburg, Br. Daniel White, Beverly Williford, & Hartley Downs



Operation Christmas Child

By Beverly Williford

It's a busy time of year for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. Many of us were blessed to attend the 2024 OCC Celebration Banquet on August 24, hosted by Freedom Fellowship Church, in Silsbee, Texas. We heard a first hand testimony from our Big Thicket Area Director, Hartley Downs, that 2000+ children heard the Gospel over 3 days in Kenya and what God is doing through OCC.

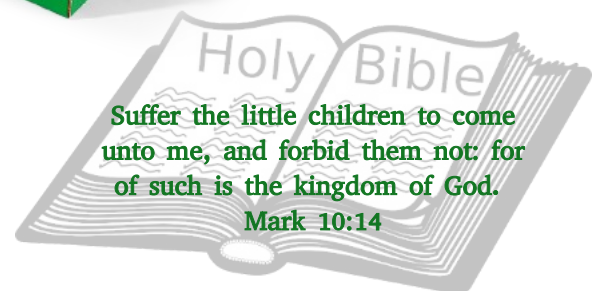
Our FBC Warrior Women had an OCC Workday on Monday, September 23, from 10:00 - 12:30 to work on various OCC crafts that include sewing kits, clothesline kits, fishing kits, and more.

Our 2024 OCC Shoebox Packing Party will be held Sunday, October 27 @ 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please come help us pack OCC shoeboxes, a simple gift that is sent to children around the world to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

FBC Kountze will again serve as drop-off location for 2024 shoeboxes during National Collection Week, November 18-25, 2024. If you would like to volunteer at the drop-off location or need additional information, please contact Catherine Brandenburg at 409-790-4863. There is a schedule of hours and dates for collection week and a sign-up sheet in the foyer by the nursery counter.

We are still collecting items for shoeboxes this year that include underwear, socks, t-shirts and clothing of any kind or any other items that you would like to bring for the shoeboxes.

Thank you FBC family for your continued support of the OCC ministry.



Nursing Home Ministry

By Michelle Chadwick

Contentment

Renovations are almost complete at Paradigm of Kountze and, thankfully, daily routines are returning to normal. The challenges the renovation presented for our Bible study have worked themselves out, and we have had weekly Bible studies every Sunday.

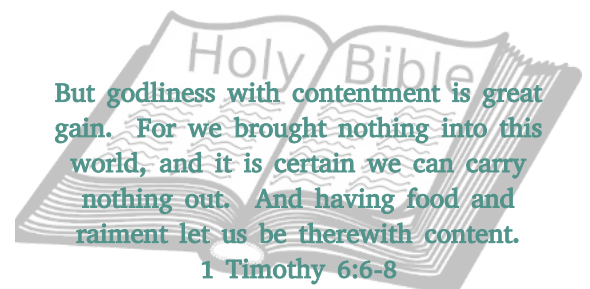
I am happy to share with you that we now have two new additions to our core group. I praise God for the growth. And, speaking of growth, we also have residents who drift in the dining room each Sunday and listen. Many of the residents come each week. My prayer is that we can encourage them to be a part of the group.

Many of our residents fight despair. They miss their homes, families, and struggle with health issues. I tell you this to let you know how much your prayers are needed and appreciated. We may not be able to change their circumstances, but our God can change their perspectives.

Philippians 4:11-13 KJV

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

With the holidays around the corner and memories of holidays gone by, your prayers are vital. Bless each of you who care and pray.



Warrior Women

By Cristi Beehn



Embracing Freedom Backpacks

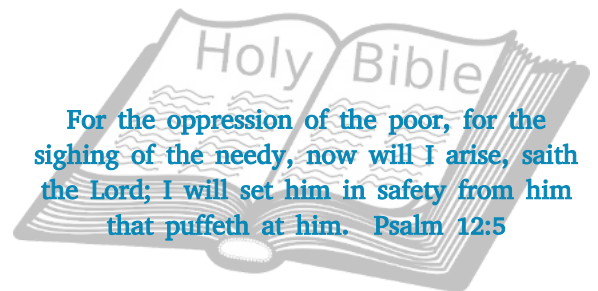
Embracing Freedom, formerly known as Harvest House, is an amazing 501c3 whose volunteers stand ready to meet their clients in the worst of times. Their clients consist of recently rescued from the worst of circumstances. Often these clients are rescued with no personal items of their own.

