

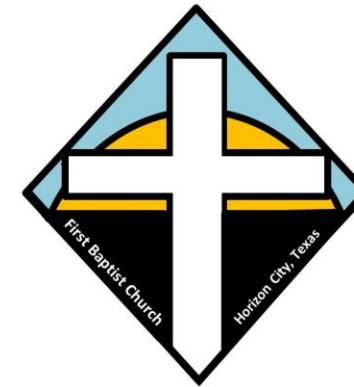


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THE ENCOURAGER

"I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID TO ME,
'LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.'
PSALM 122:1

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples.
Psalm 105:1*

There is always a multitude of things to celebrate in the Kingdom work of Jesus! We have had several baptisms in recent months and have several more that will be scheduled in the weeks to come. We are grateful for the safe return of Mark Zdawczyk from Costa Rica, and he is in Kenya at the time of this publication. It will be exciting to hear about his mission adventures there. We also have a group going to assist Windy Wright in Guatemala November 4-13 for a medical mission trip. Windy will be in El Paso as our guest on October 22-23. She will be visiting with our mission team and others that might be interested in going on future trips. Her ministry leads a variety of tris to Central and South America, as well as work in Ukraine. She will be giving a brief overview of her work during the 8:00 and 10:00 Sunday services and we will give her the entire 9:00 Bible study time to share with us on the 23rd.

Preparations are being made for the National Night Out (October 3) and our Fall Festival (October 31) for community outreach. H & S Eatery will be preparing 1,000 hot dogs for the Fall Festival that we will give away. We will also have the usual games, crafts, and candy to make the evening a fun, family-friendly event.

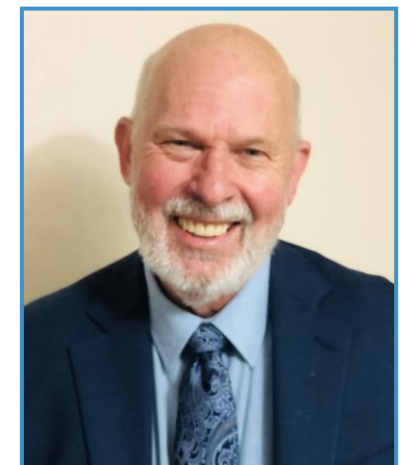
We have a new fence for the courtyard area between the two buildings and synthetic grass will be installed before the Fall Festival. Lights have already been installed in that area and this will provide a beautiful, protected multi-purpose area for the church to use for years to

Thank you for all you do for the kingdom. We are planning to make our showers ADA compliant, reseal the parking lot, and a few other improvements in the next year. We are adding new families week by week and have people stepping up to new areas of responsibility. It is important for us to be thankful and share the good news of what God is doing among His people.



May God richly bless you as you follow His leading,

Pastor Wes



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Building for Eternity
#17
One Life at a Time

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make straight your paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)



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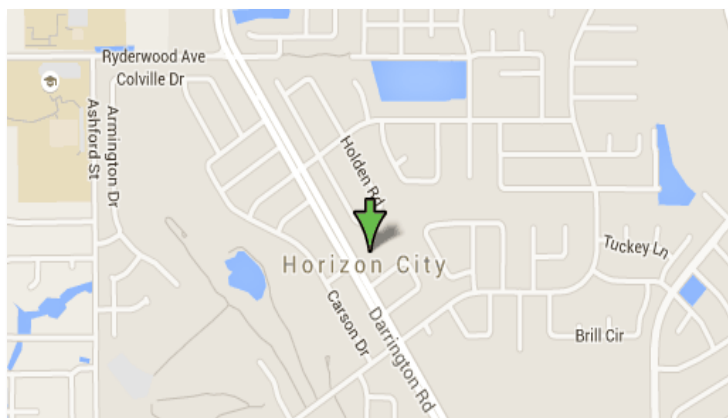
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Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 a.m.
	Bible Study (All Ages)	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)	10:00 a.m.
	Children's Church	10:00 a.m.
Domingo	Escuela Dominical	1:00 p.m.
	Servicio de Adoración	2:00 p.m.
Lunes	Estudio Bíblico	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Men's Prayer	6:30 a.m.
	Women's Prayer & Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Youth Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Kingdom Kids	6:30 p.m.



