

SING ON, CHURCH...

“God helps those who call upon His name, the great I AM is worthy to be praised...” It seems that I hear these words streaming out of Lily’s mouth at least once daily! The child’s soundtrack stems from the children’s musical songs presented a few weeks ago and accompanies her dancing, playing, running, jumping and sometimes eating! I am overjoyed that she has this song on her heart – even if I wish she would change the station every once in a while.

Why are God’s people a singing people? Is it cultural? An expectation? A tradition?

Believers in the one true God and His son Jesus Christ have raised their voices in songs of praise since the ancient of days. When the Israelites were delivered from the hand of Pharaoh they sang a song (Exodus 15), we read numerous passages about the preparation of temple musicians in the Chronicles, the songs of David and others are recorded in the Psalms, Jesus and the disciples sang a hymn in the upper room (Matthew 26:30), the midnight hymn sessions of the imprisoned Paul and Silas (Acts 16:25), Paul’s words in Romans 15:9, I Corinthians 14:15 and Ephesians 5:19. Finally, in Revelation, we even read of the songs of the angels in chapter 15. God’s people are a singing people regardless of giftedness, talent or even desire to sing!

Read carefully Paul’s words to the church in Colosse. “Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts” Colossians 3:16.

Paul articulates that one of the ways the message of Christ (or the Word of Christ in some translations) penetrates us is through our singing. It is one of the ways that we are taught about God’s love, grace, mercy, and praiseworthiness. The list truly goes on and on. Not only do our songs rise in praise to God but they also teach the truths of our faith at the same time.

Lily was experiencing this with the songs from the children’s musical. Those words of truth were being imprinted on her mind, and I pray on her feisty little heart. She, like the believers of all the generations of this world, has been taught by the psalms, hymns and spiritual songs of her church. She certainly has much more to learn and this knowledge will not save her, but seeds of the Kingdom have been planted in this child and so many others.

I encourage each of you to consider what you are singing this morning. Do not sing the words as if they are insignificant, empty or lacking in power. We worship a living God who knows our heart even as we worship Him. God doesn’t care what the song sounds like, or where you have been, or what you have done. All that He desires is for you to bow down to Him. So sing on, church, and walk in a more intimate relationship with the God of the universe as you sing your song.



Steven Braucht
Minister of Music

MORNING AT THE PARK - MAY 29

Haggard Park (downtown Plano), 10:00 a.m.

Welcome New Members

Craig & Fallon Curry - Transfer of Letter

Where Moms Connect

Need a place to connect with other moms? Join us **today**, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in B216. For more information, contact Julie Spitzenberger at julieandmarc@gmail.com.

VBS Worker Meeting

All workers are asked to attend this meeting in The Gathering Hall on Wednesday, **May 18**, at 6:15 p.m.

First Plano Night @ the Roughriders

Join us at Dr Pepper Ballpark on Friday, **May 20**, for family fun as the Frisco RoughRiders take on the San Antonio Missions at 7:05 p.m. Enjoy all-you-can-eat hotdogs, chips, peanuts and Dr Pepper products for \$20 per person (under 3 yrs FREE). Purchase tickets in the Church Office and Crosswalk. The Giving Kiosk is also available for payment of tickets. Simply show your receipt at the ticket tables.

Business Meeting

Detailed 2016-17 proposed budget information is available at the Church Office and in the Kiosks. We will vote on the budget at the Business Meeting on Sunday, **May 22**, in the Great Hall, at 6:00 p.m.

Friendship Club (50+)

Enjoy a chicken tetrazzini lunch at Noon on Tuesday, **May 24**, in the Great Hall, followed by the music of Texas Gospel Music Hall of Famer, Harold Marshall, founder of Lake Country Jubilee.

Morning at the Park

On Sunday, **May 29**, First Baptist Plano will again worship outdoors at Haggard Park in downtown Plano. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch in the park courtesy of food truck vendors *Easy Sliders*, *Cajun Tailgaters* and *Emmy’s Pink Freeze*. Sunday School will not meet, and there will not be childcare at the church that morning. Shuttles will run from the church parking lot to Haggard Park beginning at 9:00 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved to the Great Hall, and food trucks will serve from the church parking lot.

Student Ministry Thank You

THANK YOU for your generous contributions to our summer trips fundraisers. The Giving Wall, Rent-A-Student, Spaghetti Supper and Dessert Auction raised an amazing \$13,418!

Trips & Outings

Our **July 19-22** trip will include the shows, shopping and food of Branson, and The Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs. Cost is \$659 (dbl). Paid reservations are due to the Church Office by June 6. Find more information at www.fbcplano.org/tripsandoutings.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School / June 20-24

Register for VBS TODAY at fbcplano.org. **CAVE QUEST** is for kids 4 yrs (by June 1, 2016) - 5th grade. Kids will be divided into cave crews of kids (mixed ages) and leaders, so we really need everyone to preregister. Gear up for an underground adventure this summer!

Cross Cheer Camp / June 27-30

Completed K-5th grade girls will enjoy cheers, chants, jumps, gymnastics, games, Bible lessons and crafts in the gym, Monday-Thursday, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$90 before June 1. Register at www.crosscheer.com.

Crosswalk

Join us for May missions month! Wednesday evenings, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Parent’s Day Out

Fall registration is open for infants through Pre-K on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Find information at www.fbcplano.org/pdo.

STUDENT MINISTRY

BOUNCE Parent/Student Meeting

Please meet in B102 on Sunday, **May 22**, immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting.

Senior Recognition Day / June 5

Completed Senior forms, scholarship applications, and pictures are due to Cathy Hacker **today**.