Let me begin by saying I am blessed beyond measure to be a part of this ladies' group. This handful of women are so diligent in their service in outreach and support for those who need them most.

With your support, FBCK Warrior Women volunteers do the research to determine the needs, shop for the best deals, organize, and on August 21st, packed 22 backpacks with the basic toiletries, snacks, and a few things for those in need to call their own. Receiving these backpacks, along with a box of extra items that can be used for other packs later, was Embracing Freedom's representative, Brittney DeLaGarza.



Brittney DeLaGarza spoke to us about the many ways Embracing Freedom helps those that are victims of sex traffickking.



Warrior Women



Vesta Boone & Beverly McKee

Betty Teel



Beverly Williford, Barbara McPherson & Suzanne Odom



Cristi Beehn



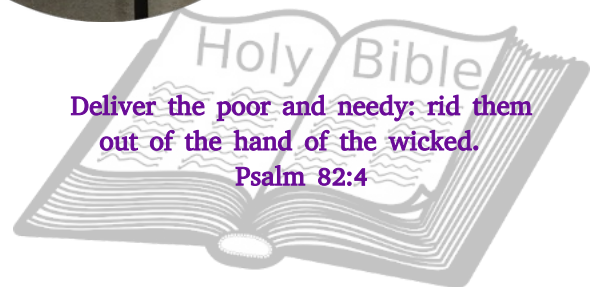
Mae Digmon



René Freeman writing a note



Catherine Brandenburg writing a note of encouragement for the recipient of the bag



Warrior Women

By Catherine Brandenburg

OCC Craft Day

The ladies of Kountze First Baptist have been very busy! This month our service project was working on Operation Christmas Child. We met on September 23, and worked on sewing kits, fishing kits, race tracks, marble kits, marble spinners, rope knot tying kits, cut material for dresses, and put together hygiene kits. We enjoyed a nice lunch and fellowship time together.

Next month on October 18th, we will host a baby shower for the Hope Center in Beaumont. Bring a finger food and a gift and come enjoy hearing what God is doing through them. Then, our last event for the year will be making a meal for our widows and shut-ins on December 3rd. We have a sign up sheet for those willing to cook or deliver meals that day.

If you didn't have a chance to come help with OCC, there are other opportunities coming up soon to help. October 27th is our church packing party at 5:00 pm. Ladies, please plan to come and help us pack shoeboxes. Also, our church is a drop off site for Operation Christmas Child. We need volunteers! For 8 days in November, we will receive shoeboxes from all around Hardin County. Each day we are open 2 hours... if you can volunteer, please do. It's a joyful experience. There is a sign up sheet with days available.



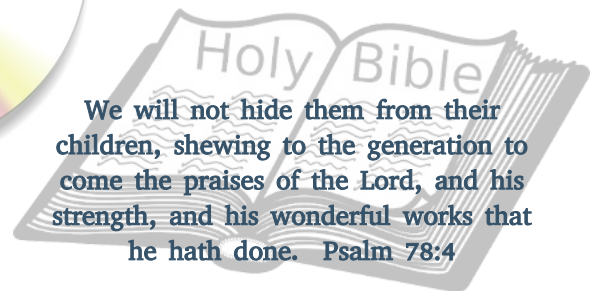
Amanda Bones working on cutting paper for the spinners



Beverly McKee working on the spinners



Betty Teel tracing the CD pattern for the spinners



We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. Psalm 78:4

Warrior Women

Barbara McPherson's neighbor, Heather, is putting together some clothesline kits.



Rhonda Barner is putting together some toiletry kits.

Vesta Boone is constructing some fishing kits.



Beverly McKee's cousin, Denise, is cutting out some dresses to sew.



Cristi Beehn is constructing some toiletry kits.



