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As a church we are a member of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist Convention is technically not a denomination, but instead (just as it says) it is a convention of churches based on a doctrinal agreement and focused on a central mission, the Gospel. We are a convention of churches which meet only one time a year. Annually this convention is held in various parts of the country. Last year it was in Phoenix, Arizona; this year it is in Dallas, Texas. Next year it will be the closest to us it has ever been, it will be held in Birmingham, Alabama. I hope many of you will want to go with me to experience the world's largest business meeting as well as the amazing worship and preaching that the convention brings.

This year's convention will not be without its own drama. There are a couple of issues at hand that you need to be made aware of so that you can begin praying through them and for our convention. First, there will be a significant Presidential election. Two years ago JD Greear and Steve Gaines were the two to choose from. The election went to an unbelievable third run-off ballot to determine the winner between the two, but before the ballot could be taken, JD Greear conceded to Dr. Gaines. JD believes that Gaines would serve us well as a convention and saw no need for another run-off, and for the sake of unity he submitted himself.

This year JD Greear is running again for the President of the Southern Baptist Convention and Dr. Ken Hemphill who currently serves as "Special Assistant to the President for Denominational Relations" at North Greenville University. He is a fine man and would serve our denomination well. JD Greear is a pastor, and he pastors one of the fastest growing, most evangelistic and missionary sending congregations in our denomination. He would serve our denomination well. The issue that stands to cause the most contention is not the position, title or abilities of these men. It is an issue of theology. JD Greear tends to be more "reformed" while Hemphill aligns as a "traditionalist". Again, I want you to hear me clearly, that both of these men are qualified, and they are both able to do the work of our convention. Pray for those of us that will be casting a ballot that we select the man that God desires.

A second issue that will be addressed is the firing of Dr. Paige Patterson from his position as President of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. We do not have space here to go into the details of his immediate firing, but I want you to hear me say clearly, that I believe (with the evidence I have seen) that the Executive Committee of the SWBTS made the correct decision in his firing. Dr. Patterson is scheduled to preach the Convention Sermon this year in Dallas. He should not preach this sermon, but as of today he has not indicated that he will not preach at our convention. This must be immediately addressed by the messengers of our convention during the first business session.

Remember, I mentioned that two years ago JD Greear conceded a race for presidency for the sake of unity. I am sure, because he is running again, that JD desired to be president, but unity was greater than what he desired. This is the type of leader I want to follow. Dr. Patterson doesn't seem to have unity in the front of his actions. However, I pray that before Monday morning Dr. Patterson will submit to the betterment of our convention and concede to preaching the convention sermon. The circumstances of his dismissal require such. Our convention needs your prayers. There are many difficult and could-be contentious moments ahead. But, I am never prouder to be a Southern Baptist, and you should be proud to be in this amazing convention as well.

Last night in our LifeGroups we talked about unity in the midst of our church. Unity is paramount for a healthy church and the accomplishment of the work that we have been called. I pray that you find that I am willing to concede my personal gain for the unity of our church, and I pray that you are just as willing. Unity within the body of Christ is just that important. I love being your Pastor and I am so blessed by God to have you as friends and family.

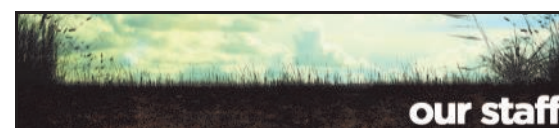
Jon

The work of the Kingdom  
 is the work of the Church

**The Church at Work:**

Tithes & Offerings:  
 May 2018

Tithes & Offerings .....	35,160.01
<small>(including 150.00 Memorial for Billy Joe Watkins)</small>	
Special Missions Project .....	25.00
Children's Ministry .....	490.00
Youth Ministry .....	1,650.00
Postage .....	60.00
Social Committee .....	392.05
Building Repair & Maint. ....	250.00
Building Fund .....	935.00
Jeannine Leach .....	980.00
Haiti Missions .....	9,415.31
Backpack Ministry .....	200.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>49,557.37</b>



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**nurseryworkers**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS  
11:00 AM**

June 3  
Betty Smith, Janice White

June 10  
Amy Kennedy, Janis Watts,  
Madonna Capps

June 17  
Deanna Rush, Susie Locky

June 24  
Tesa Quinn, Lee Ann Henry

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Classes for All Ages

**ATTENDANCE**

May 6  
231

May 13  
193

May 20  
194

May 27  
186

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**TEACHERS:**

June 3  
Sue Cockerham

June 10  
Susie Locky

June 17  
Renee Johns

June 24  
Olivia Manning

**Nursing Home Ministry**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3**  
Adult Choir will lead services.

**Deacon**  
of the week

June 3  
Larry Driskell

June 10  
Marion Whinery

June 17  
Rex Germany

June 24  
Scott Breedlove

**WELCOME**  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

**New Members**

Spencer Dickerson

Jessica Dickerson

Jimmy Wilcher

Lori Wilcher

Alex Wilcher

Grant Wilcher

Sarah Chandlee

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**MFuge & M4 Camps**

Students and Kids Camps are coming soon. Please start making payments ASAP:

Fuge - \$279 Kids Camp - \$180

**FUGE**

**SUNDAYS**  
6:00pm  
In Your Host Homes

"I was sick and you visited me..."

Share God's love with our special Home Bound members through cards, visiting, and prayer.

**Haiti's Eden**

The WMU is collecting athletic shorts to be sent to toddlers and children at Haiti's Eden. Please bring any donations to the church office.

Maurice Cooksey	Rosemary Langley
Elawease Boler	Sewanna Dewease
Jackie Richardson	Shirley &
Bonnie Ferguson	Chester Estes
Floyd & Mary	Lois Griffis
Stafford Smith	Chloe Luke
Molly Parks	Pauline Gomillion
Shirlen Thomas	Bill Edwards
Ruby Jean Chaney	

**Save the Date**

**New Church Directory**

Pictures will be taken on: September 6, 7, & 8.  
More Information to come!

**LifeTouch**

**JUNE 2018**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
3 8:30 - Deacons Meeting 9:00 - VBS Breakfast 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship Nursing Home Ministry 6:00 - LifeGroups	4	5 6:00 - Fuge Meeting	6 No Evening Services or Activities	7	8 FLC Reserved	9
10 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship 6:00 - LifeGroups	11	12 5:30 - Orchestra 6:00 - Choir Practice 6:30 - Worship	13	14	15	16
17 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship NO LifeGroups Fathers Day	18	19 5:30 - Orchestra 6:00 - Choir Practice 6:30 - Worship Youth Camp Money Due	20	21	22	23 HAITI MISSION
24 9:45 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship 6:00 - LifeGroups	25	26	27 5:30 - Orchestra 6:00 - Choir Practice 6:30 - Worship	28	29	30
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