When you think about it, we have two holiday weekends, back-to-back, with July 4 falling on a Thursday this year. In spite of this, we had a wonderful day of worship Sunday. Instead of my usual Patriotic message, I felt strongly convicted to continue my series on, “The Lordship of Christ.” I think no issue is more vital to the church today than settling the Lordship issue. Now, people have always done what they choose to do, but more than any time in my life it is more acceptable than ever. Today we are seeing professing Christians live as described in the Book of Judges, “And every man did what was right in his own eyes.” When believers live like that, they rob themselves of the joy and power God wants to give them. My prayer is the Lord will use these messages I have been preaching, to bring us all into the realization that we need to be totally surrendered to Jesus as our Lord and Master every day of our lives. Please join me in making that your earnest prayer.

I think people were surprised at the response to the Church-wide July 4th Picnic Fellowship. We possibly set a record on the number of buckets of chicken brought. To say we had a feast is no exaggeration. Thanks to all of you for bringing so much delicious food. There was certainly no charge.

I want to encourage everyone to come to church the next two Sunday nights at 5:00 P.M. We are having two Share Services at these times. The Holy Land Group will share their experiences in Israel and Jordan Sunday night, July 7, and the Preteen’s and Youth will share their camp experiences.
God’s Down Payment Plan

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory. – Ephesians 1:13-14

The enjoyment of the benefits of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross has already begun. Our eternal inheritance is already beginning to unfold before our very eyes and is very much a part of our Christian experience now. The moment we received the gospel and believed in our risen Savior God gave us His Spirit as a pledge of the eternal inheritance we share with Christ. This is the benefit of adoption that God has granted us as a result of His lavish grace.

The purchased possession was secured by His sealing us with the Holy Spirit. Out of this sealing and “pledge of our inheritance,” hope and assurance has sprung. It assures us that the full benefit of our inheritance will come. The price of our purchase has been paid in full, but the full enjoyment of that benefit will not be realized until we are gathered to our Savior. Even those who have “fallen asleep” in Jesus will not enjoy the fullness of this benefit until they are resurrected; the living are changed, and all are glorified.

Paul’s viewpoint is forward thinking. He states, “with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession.” As he writes, he is looking ahead to the time that we, as well as all creation, are redeemed from the curse of sin. All of creation is waiting and longing for the final resurrection of all things. The new world will be revealed and God will be all in all.

It’s amazing how God works! This isn’t new information for you, but every time I encounter the words of the Lord, I find it amazing. God asks us to be good stewards: with our money and possessions, with our time and energies, and—I believe—with all of our pain and suffering.

Have you ever felt isolated in some pain? By some adversity? Amid heartache? Most of us would have to say, “of course.” I reached out to offer consolation and found comfort. As I listened to the sorrow of another, suddenly I realized we shared similar difficulties. The Lord has a way of letting us know we are never alone, or unique in pain. He demonstrates that He knows, He cares, and allows us to receive comfort as we give comfort.

This is what bearing another’s burden is all about. When we engage with each other, we discover comforting prayer support from places we least expected. There are wonderful things occurring in the life of our body too! Sunday evening activities were outside and inside. Outside, younger children played with friends... other kiddos enjoyed the water slide and small pools... anything to get wet. Parents gathered around watching kids and visiting with one another. Inside, people began to help take down the decoration blocks of faith and a basic awareness of God’s love. For Infants to Pre-Kindergarten.

There are many ways to get involved in the prayer room ministry. The prayer room is a prayer guide with prayer suggestions for our services & pastor, church ministries & staff, needs within the church building, and for other victims today.

PREETEEN AND YOUTH CAMP share group

Join us for fun, fellowship and food.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS
SUNDAYS, 5:00pm (except July 7 & 14, at 6:00pm)
Conference Room, Building C
Led by Pastor Cliff Myton.
For all new and prospective members.

G.R.O.W.
God Rewards Our Witness
Mondays 6:30pm, Cafe A
Come at 6:00pm for a quick bite to eat.

DRIVE-THRU PRAYER MINISTRY
Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm, in front of Building A.

SUNDAYS
5:00-6:00pm, Building A.
Children in Action
is a missions discipleship program for children in grades K-6.

Mission Friends
provides building blocks of faith and a basic awareness of God’s love. For Infants to Pre-Kindergarten.

Preteen and Youth Camp share group

Sunday, July 14, 5:00pm
Worship Center.

Worship Center. We'll be happy to help you order from the menu or build your own. Potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share.

CHAMPION FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH
15555 Stuebner Airline
Cost: $10 includes lunch ($5 after August 5).
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. STEVE PARR
Sign up in the foyer. For sessions & speakers go to http://stbtx.com/church-ministries/leadership-development/equip-conference

ANITA WOOD
Director of Education & Evangelism

BIBLE STUDY SUNDAYS, 6:00-7:00pm
in the Worship Center
BY PASTOR SCOTT POWERS

New Summer Women’s Bible Study (led by Anita Wood)
Sundays, 5:00pm
Join us in Room 114-B

NEW SUMMER WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Sunday nights
June 9—August 18
5:00-7:00pm
(10 week study)
Youth Room 406-A
Crazy Love
A Francis Chan Book Study.

GET CONNECTED

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BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAYS, 6:00-7:00pm
in the Worship Center

COMING OPPORTUNITIES

• New Women’s Summer Bible Study. Sunday “God’s Story, My Story,” 5:00pm, 114B.
• New Members Class, Sundays, 5:00pm, Cafe A, Conference room (except 6:00pm on July 7 & July 14)
• Sunshine Club, Thursday, July 11, 9:30am, Building B.
• Men’s Summer Dinner, Thursday, July 11, 6:30pm; Brian Vivas for details.
• Holy Land share group, Sunday, July 7, 5:00pm, Worship Center.
• Preteen and Youth Camp share group, Sunday, July 14, 5:00pm, Worship Center.
• W2W, Sunday, July 27, 9:00am, Cafe B, Conference room.

PRAYER ROOM MINISTRY

If you have a heart for prayer, please prayerfully consider being involved in the prayer room ministry. We need those who have given to the prayer room, 101 Building B, during the 8:00am and 10:45am worship services. Provided in the prayer room is a prayer guide with prayer suggestions for our services & pastor, church ministries & staff, needs within the body, the military, and our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

SIGN UP TODAY IN THE FOYER.
PLEASE CONTACT VAL LEE @ 832-520-4621

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019

BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY MORNING
Adults: 174
Youth: 24
Preschool: 35
K - 4th Grades: 24
5th - 8th Grades: 15
TOTAL: 262

GRAND TOTAL: 287

SUNDEAS, JUNE 30, 2019

MINISTRY BUDGET

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Budget Receipts...06/30/2019
Mission Receipts...
ANNE LEE  
$2,567.01
$119.67
$119.67
$478.67
$163.67

JULY 1, 2019