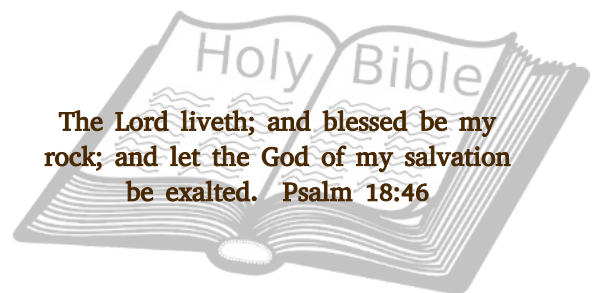
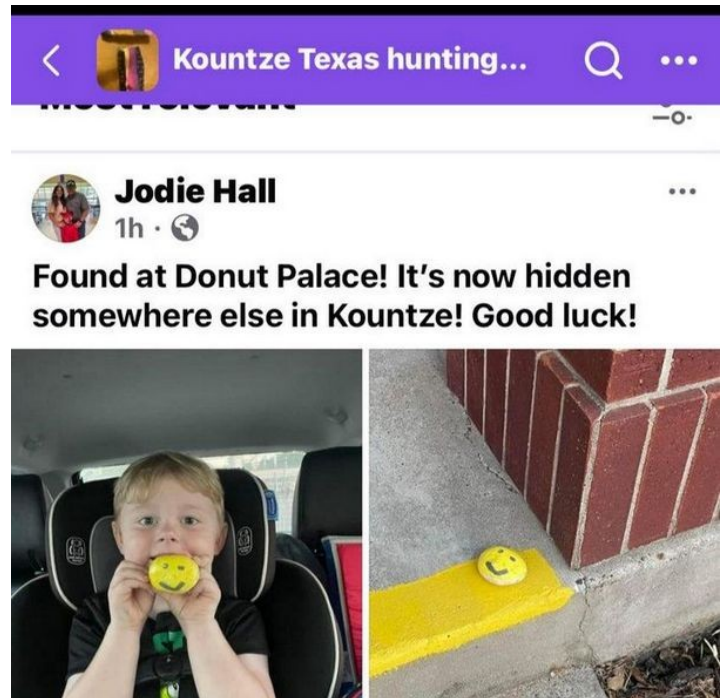
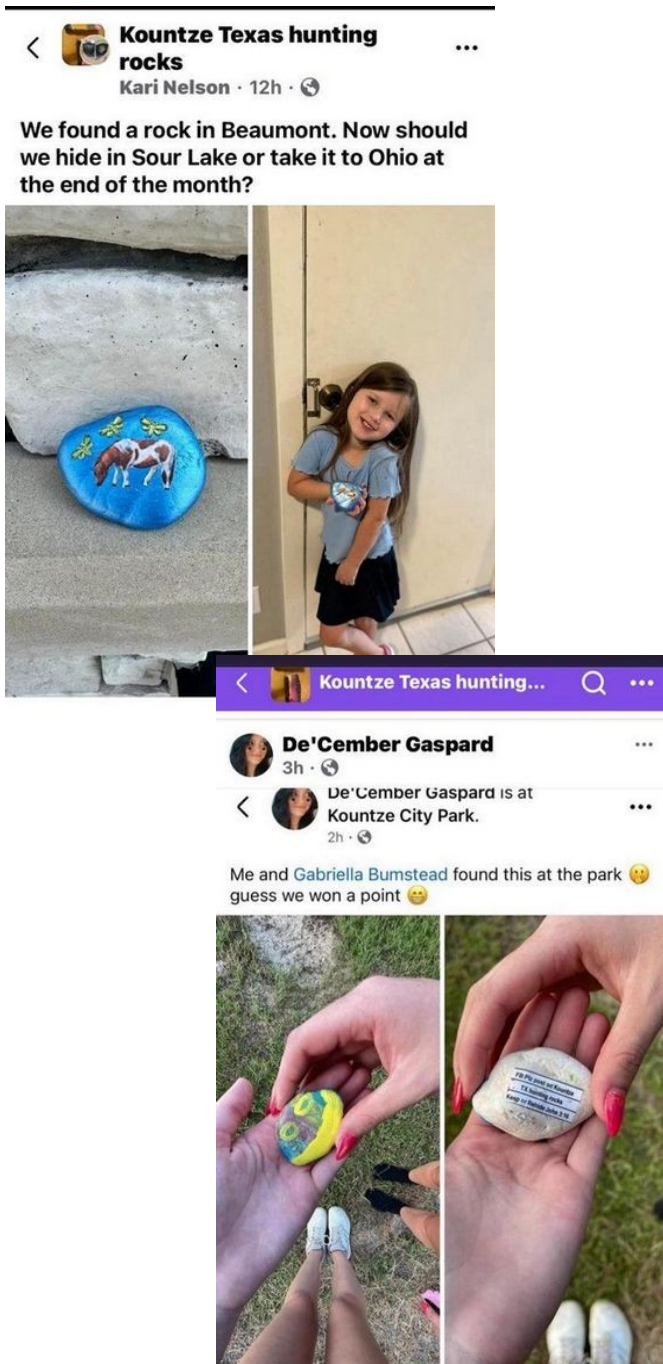
Catherine Brandenburg is making pin cushions.

