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Building for Eternity
One Life at a Time

The question is not how much of my money I give to God,
but rather how much of God's money I keep for myself.
R.G. LeTourneau

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Please Visit Us

- 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) 6:00 p.m.
- Domingo** Escuela Dominical 1:00 p.m.
 Servico de Adoracion 2:00 p.m.
- Lunes** Celula Femenil 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday** Women's Prayer Group 6:00 p.m.
 Men's & Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday** Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Kingdom Kids 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- Jueves** Estudio Biblico 7:00 p.m.

Sunday video sermons in English are posted at
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Wes Phillips, Pastor
Norman Torres, Associate Pastor & Pastor Hispano
Dallas Kyle, Youth Pastor
Daniel Bell, Home Church Pastor



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

First Baptist Church of Horizon City

A LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG LOVE

THE ENCOURAGER



*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up,
just as you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

No. 22

March 2020

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. Colossians 2:6-7

We are grateful for all that God has done and continues to do in the life of our church. We are especially grateful that we are very close to the opening of our new building. Your prayers, gifts and sweat equity will soon reap the reward of the investments that have been made.

The scriptures often use a building as an illustration of our life. We read of laying a foundation of Christ Himself and of the need to "edify" or "build up" ourselves and those around us.

Nehemiah 4:6 says, "So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height,

for the people had a mind to work." Notice that the reason the wall they were building was coming to completion was tied to the people having a mind to work.

Our new building will be a marvelous tool and a huge encouragement to our assignment to make a significant difference in our community. All this will be wasted if we neglect to build up ourselves and those around us. If we are going to be the people God wants us to be, and do what He wants us to do, we must set our hearts and minds, as well as our hands and feet, to work. Godliness does not happen by accident; it is the re-

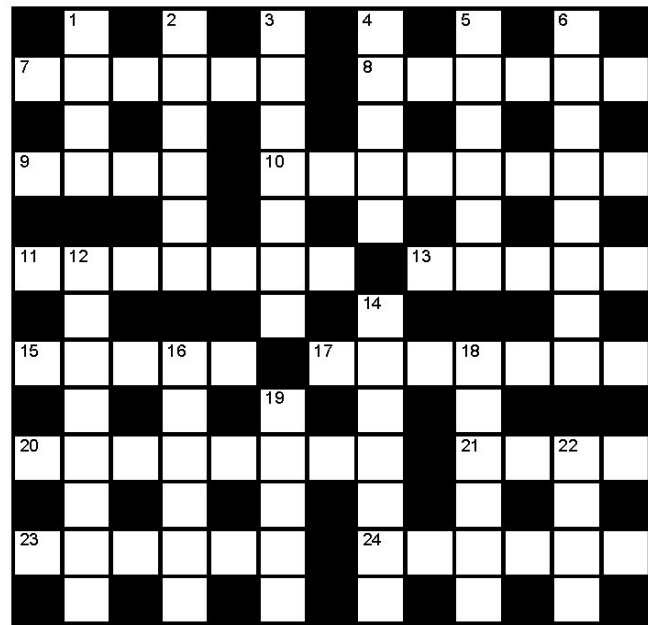
sult of intentional time spent with God and adjustment of our lives to His will.

Now that our new building is nearly ready for use, help us by building the real church, the body of Christ. Make an earnest resolve to ask God what your part will be, and then be obedient to the LORD. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Jesus is Lord,

Pastor Wes





Just a thought...

I had my
patience
tested.
I'm negative.

Across

- 7 "Wherefore the _____, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." 2 Peter 1:10 (6)
- 8 We have been _____ from our old sins. 2 Peter 1:9 (6)
- 9 A sign in the sky that announced Christ's birth. (4)
- 10 One of the characteristics Peter urges us to add to our faith. 2 Peter 1:5-7 (8)
- 11 The archangel. Jude 1:9 (7)
- 13 Peter makes reference to Paul's letters. He says that some people distort them, as they do _____ scriptures. 2 Peter 3:16 (5)
- 15 "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made _____ unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty." 2 Peter 1:16 (5)

- 17 Peter wants others to remember his words even after his _____. 2 Peter 1:15 (7)
- 20 Christ has given us "exceeding great and _____ promises." 2 Peter 1:4 (8)
- 21 2 Peter 2:15 says that some have "forsaken the right way, and are _____ ..." (4)
- 23 Heavenly creatures. (6)
- 24 The next word after the answer to clue 21 in 2 Peter 2:15 (6)