Located in Horizon City on Darrington Rd.
between Eastlake and Horizon Blvd.



Sunday video sermons in English are posted at
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Franklin Nandigam-CFM India Mission
Equipping Pastors – Zoom Conference
August 25 and September 22
Women & Children in Village Communities

Men’s Work Day Spanish Congregation!

(Top L-R) Víctor
Ávila, Nico Ávila
& José Galván

(Bottom L-R)
Guillermo Guzmán
& Alonso Rodarte



Looking Good for Fall Festival!



“Y todo lo que hagan o digan, háganlo como representantes del Señor Jesús y den gracias a Dios Padre por medio de él”. **Colosenses 3:17** ¿Te has preguntado alguna vez por qué Dios no está bendiciendo tu trabajo? Quizás la respuesta puede ser muy sencilla. Quizás nunca lo invitaste a ser parte del mismo. En Lucas 5 vemos a Pedro y Andrés trabajando pero no pescaron algo, ni un pez.

Pero luego Jesús entró a su barca y ellos hicieron lo que Él les dijo que hicieran. “Lleva la barca hacia aguas más profundas y echen allí las redes para pescar”. Dios hizo el resto. Ellos recogieron tantos peces que sus redes se comenzaron a romper y necesitaron ayuda extra para traer la carga.

¿Qué diferencia hubo entre el período de tiempo en que no pescaron nada y el momento en que tuvieron que transportar demasiados peces? Es el mismo lago, la misma barca, las mismas redes, los mismos pescadores y los mismos peces. La diferencia entre las redes vacías y la abundancia fue la presencia de Jesús en la barca.

Fue un cambio de juego. Ellos ya no pescaron por ellos mismos. Dios estaba en su barca. ¿Está El Señor en tu barca? Si quieres que Dios bendiga tu trabajo, necesitas invitarlo a que sea parte del mismo. Esto no es salvación. Yo conozco a muchas personas que tienen a Jesús en sus vidas, pero no en su trabajo. Para hacer que Jesús entre a tu barca, necesitas dedicarle tu carrera. Cuando Pedro y Andrés hicieron esto, Dios les dio más peces de los que podían cargar.

¿Cómo pasaron estos hombres de cero a la abundancia? Permitieron que Jesús usara su barca como una plataforma para su ministerio. Tú no oras que Dios te haga exitoso para poder servirle con tu carrera. Haces lo contrario. Tú le dices a Dios: “Estoy fracasando en mi carrera, pero te daré lo que tengo como una plataforma para que tú la hagas funcionar”. Es cuando Dios hace un milagro.

Lo que tú quieras que Dios bendiga, le das el primer lugar en eso. Eso significa que ya no eres un agente de bienes raíces, un maestro, un jardinero, o un contador. Sin importar cuál es tu carrera, tú haces primero el compromiso de ser un misionero.

La Biblia dice, “Y todo lo que hagan o digan, hágalo como representantes del Señor Jesús y den gracias a Dios Padre por medio de él” **Colosenses 3:17 (NTV)**. Todo significa *todo*, incluyendo tu carrera, entrega al Señor y observa el milagro.

Los varones trabajamos de esa manera hace unos días y Dios multiplicó nuestro esfuerzo.

Nos vemos en la casa de Dios.

En servicio a Dios, Norman Torres, Pastor.

“And whatever you do or say, do it as representatives of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17. Have you ever wondered why God is not blessing your work? Perhaps the answer can be very simple. Maybe you never invited him to be part of it. In Luke 5 we see Peter and Andrew working but they didn't catch anything, not even a fish.

But then Jesus got into his boat and they did what He told them to do. “Take the boat into deeper waters and cast the nets there to catch fish.” God did the rest. They caught so many fish that their nets began to break and they needed extra help to bring in the load.

What difference was there between the period of time when they caught nothing and the time when they had to transport too many fish? It is the same lake, the same boat, the same nets, the same fishermen and the same fish. The difference between the empty nets and the abundance was the presence of Jesus in the boat.

It was a game changer. They no longer fished for themselves. God was in his boat. Is the Lord in your boat? If you want God to bless your work, you need to invite him to be a part of it. This is not salvation. I know many people who have Jesus in their lives, but not in his work. To get Jesus into your boat, you need to dedicate your career to him. When Peter and Andrew did this, God gave them more fish than they could carry.

