

Pastor's Notes

The month of September marks a new church year for our church. We are looking forward to launching several new ministries and events this upcoming church year. I look forward to sharing these exciting events and ministries with you, but before we get there let me share with you a couple of highlights we had in the month of August.

August 26th - We had our first *"Faithful Families"* class. This is a class that we are offering to our church members and the community. It is in cooperation with H2O (Hardeman Healthy Outreach) UT extension office. Each week Stephanie Middleton, one of the UT extension agents, will be sharing ideas and information on how we can all move more and become healthier. I will be opening the class with a word of prayer and a devotional thought tied to the theme of each class. It is not too late to join us. The classes are each Thursday at 10 a.m. and run from August 26th to October 28th. I hope you will join us.

August 29th - We had our 5th Sunday Singing service which has been on hiatus for quite a while due to COVID. We were blessed once again by the gifts and talents God has placed in our church. Thank you to everyone who participated in the singing!

September 1st - will be our first Food Bag Ministry packing date. We will gather after our Wednesday morning prayer meeting and pack bags for the month of September. We were blessed to be able to be fully funded for this upcoming year through the generosity of the church and local donors. We will be delivering the bags twice a month on Fridays.

September 9th - We are hosting the first *"Park and Ride"* event in Grand Junction. We are partnering with H2O to pilot a program once a month that allows our citizens to park at FBCGJ and catch the Southwest van for a non-stop shopping trip to Walmart in Bolivar. This is open to our members and the community. The idea is to provide reliable transportation so the people in our community can have access to fresh meat and produce. The cost is \$1.00 for seniors and \$6.00 for others. It is on a first come basis.

September 12th - We will have our second *"Jesus"* DVD distribution. This time we will be going door to door in the La Grange area. We will meet at the church at 4 p.m. and then head out to the town of La Grange. Hope you can help us!

September 13th - kicks off our next Virtual Discipleship Class. This class will be 4 weeks long on Monday at 7 p.m. The topic is: *"What Happy Couples Know"*. I hope you will be part of the class. There is a sign-up sheet by the Sunday School office.

September 25th - We will be hosting a Community Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We will have many health-related activities such as

blood pressure screenings and health seminars. I hope you will plan on joining us and bringing someone from the community with you.

I know this next date is in October, but I want to make sure you have it down. **October 3rd** - We will have our *"Invite Your One"* event. Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will be our guest speaker in the morning service. Plan on being here and bring your *"One"* on October 3rd!

Looking forward to a great year,
Bro. Troy

P.S. We are continuing to monitor the COVID - 19 Delta variant situation and will make any necessary adjustments to our services and events as the need arises. We will keep you posted on any changes.

August Report thru August 22, 2021

Average Attendance in Sunday School:	40
Average Offering:	\$6,764.75

WHAT IS THE GOLDEN OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS?

- *The state missions offering provides invaluable financial support for ministries that help reach Tennesseans for Christ.
- *The Golden Offering is collected all year with a special emphasis on giving and praying for state missions during the month of September.
- *The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions works in conjunction with the Cooperative Program to effectively meet the needs and support ministries in Tennessee.

The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is:

- *meeting human needs through Compassion Ministries
- *Disaster Relief volunteers helping restore communities after a natural Disaster
- *Baptist Collegiate Ministries sharing the hope of Jesus on Tennessee college campuses.
- *church planting across Tennessee where there is no gospel witness
- *a child coming to Christ through camp
- *English being taught to someone from another country and sharing Jesus with them in the process and so much more!