Down

- 1 To abstain from food as a spiritual act of worship. (4)
- 2 Synonym for the Body of Christ. (6)
- 3 Peter desires that we are mindful of the words that are spoken by the holy _____s. 2 Peter 3:2 (7)
- 4 Peter refers to false prophets as blemishes, or these. 2 Peter 2:13 (5)
- 5 Christ is both king and this. (6)

- 6 Peter gives warning of false prophets and _____. 2 Peter 2:1 (8)
- 12 "But, beloved, be not _____ of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." 2 Peter 3:8 (8)
- 14 Christ, the anointed one. (7)
- 16 "... Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the _____, fall from your own stedfastness." 2 Peter 3:17 (6)
- 18 God saved Noah, the _____ person. 2 Peter 2:5 (6)
- 19 If one escapes the pollutions of the world and is entangled again, "the latter end is _____ with them than the beginning." 2 Peter 2:20 (5)
- 22 A "preacher of righteousness" among the "world of the ungodly." 2 Peter 2:5 (4)

King James Version

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Since our last newsletter, a new year has started. It seems that time is accelerating, but perhaps that is because our Lord has us busy working on kingdom business.

We, in the Spanish congregation, had a wonderful Christmas season. We were able to focus on the true meaning of Christmas and to teach our children about the coming of our Savior. Both the Thanksgiving and Christmas banquets were very meaningful because we as a church have so much for which to be thankful. Apart from the festiveness of the season, we ate well and were challenged to share with others the great gift that we have in Jesus Christ.

We also give thanks to God for our new building, which is almost ready for occupancy. We're grateful for how He has helped us get to where we are with the construction. The Sanctuary has been upgraded, and the new ambiance is worthy of the reverence that we should render to our Lord as we enter His gates with thanksgiving. But we are not yet finished!

In light of the challenge stated above, some families gave out gifts, in the name above all names, to others with the message: "Unto us a child is born...and He will save you if you accept the gift." The response has been favorable. Also some have discovered that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Since the last newsletter, an 8-week Bible study was given that deals with making peace with one's past. As a result, many of the participants have made good progress in cleaning out the "dirty closets" in their hearts, allowing Jesus Christ to help them with the clean-up. They have learned to forgive themselves. We are planning to bring back that study this spring to help others struggling with unforgiveness.

On a personal note, I am grateful to God for His people who make up this church. All have been very kind to Margel and me. May our Lord richly bless you all this new year!

In your service,
Norman Torres

Han pasado unos días desde la última carta de noticias. Ha comenzado un nuevo año y parece que el tiempo se está acelerando, pero eso se debe a que nuestro Señor nos tiene trabajando en los desafíos del reino. Nosotros en la Congregación española pasamos un tiempo maravilloso de Navidad y pudimos enfocarnos en el verdadero significado de la Navidad y enseñarles a nuestros hijos acerca de la venida de nuestro Salvador.

El banquete de Acción-de-Gracias y el de la Navidad fueron muy significativos en la temporada pasada porque, como iglesia, tenemos mucho por lo que estar agradecidos. Además de la festividad de la temporada, comimos bien y nos dieron el desafío de compartir con otros un gran regalo (uno que ya tenemos en Jesucristo).

También damos gracias a Dios por nuestro nuevo edificio, que está casi listo para ser ocupado, y por cómo el Señor nos ha ayudado a llegar a donde estamos con la construcción. El santuario ha sido mejorado, y el nuevo ambiente es digno de la reverencia que debemos rendirle a nuestro Señor al entrar en Sus puertas con acción de gracias y por Sus atrios con alabanza; ¡Pero aún no hemos terminado!

A la luz del desafío mencionado anteriormente, algunas familias dieron regalos, en el Nombre sobre todos los nombres, a otras personas con el mensaje: A nosotros nace un Niño ... y Él te salvará si aceptas el regalo. La respuesta ha sido favorable, y algunos han aprendido que es más bendecido dar que recibir.