*She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
Proverbs 31:13*

Sassy Seniors

Sassy Seniors has slowed down a bit on the programs for the summer months but plan to pick back up this next quarter. They still meet every Thursday morning for exercise and fellowship.

Joan Valentine provided an update on the rocks that the Armor Academy students and Sassy Seniors painted a few months ago. Here are a few screenshots of comments from people that have found the rocks and re-hidden them in the local area.





armor academy

Ephesians 6:11



By René Freeman

Armor Christian Academy is up and running. We have started our fifth year in the ministry that God has set before us. Not only are we afforded the opportunity to provide our students with an academic education, but we are privileged to share Jesus with them and teach them God's character.

We are grateful for the prayers God has answered and every need He continues to meet on our behalf. Please continue to pray for our students, their parents, our supporters, our teachers, and our staff. Thank you, First Baptist Church, for your monthly support to this mission for Jesus.

2024 Students having a Crazy Hair Day



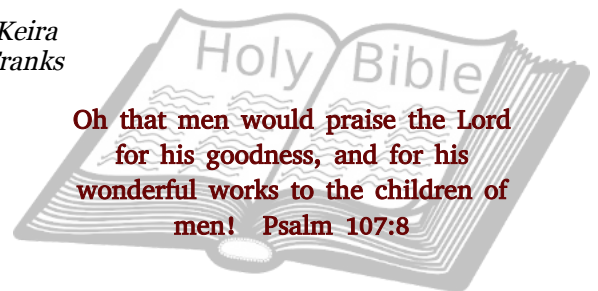
Nolan Burke, Suzanne Odom, Catherine Brandenburg and Silas Burke showing off their crazy hair



Suzanne Odom & Adeline Johnson sporting their crazy hair



Xander Stockton, Keira Franks & Naomi Franks



Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Psalm 107:8



armor academy

Ephesians 6:11



Br Daniel spoke on seeking treasure (Proverbs 2:4) and how the Word of God is like silver purified seven times (Psalm 12:6) while demonstrating how to use a metal detector



Trevor, one of the students, played the mountain dulcimer during chapel



Beverly McKee shared her heart during chapel when Br. Daniel was unable to be there.



Br. Daniel explained the process of beekeeping while teaching on Psalm 19



Students helping with the OCC shoeboxes

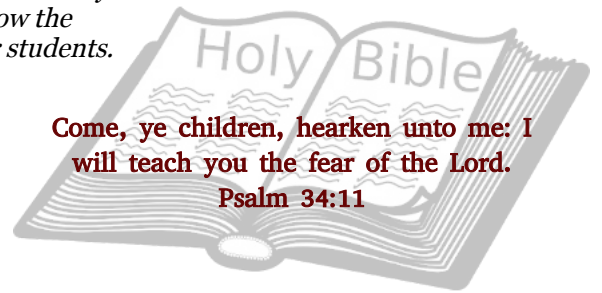


The Burke family is taking care of a family of squirrels and brought them to school one day to show the other students.



