

SHEPHERDS

Barry McDowell
Jimmy Neatherlin
J. R. Stroble
Our Door is Open
Anyone wanting to meet
with our Elders is en-
couraged to contact any
of the elders to set up a
time.



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I Carry a Handkerchief

Some people know who they are and what their purpose in life is from the time they were a child. These people wake up in the morning with a fully realized concept of their identity and they never waver from it, laying their heads on their pillows at night fully confident that they lived their life as it should have been lived.

Then there are the rest of us. Note the pronoun there: us. I have to remind myself throughout the day who I am and what it is that I am supposed to be doing. I am not speaking about tasks or to-do lists here, but more about who I am as a person and what God wants from me in the variety of situations in which I find myself during the average day.

Which brings me to handkerchiefs. I heard a comedian recently who mentioned a relative who carried one. He found that hilarious. "What is this? 1940? Who carries a handkerchief anymore?" Well, I do. I wasn't offended at the jokes — if you can't take some ribbing and kidding in your life you are in for a rough road between here and the funeral home. But it was a good question: why do I carry one?

People in most Asian countries see carrying a handkerchief as a nasty, unclean thing. The idea that you would blow your nose and carry the results around with you...ew! In Western cultures, carrying one was a sign of refinement and gentility. They would make it visible on their person, either as a pocket square or sticking out the sleeve of their coat. The history behind that is actually rather fascinating but it would take too long to write it here. Allow me to skip forward.

Why do I carry one? Because I want to be a gentleman. When I was a boy, I watched as men used handkerchiefs to keep people from breathing in water during baptism. They dried tears of children and offered them to ladies who were crying as well. They mopped up spills quickly to spare the spill-er any embarrassment. They used them to clean their hands after stepping forward to do a task that others were loath to do for fear of getting dirty "in their good clothes." I also noticed that they gave their handkerchiefs to all of these people. They weren't loaning them out — they were gifts of comfort and utility when the person needed just that.

I am as tunnel visioned and self centered as any one reading this. I have to remind myself several times a day who I am and Whose I am. Paul seems to have had this same struggle. In First Corinthians 9:27, he says "I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified." In many early manuscripts, he modifies word "discipline" with the word "daily." It was routine — normal — for Paul to have to remind himself how to behave and Who he was representing on earth.

I rarely use my handkerchief. A better man might not even need to carry one to help him remember that he is a Christian gentleman. Regardless, I need the reminder. Every time I place my hand in my pocket, there it is, a simple reminder for Patrick to behave, be kind, be available to serve, to never walk by someone who is crying or in need. Until I become a better man, I will carry that bit of cloth around every day of my life.

What do you do daily to remind yourself who you are and Whose you are?

Patrick Mead

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Sunday Services

Sunday Bible Class
9:00 am

Morning Worship
10:00 am

Evening Worship
5:00 pm

Wednesday

Fellowship

Ladies Bible Class
10:00 am

Wednesday Night
Meal
6:00 pm

Bible Class
7:00 pm

Prayer Request & Sympathy:



Curtis Cox was flown to the hospital in Dallas.

Remember the following as they continue to heal: Betty Aaron, Becky Cunningham, J.C. Cunningham, Bruce Daughtry, Jan Groom, Linda Harris, Jeannie Houchin, Sally Stade, Bryan Thompson, Maureen Thompson, Eileen Tidwell, and Erma Waldrop.

Home Bound: Grace Autry, Bob and Velma Brown, Durees Carriaga, Vallaree Cherry, Audrey Fisher, Vivienne Garner, Enid Gates, Kay Oakley, and Richard Titus.

Prayer Connection Cards: Sherri Ash Ferguson, Jill Siddons, and Amarah Kendall.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Lucas Hernandez**. Please keep them all in your prayers during this very difficult time.



Thank You Notes:



I want to thank everyone for your cards and prayers in connection with Pauline's recent passing. The cards and notes mean more than you may realize. Also, a special thanks to the ladies Bible Class for the steady stream of cards over the past 4 years Pauline was at Lakeview Home and a special thanks to Mike Veilleux for your words and prayer at Pauline's private burial. I love you all! Bob Crisman

Children In Action News:

Summer Bible Classes

Just a reminder that our summer Bible classes will begin on Sunday, June 3. This summer our classes will be a little different due to so many people traveling over the summer break. The classes and teachers will be as follows:



	Nursery & Toddlers	Preschool	Elementary (K-5 th)
Teacher	Adult coordinator and youth	Sherry Tidwell and Robbin Spoon	Jill Crandall
Location	*Purple door	**Blue door	Room 7 (next to Glen's office)

*The nursery and toddler classes will meet in the nursery (Room 1) for June 3 only due to VBS.

**The preschool class will meet in the green door (next to their usual class) for June 3 only.

Wednesday evening classes will meet at the beach for the summer. I'm excited to worship together in a different place this summer, and I hope you will all join us. I'll have something special for the kids each week, and we will have memory verses that may be recited for a popsicle!

Also, remember this summer quarter will only be two months long rather than our usual three months. We will have promotion Sunday on the first Sunday in August so the kids are ready to move on up as they enter a new school year. We will be adding a class on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings in the fall. Our classes have grown and are now overflowing! Please consider teaching a class for a quarter in the upcoming year! New classes will be nursery, toddlers, preschool, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, and 4th-5th on both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If you feel called to help in any of these age groups, please talk to me!