How did these men go from zero to abundance? They allowed Jesus to use his boat as a platform for his ministry. You don't pray that God makes you successful so you can serve him with your career. You do the opposite. You say to God, “I'm failing in my career, but I'll give you what I have as a platform for you to make it work.” It is when God performs a miracle.

Whatever you want God to bless, you give him first place in that. That means you are no longer a real estate agent, a teacher, a gardener, or an accountant. No matter what your career is, you first make the commitment to be a missionary.

The Bible says, “And whatever you do or say, do as representatives of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him” Colossians 3:17 (NLT). Everything means everything, including your career, surrender to the Lord and watch the miracle.

We men worked in this way a few days ago and God multiplied our effort.

See you in the house of God.

In service to God, Norman Torres, Pastor.

Youth Ministry

Hello there!!! We are Scott and Diana Quiroz the youth leaders at First Baptist Church of Horizon City (FBCHC). Here at FBCHC it is our goal to have a fun-filled atmosphere as we learn the Bible together. We have Wednesday night Bible study starting at 6:30 p.m., plus occasional Friday night outings.

In reference to fun, our last yard sale proceeds provided the youth retreat to Bonita Camp. The youth enjoyed a 3-day weekend playing different games like 9 square and putt-putt. Plus, there were different activities such as rock climbing, zip-lining, and leap of faith. The team building events were the best as the youth learned on how to work together to complete a larger goal. Mixed in were Bible lessons about drawing nearer to Jesus. There were a total of four lessons, and each one had a different impact on the youth. It was truly a blessing to spend time with one another and build those relationships that will last a lifetime. We are already planning for next year's retreat!

And the fun doesn't stop here... we also had a small trip to White Sands on September 10th. This day trip allowed us to enjoy God's created nature--the white sand dunes. Plus, discs were provided to slide down the dunes. We had a picnic and time to enjoy each other's company.

To help fund these activities, we had a yard sale on September 24th. This is where fun and hard work from the youth comes in. The youth helped to collect unwanted household items that provided for the yard sale. THANK YOU for all the donated items!

As youth leaders, my wife and I feel called to lead the youth here at FBCHC. It has been a blessing to be around the youth and to lead them closer to Jesus. We give God all the honor and glory!!! We also thank the church body for all the support and prayers. It is greatly appreciated. We invite all the youth to come and hang out with us. You will be surprised on just how much fun we do have!

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it ~ Proverbs 22:6



Children and Mission News!

At First Baptist Church we have nursery, children, and youth programs geared in developing a relationship with Jesus.

Our children are fun and creative, and we praise God for them!! During the times when we meet there contains music, crafts, and Bible stories. Most of all, it provides a fun and safe atmosphere with an excellent staff of teachers. We are also COVID conscious. After rooms are used, we Clorox the tables, toys, etc., the church building is fumigated, and we have plenty of hand sanitizer stations throughout the building. Your children's safety is our concern.

Vacation Bible Camp took place the last week of June for kids from 3 – 12 years of age. It included music, crafts, recreation time, Bible stories, prizes, and a variety of special guests. Here are a few pictures that were taken throughout the week:



Missions - First Baptist Church is mission minded; we not only reach out to the local community but also internationally. Last year, 2021, there were two medical trips to Guatemala and this year, 2022, in July there was a short-term mission trip to Costa Rica. The mission was to implement a children's program at "Palabras de Vida" church.

As you can see from the pictures below there were crafts, Bible lessons, activities, plus much more.

We also have travel plans to Kenya in September, and Guatemala in November. The Kenyan trip will be implementing a children's program at various churches similar to the Costa Rican trip. The Guatemala trip will be delivering medical supplies to villages that don't have access to medical facilities. There are free examinations to the habitants, prescribed medications, plus a kid's program as well.

Who knows, God could be calling you to attend a future trip in 2023. If God is calling you then please plan ahead and make sure you have a valid passport in hand. Currently, an adult passport book costs \$130, a card \$30, and for both \$160. For minors, a passport book costs \$100, a card \$15, both \$115. For a first application, you may have to pay an additional \$35 for any document.



Alyssa, Faith & her daughter, Mark, and Crystal



Pastor Mugo and Mark Zdawczyk