Students honored Grandparents Day on September 5.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Psalm 34:11



In Memory



James Graham

September 29, 1949 - September 19, 2024

Br. James loved the Lord and had a servant's heart. He served as Music Director for many years in various churches, but most especially here at First Baptist Church of Kountze. He loved God, he loved his family & he loved his church. He will be greatly missed, but we can celebrate his homecoming with the Lord.

Praise & Worship

By D'Ann White

Praise and worship should involve the family. Several times, we have had families standing up to assist Ethan with the service's praise & worship.

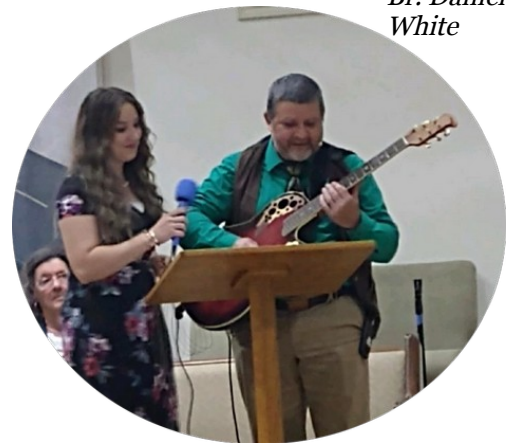
*Joanna &
Br. Daniel
White*



Aaron Barnett with daughters, Briella, Amelia, and Jairah, along with Theo Odom.



Jairah, Amelia, & Briella Barnett



*All the earth shall worship thee,
and shall sing unto thee; they
shall sing to thy name. Selah.
Psalm 66:4*

Community Outreach

By Suzanne Odom

Tubs of Kindness

On August 14th, the Missions Committee packed tubs overflowing with goodies and presented them to faculty and staff at all 4 campuses, Central Office, and Transportation/Maintenance Office as they prepare for another year of educating our young people. The containers were filled with items such as chips, crackers, candy bars, trail mix, and energy drink packets... just to name a few! It was a labor of love as we wanted to show our appreciation to educators and welcome them back to the 2024-2025 school year. Gospel tracts were included in all the tubs, and each location received a flyer with QR codes. One was our new Prayer QR code, and the other QR code was for a chance to win a \$25 gift card. We had two winners: Jeri Smith, from Central Office, and Wendy Smith, from Transportation/Maintenance. Congratulations to both! Appreciation for the goodies were expressed to us by way of Facebook, "Thank you" cards, and emails to the church office. Keep up the good work, K.I.S.D.!



*Beverly McKee,
Suzanne Odom, &
D'Ann White*



*Br. Daniel & D'Ann
White*



*Wendy Smith,
\$25 gift card
recipient*



Betty Teel



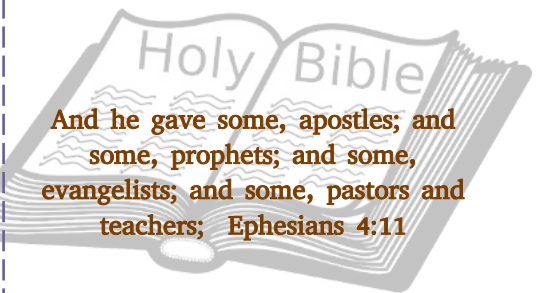
*Suzanne
Odom*

"We have had a great first week back with our staff! They are working hard in their rooms, attending meetings and trainings, and preparing diligently for students to return next week. We would like to thank First Baptist Church, Kountze, for bringing treats for our staff.... KHS is very blessed!"

"I wanted to thank you all for the thoughtful big variety box of teacher goodies for us to pick from. We appreciate you and thank you for your prayers over our children's education and prayers for all of the KISD campuses safety this new school year."

---Jennifer Parrott

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; Ephesians 4:11



RELATIONS



Br. Daniel White is taking a much needed nap in the midst of Disaster Relief from tornado damages incurred when Hurricane Beryl swept across the area.