Desde la última carta de noticias se dio un estudio bíblico de 8 semanas que trata de hacer la paz con el pasado personal. Como resultado, algunos de los participantes han hecho un buen progreso para limpiar "armarios sucios" en sus corazones. Han permitido que Jesucristo les ayude con la limpieza, y también han aprendido a perdonarse a sí mismos. Estamos planeando traer de vuelta ese estudio esta primavera, para ayudarles a aquellos que todavía están luchando con la falta de perdón.

En una nota personal: doy muchas gracias a Dios por Su pueblo que asiste a esta iglesia. Todos han sido muy amables con Margel y yo. ¡Que nuestro Señor los bendiga a todos ustedes este año nuevo!

Su siervo,
Norman Torres



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On the Home Front:

Home Church – two simple words; yet, they may mean something different to each person. Five years ago, the Lord planted a desire in our hearts to start a home church congregation. We were not 100% sure what this required because there are many pieces to this task; however, we realized the big picture as simply using what we have for Jesus. We are grateful to have First Baptist Church of Horizon City as our sponsor.

We are going into our third year of home church planting and are excited to announce that we are starting a *Disciple Making Movement* curriculum in March. We spent our first years learning the basics of the Christian faith by reading the Bible from start to finish. Now we are becoming a disciple-focused group with a goal of disciples making new disciples.

There have also been some challenges along the way and some major highlights. Last year we felt the loss of our dear friend and fellow home church pastor, Jose Luciano. We also went through changes in our understanding of leadership structure for home congregations. We now understand that human leadership in the church will always fall short, but when Christ is the One and only Leader, everything is better. One major highlight for 2019 was when Daniel attended the Exponential Conference in Chicago, IL. While there, he networked with Bruce Webster, a wonderful traveling minister who has expertise in the Disciple making movements.

We want you to know that you are very much a part of this ministry. Have you ever opened your home for Bible study? Is your home a safe place where anyone can come and experience the love of Jesus? Have you extended Christian hospitality to others in the hope they would become Christ followers? Have you used your personal resources to share the Gospel to someone else? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Church has left the building, and you are the Church.

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Text: "Rightnow FBCHC" to 41411

You can sign up for free access to many online teaching series for adults and videos for the children. This is a great tool to help yourself and your family become biblically educated.



Daniel & Love Bell and family

Outreaches in 2020:

- Provided snacks and beverages to show appreciation for the teachers and administrators at IDEA Public Schools.
- Partnered with Campus Crusade for Christ to provide 160 Bibles to the Middle East.
- Helped with a concert of prayer with 30+ believers from various congregations.

How you can continue to pray for this ministry:

- Pray for deep spiritual growth as we move forward with *Disciple Making Movement* curriculum beginning in March.
- Pray that more families will begin using their home as a place where other believers, and those who are seeking, can meet on a regular basis.
- Pray for the health of members of our congregation, who struggle with major health challenges.
- Pray for God's will to be done as we continue to network with believers from various parts of the city and around the United States.

Yours in His Service,
The Bell Family

Youth News

The kids at FBC-Horizon are doing an awesome job! We have started a new program called Kingdom Kids. All of us who believe in Christ are considered Kingdom Kids. It has been a growing experience for me, my wife and the rest of our team leaders. At the beginning, kids are provided with a meal. Then we get ready to sing a song, go into a video/bible lesson, move into a craft; and play games with the kids. We are studying the book of Philippians. The kids are learning about having joy. We all need more joy like Paul had, even when he was in prison.

Please pray for more kids to be reached and for them to come and receive the message of the gospel.

The youth at FBC-Horizon have been working through a series called *Speaking Truth in Love*. They are starting on a new series called *Finding Truth*. When we think of what is truth, we are left questioning a lot. We realize through the Holy Spirit that the Bible is the truth. We are looking forward to a Youth worship service on Sunday, March 8th. We believe it will be a night of glory for God.

Please pray for guidance as we try to find the camp our Youth group should go to for this summer and the worship service we have planned.



Dallas Kyle,
Youth Pastor

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PETER

Laughter is Good Medicine

- ~ A good pun is its own reward.
- ~ Energizer Bunny arrested; charged with battery.
- ~ A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.
- ~ My wife really likes to make pottery, but to me it's just kiln time.
- ~ Dijon vu: The same mustard as before.
- ~ Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
- ~ I used to be a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax.
- ~ Marriage is the mourning after the knot before.
- ~ Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
- ~ A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.
- ~ Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- ~ Acupuncture is a jab well done.



