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WAYNE'S WANDERINGS

August greetings. There are better days ahead. Things are changing. We are praying and seeking and planning and expecting that God will bring a new season of ministry, of lives being changed, of FCC making God proud and Jesus famous all through Cleburne and beyond. Remember that FCC has been here since 1867 and we have been through many seasons, many historical times and many situations. We are not going away. People come and people go, but God and FCC still work on for the Kingdom. Pastors come and pastors go, but God and FCC still work on for the Kingdom. Good times and bad times come and go, but God and FCC still work for the Kingdom. Circumstances change, but God is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

Two months back, one of our Elders spoke over us and said "It is time to get on! Let's move forward!" Then the next month some Elders called the church to a month of Prayer. Dottie found a scripture in Psalms 127 and gave it to Fred and Chuck who shared it with us - "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain."

In this newsletter you will read about special Prayer events, some have been in place for a while and one is new. Friday, Sunday evening, Wednesday evenings and on Sunday morning the first Sunday in September. This is NOT your normal call to prayer. It will precede a new season of God working in and through our church to again touch and minister to the folks of Cleburne and beyond. Be attentive, be faithful, be in church every chance you can...I love being your Pastor!



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ELDERS AT THE TABLE

August 7	Ken & Susan Ellis
August 14	Perry Anderson & Chuck Bailey
August 21	Cindy Ashlock & Karen Griffith
August 28	Jeff Cooper & Alice Finley



AUGUST 2011 YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

Children's Swim Party, August 14th.

All children up to grade 5 are invited to a Pool Party at Fred and Dottie Bennett's on August 14th to get to know our new Youth Pastor. You will gather at 3:00 PM and enjoy swimming, cold watermelon, and our new Youth Pastor. Come and be a part!

Youth Swim Party, August 14th.

All Youth, grades 6-12 and their parents are invited to a Pool Party at George and Susan Smithwick's on August 14th to get to know our new Youth Pastor. You will gather at 5:00 PM and enjoy swimming, hot dogs and our new Youth Pastor.

If you have questions call or email me. The church office at 817-645-4479 or fccleburne@gmail.com

To my dear church family,

It is so hard to believe that three years have come and gone so quickly. It has been a blessed three years though. We have laughed and cried together. We have served and worshiped together. God has shown up and it has been a fantastic journey. Thank you for your love and support over the years. I would never have been able to do it without y'all, nor would I have wanted to. You have shown me that there is another promised land, besides Illinois, and what the true meaning of "Making God Proud and Jesus Famous" is. I will miss y'all more than words can say. Thank you for the many blessings you have been to me. Know that you are loved. Remember that God does indeed show up. And remember to spend some time marveling in the fact that Y'ALL are the body of Christ.

Peace my Friends,
Pastor Emily

NEW YOUTH PASTOR TO BE VOTED ON!

The Youth Pastor Search Committee has forwarded a name to the Board and that will come before you in a Called Congregational meeting after worship on August 14th. After going over 7 applications, the committee interviewed three candidates and unanimously recommended Steven Burr to become our new Youth Pastor. The Board has accepted this recommendation and waits your vote for his position to become official. We are excited for you to get to know Steven and believe that he is the person God wants to be here for the next few years as Youth Pastor.

SERMONS FOR AUGUST

- August 7 – "The Prayer Ministry of the Church"
Matthew 6:5-13
- August 14 - Dr. Jimmy Finley
"Problem or Solution"
- August 21 – "The Prayers of Jesus"
John 17:1-5
- August 28 – "The Prayers of Paul"
Philippians 1:1-11

WEDNESDAY MEALS

- August 3 Hoagies and Chips
- August 10 Nachos
- August 17 Spaghetti
- August 24 Loaded Baked Potatoes
- August 31 Lasagna

AUGUST CLASS HOSTING AND COMMUNION PREPARATION

- Class Hosting Discovery
(Led by George Smithwick)
- Communion Dottie Bennett

ATTENDANCE & GIVING REPORT

		Attendance	Reg Offering	Other Giving
June	26	106	\$2,402.00	\$202.50
July	3	88	\$4,450.00	\$73.50
July	10	81	\$4,085.00	\$503.68
July	17	105	\$3,183.50	\$106.28

Other Dates to Note....