Carolyn Graham's Sunday School Class



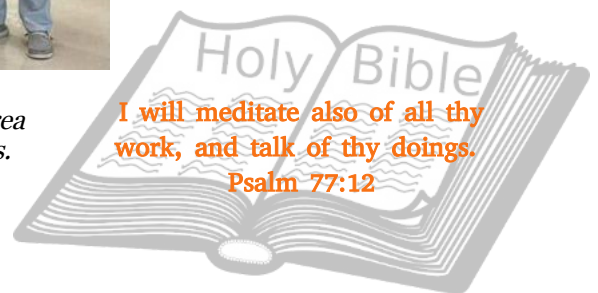
Carolyn Graham's Sunday School Class enjoying a visit from oldest member, Pee Wee Hybarger.



Pee Wee Hybarger with nephew & niece, Mark & Michelle Chadwick



Beverly McKee, along with other community church members and area pastors, prayed for the new year and the students at Kountze schools.

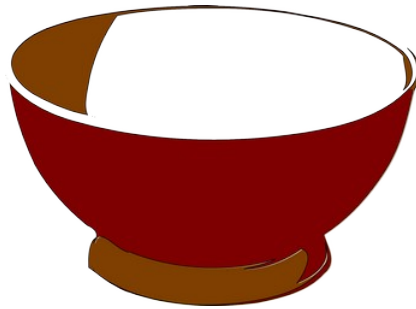


*I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.
Psalm 77:12*

TOMFOOLERY



Oh, the joys of being able to goof off and have fun with the young and the young at heart! René Freeman and Zapporah Barnett are showing off their bowl "hats."



Deacons' Report

By Gary Freeman

We have had five requests for aid in the last few months. Sometimes aid can be as little as a hot shower and clean clothes. One request was for this and a ride to Silsbee... that is all the homeless gentleman asked for.

The deacons have also worked on mowing the church property not covered by the lawn service.

An opportunity opened up to help at S.C.A.T (Senior Citizens All Together) for the seniors here in Kountze. S.C.A.T management needed help with handling the aluminum cans that are donated.



It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. Acts 6:2-3

Family Fun Day

By D'Ann White

On August 4, we hosted a Family Fun Splash Day. All the families met and had a hot dog luncheon, and then the children got to play in the water. We had various slip & slides as well as pools of different sizes for the different age groups to play in. It looks like the kids had a blast... so did some of the "Big Kids."

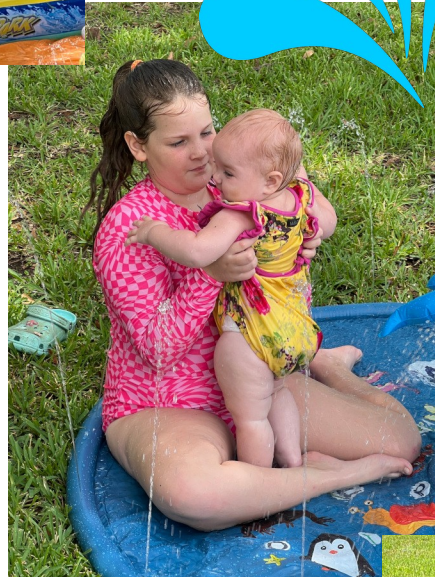


Zion Barnett shooting his dad, Aaron, with a water gun.

Amos Hamm with his Aunt JoJo (Joanna White).



Joanna & Timothy White, with nephew, Malachi Hamm.



Jairah & Zapporah Barnett

Aaron Barnett being blasted with water guns by Briella Barnett & Theo Odom.