MAY 15, 2016

SUNDAY, MAY 15

9:00 a.m.
10:05 a.m.
11:15 a.m.

11:30 a.m.
3:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

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MONDAY, MAY 16

6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

6:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

4:45 p.m.
6:15 p.m.

6:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY, MAY 19

9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

7:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

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7:00 p.m.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Traditional Service, Sanctuary
Bible Study (All Ages)

Contemporary Service, Great Hall

Arabic Baptist Church of Dallas, Chapel
Forest Community Baptist Church, The Refuge
Agape Baptist Christian Fellowship, B218
Missions Committee, B212
Behold Your God, B102
Leadership Council, B201
Student Life Groups, The Refuge
Where Moms Connect, B216

Behold Your God, Offsite

Men's Prayer Breakfast, *Poor Richard's Café*
Parent's Day Out
JVP Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Night Meal, Great Hall
Bible Study, Great Hall
VBS Worker Meeting, Gathering Hall
CrossWalk for Children, C211 and D122
Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Journey, The Refuge
UPG Ministry Team, B102
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Parent's Day Out
Ladies Bible Study, B214

Family Night at the Roughriders, Offsite

Traditional Service, Sanctuary
Bible Study (All Ages)
Contemporary Service, Great Hall
Arabic Baptist Church of Dallas, Chapel
Forest Community Baptist Church, The Refuge
Agape Baptist Christian Fellowship, B218
Stewardship/Finance Committee, B102
Deacons' Meeting, B202
Business Meeting, Great Hall
BOUNCE Parent/Student Meeting, B102

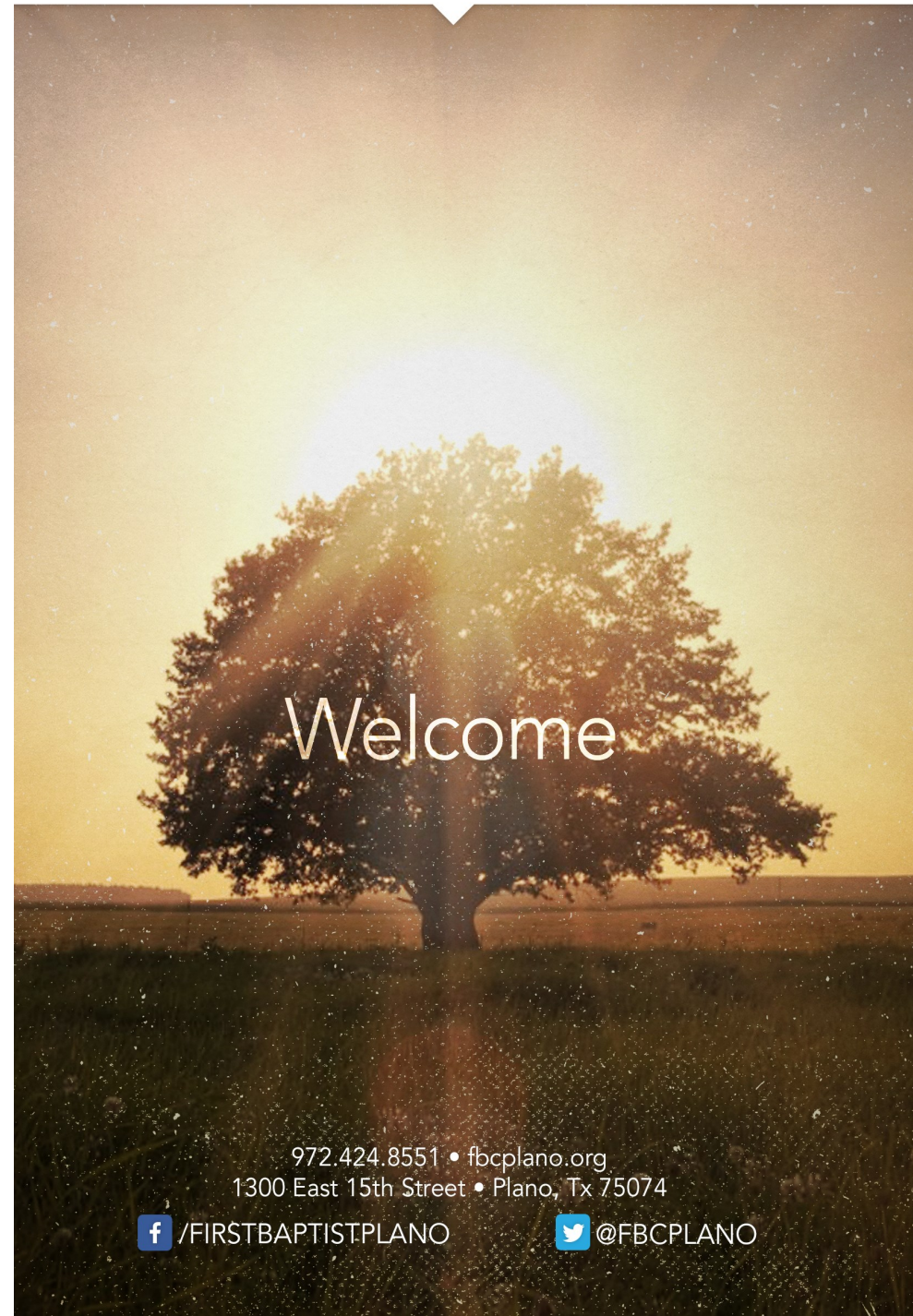
CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Planned giving through May 8: \$779,275 Actual giving through May 8: \$750,577 (4%)

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