A customer walks into a dress shop and asks, "May I try on that dress in the window?"

The salesperson replies, "We prefer you use the dressing rooms."



"WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?!" the irate customer yelled after calling the newspaper office.

"Madam," said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on SUNDAY."

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition as she was heard to mutter, "Well, that explains why no one was at church either."

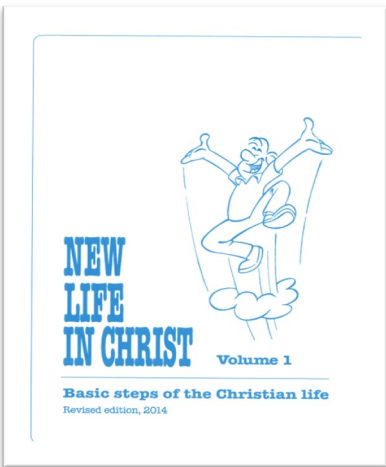


I quit my job at the helium gas factory. I didn't like being spoken to in that voice.



If you take your laptop for a run, you jog your memory.





We are so pleased to announce the start of three *New Life In Christ* Bible studies, one of which is in Spanish. We are excited for the opportunity to encourage one another in the greater formation of the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives and how to give an answer to the hope we have in Him. These studies meet in homes around Horizon City and El Paso. If you are in the area and would like to join a small group study, please contact the church office, and we will help you get connected to a group that works for you.

In His love,
Clint and Jeannette Callender

Prayer creates space for God to do what only He can do.

— Pastor Wes Phillips

Please remember that you can view each Sunday's sermon by Pastor Wes Phillips. Thanks to Mike McConnell for faithfully recording the video and uploading it each week. Just search for "Firstbaptisthorizon" on Facebook to receive the encouraging words shared each week from God's holy word.



Yard Sale coming . . .

March 27 will be our next yard sale. We expect to have many unusual items that are products of our building expansion. We are also looking for donations from our members. Please take time now to go through closets and garages to gather items you no longer need or want. We are still short on storage space, so please hold them until the week of the sale.

The proceeds from the sale will go to help our Youth with the costs of summer camp. We want them to have a great experience and be exposed to the gospel in a impactful way.

This unusual snow event happened on 2-5-2020



Wednesday Nights

With the beginning of our **Kingdom Kid's** program on Wednesday nights, we have returned to having a meal to feed kids and adults who have had a busy day. We are having a good attendance for the meal and Cecy Rodriguez is doing a great job of planning and preparing the meal each week.

Everyone in the area is welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., then stay for adult Bible study or join the kids for songs, Bible lesson, crafts and games.



Not all news is what we like to report. We were honored to support an effort in a nearby community to begin a church to serve the Spanish speaking residents. After trying for

several years, the effort came to a close at the end of December 2019. The pictures below show a few men moving out the last of the property from the rented building in Aqua Dulce.



Building Update

It is entirely possible that you, our faithful newsletter readers, may be weary of reading about our never-ending building program. Through the last 3 years we have shown you pictures of our progress. Some have been holes in the ground that indicated we were making progress with infrastructure. Some photos have been of a sea of wood framing and dry-wall installation or floor tiles, sinks and wiring. It all seems kind of boring except that it IS progress toward the completion of a building we intend to use for the glory of God. It is an extension of our building that houses more restrooms, lots of storage, 8 classrooms and a conference room.

Our people have given toward this cause. Some have been faithful in giving regular gifts, either large or small. Some have given large gifts. Some have been sacrificial gifts, and some token gifts. God is the only One keeping track of that. Today we want to honestly present to you our need and ask that you might consider a gift to help us complete the final bits of construction. As always, we ask that you ask God what your part is or if you even have a part. We can testify that God has been faithful to supply our needs and also to add blessings to those who have given to any ministry need.

Below is a list of estimated costs to finish this building this Spring.

Electric installation	\$14,000
Drywall installation & Labor	\$ 6,000
Doors & locks	\$ 30,000
Carpet	\$10,000
Restroom fixtures/ stalls	\$12,000
Final installation of HVAC	\$ 3,100
	\$75,100



These praises and prayers are just a couple of many written on the structure of our building.