But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. John 4:10

Upcoming Events & Announcements

October

- October 9--- Church Council Meeting
- October 12--- Disaster Relief Training (Flint)
- October 13--- Lord's Supper
- October 16--- Business Meeting
- October 18--- Warrior Women Home Clinic Baby Shower
- October 20--- SNBA Annual Meeting
- October 27--- OCC Packing Party & Pastor Appreciation

November

- November 11-12--- SBTC Annual Meeting (Houston)
- November 12--- Hope Gala
- November 12--- Armor Academy Veterans Breakfast
(Taylor Burke will be preaching)
- November 13--- Church Council Meeting
- November 18-23--- OCC Collection Week
- November 20--- Business Meeting
- November 23--- Historic Holidays on the Square
- November 27--- Service Canceled for Thanksgiving

December

- December 2--- Blood Drive
- December 3--- Warrior Women Meals to Shut-Ins
- December 11--- Church Council
- December 18--- Business Meeting
- December 22--- Lord's Supper
- December 24--- Candlelight Service
- December 25--- Service Canceled for Christmas

Church Shirts Orders

Dark Green with Church name & logo

Personalization is optional for \$8

Style of Shirt is optional, some examples are:

- Cool Tech-- \$29
- Cotton Polo--\$24
- Ladies' Spandex Dress Shirt--- \$35

Sign up Sheet is on Nursery Counter.



Sassy Seniors
meet every
Thursday at
10 am.

**If Needing Firewood, sign up
sheet is on the nursery counter.
There are two sizes available.**

Who is a wise man and endowed with
knowledge among you? let him shew
out of a good conversation his works
with meekness of wisdom. James 3:13



INFORMATION



WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

<https://www.fbckountze.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistKountze>
*****Both services on Sunday are Live-streamed on Facebook**
 info@fbckountze.com (Email for general information)
 pray@fbckountze.com (Email prayer requests)

What Does the Logo Represent?

- **The Crown** — represents Jesus Christ: our King and the rightful King of the whole world. – John 18:37 / Revelation 19:16
- **The Thorns** — represent His suffering to purchase us through His death on the cross. – Isaiah 53:5 / Ephesians 5:25 / Mark 15:17
- **The Candle** — represents our church: we are in Christ and connected to Jesus. – Revelation 1:20 / Romans 12:5 / John 15:5
- **The Flame** — represents the Light of the world: Jesus, while He was here, and us, in this present age. – John 8:12 / John 9:5 / Matthew 5:14-16
- **The Letters** — represent the name of Jesus: His first initial is I in Latin and Greek, and ' in Hebrew. So, our church is built up in Him. – John 19:19-20 / Colossians 2:6-7

Officers

Pastor
Daniel White

Administrative Assistant
Suzanne Odom

Treasurer
Steve Clark

Trustees
Tom Settle
Betty Teel
Rhonda Barner
Mark Finkenbiner

Committee Chairmen

Property Management
Randy Beehn

Budget & Finance
Steve Clark

Missions

Personnel
Tom Settle

Member Care
Daniel White

Nominating

Article Submissions Due: December 1, 2024

Email me any pictures or articles you would like to see in our next quarterly newsletter!

-Dawn

DEACONS



Randy Beehn, Aaron Barnett, Richard Warden, & Gary Freeman (chairman)

If anyone has a need or knows of someone with a need, please contact one of these gentlemen, or leave a message in the church office for them.

Service Times: Sunday

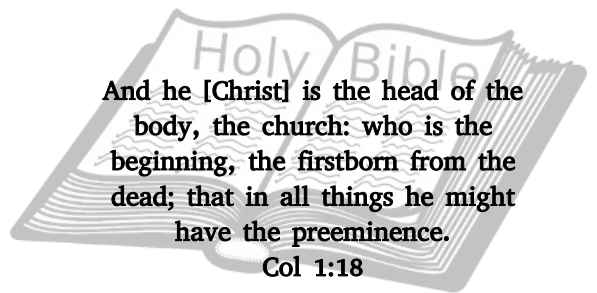
- Sunday School.....9:45 am
- Morning Service.....11:00 am
- Ladies' Discipleship.....4:30 pm
- Bible Study.....6:00 pm

Wednesday

- Discipleship Class.....10:00 am
- Ladies' Discipleship.....4:30 pm
- Prayer Service.....6:30 pm

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And he [Christ] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Col 1:18

*Logo designed by Ethan Barnett