Lastly, I want to thank each of you who give so much to our kids by teaching a class. I know that your commitment to teaching our little ones is not always easy, but it is always appreciated.

~Jill Crandall

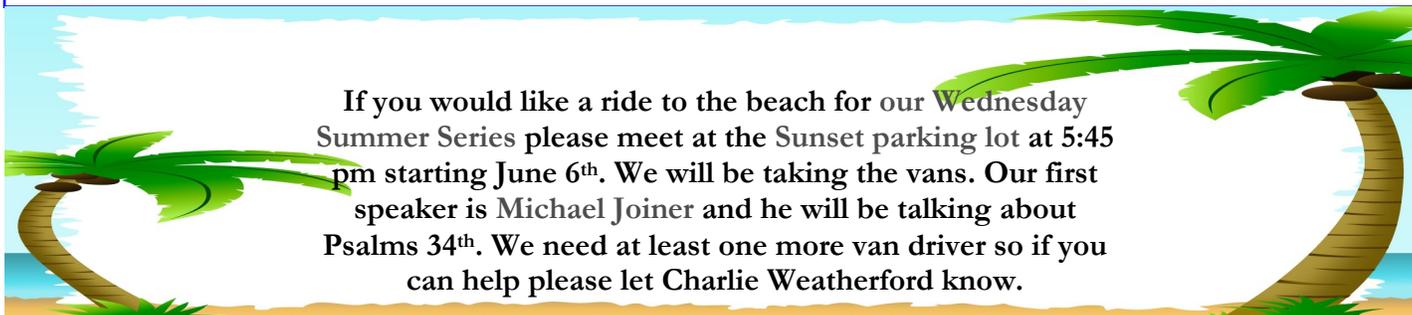


It's VBS Time!

- Dates: June 4-8, 2018
- Times: 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- Ages: 3 years old – 5th grade
- Volunteers needed!

Volunteers and participants, please register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/sunset2018>

If you would like to help decorate this week, someone will be at the building from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm everyday. You can come anytime that works best for you.



If you would like a ride to the beach for our **Wednesday Summer Series** please meet at the **Sunset parking lot at 5:45 pm starting June 6th**. We will be taking the vans. Our first speaker is **Michael Joiner** and he will be talking about **Psalms 34th**. We need at least one more van driver so if you can help please let **Charlie Weatherford** know.

Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, June 9th** in the Multi-Purpose Room at **8:00 am**.



Starting **June 10th**, we will begin opening up the **Benevolence Room** on the **second Sunday** each month, from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** We will continue to accept donations of clothing, children's hangers, etc. Also on **Saturday, June 9th** we will be having a **workday at 9:00 am** in the office. All help is appreciated! Thank you all for your generosity!! Please continue to be in prayer for this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Eleanor at 887-1278, ext. 302.

All moms are invited to a **Mom's Bible Study** beginning **Thursday, June 14th at 10:00 am**. We will meet at the river near the new kid's space so bring your kids. The older kids will help watch the younger kids. Bring your bible, a journal, a chair/blanket, and snacks for you and your kiddos. This is going to be a time that we can come together as women to build our faith while we grow our relationships. For questions or more information please call Kelly Weatherford at 469-667-0767.



Registration for **Mountain View Christian Camp** is open! Sign up early to reserve your spot. Here are this year's sessions:

- July 1-7 Session 1 (age 8-15) Leland Mallett**
- July 8-14 Session 2 (age 13-18) Bruce Daughtry**
- July 15-21 Session 3 (age 8-13) Bruce Daughtry**
- July 22-28 Session 4 (age 13-18) Ray Young**

Family Camp is **July 30th thru August 2nd** this year. **Taylor Robles** from Sherwood Church of Christ in Odessa, Texas will be the speaker. Registration is opened. There will be more details to follow soon.



We need lots and lots of help to fill the food pantry! Our Blessing Box has been a huge success but we are having a hard time keeping it stocked. Please remember to get non-perishable food when you're at the grocery store and place it in the red bin in the foyer. Thanks for your willingness to help us build a bridge to our community!

The meal is at 6:00 pm and Bible class starts at 7:00 pm. Volunteers for Wednesday night meals are needed. Sign up on the calendar in the kitchen or call the office at 887-1278.



*Contribution For
Sunday, May 27, 2018*

Checks \$6,582.00	Average \$10,824.73	Wednesday, May 23rd	
Bills \$468.00	Weekly Budget \$11,166.00	Evening	131
Change \$0.00	Weekly + or (-) \$(341.27)	Sunday Morning	
Online Giving \$3,075.00	Kid's Cash \$205.00	Bible Class	115
Total \$10,125.00		Morning Worship	205
		Evening Worship	

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Men to Serve for Sunday, June 3, 2018

Speaker: Charlie Weatherford	Men To Serve	Greeter & Nursery	Communion Talk
Worship Leader: Mark Schinnerer	Communion: Bernie Sanchez	Schedule	Schedule
Welcome: Johny Harris	Carter Saler	Greeters: Blue Team	June 10th -Charlie Weatherford
Scripture: Glynn Shelton	Eugene Santo	Welcome Desk: Patti Johnson	June 17th -Cameron Wells
Communion Service Mike Vellieux	Lynn Shelton	Nursery Attendant: Chelsea Layton	June 24th -Rodney Williams
	Andrew Sims		July 1st -Rocky Ybarra
	Jason Sims		July 8th
	Michael Sims		July 15th -Jon Barnes
	Mike Sims		July 22nd -Lanny Barnett
			July 29th -Martin Campos