Game Night is so much fun, a bunch of folks gathering in the Fellowship Hall on August 5th at 6:00 PM, all bringing a dish to share and a fun loving attitude.

The **Cabinet** will meet on August 21st at 4:00 PM, all leaders are EXPECTED to be there!

The **Elders** will meet at 6:00 PM and **Board** at 7:00 PM on August 22nd, make a note on changed date.

The **Battlefield Sisters** will get together on August 23rd, at 6:30 PM to share what is going on in their lives and studying something that will help them overcome the attacks of the evil one.

The **Professional Eater's Association** will go to Babe's in Burleson on August 26th, leaving the church at 6:00 PM, ALL of you are part of the PEA!

Every **Wednesday** the **Men's Bible Study** at 7:30 AM, open to all you guys!

Every **Wednesday** we have a **Meal**, 5:45 PM, low cost, nourishing and best of all, NO DISHES!!!

Every **Wednesday** we have **Children's Time**, 6:30 PM, bring your children!

ZIMBABWEAN MISSION MEAL

On August 21st, after worship, we will have a special Mission Fundraiser for **Raphael and Evelyne Mthombeni** who will be going back to their homeland to visit and minister and encourage their Christian friends there. We want to help them and they want to introduce us to some delicious Zimbabwe food (Jeff and Sherry have eaten this meal and rave over it!!!). You will be served Chicken Harmony with mild chili stew, greens with potato stew, and Isitshwal, (a thick porridge made of corn meal, the staple food of Zimbabwe). Raphael says they hope to raise enough money to bring extra suitcases of clothes and other items for the orphans. Plan to come, eat well and donate a tax deductible very needed gift that will make a real difference in some lives in Africa. If you want to cook a dessert or help serve, let Pastor Wayne know.

P.S. They will also be bringing special music that Sunday.

Broadway Baptist Church AGAPE Meal- August 18th

Remember all those times we went to Ft. Worth to feed the 200+ folks who came from many places to get a meal at Broadway Baptist? Remember sitting and eating with them or serving them, enjoying seeing their thankfulness at a hot meal served in a high class way? Well, we are going to do it again, just for memories, going in August only and then in September restarting the feeding of our own homeless types at the Lodge. So why not go with us on that Thursday, leaving the church at 5:00 PM (or you can just meet us there), all with a spirit of Love and Service. Tell us if you plan to be a part of this!

August a Season for Prayer!

It is time for you to come to a **Wednesday Prayer Meeting**. EVERY week in August, we will gather in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM to cry out to God. We will pray boldly, expectantly, and unitedly, **IN ONE ACCORD** like what happened in Acts 2. We believe God will respond as we knock on Heaven's door and focus on prayer and what it is all about. Pastor Wayne will be preaching and teaching and sending Prayer E mails and we will close this month with all the Sunday school classes joining together on September 4th for a time of Prayer as the Body of Christ at FCC. Join the Elders as we press in and press through!

Other Outreach Happenings....

Widow Patrol - On August 20th, we will ride out at 9:00 AM to do acts of kindness to make God proud. This is once a month, only 2-3 hours of service, and you can ride with our patrol. Give Pastor Wayne a call if you can join us on the 20th!

Teacher's Hurrah! - On August 28th in worship, we will call out teachers out and gift them with a \$100 each for their work with our children and we will pledge to pray and pray for them as they enter into another school year.

Food for Operation Blessing - We at FCC have a "rule" that says when we eat, the poor eat too. So every time we have an all church Sunday meal, we ask ALL of you to bring a sack of food for Operation Blessing. Of course, you who can never remember to bring food can drop a check in the plate for Operation Blessing....