From Our Children's Minister...

I have taken kids to camp more than 20 times including to CentriKid at different locations. As a veteran camp leader, I can predict what will happen at camp. Numerous things will be lost. Sleep is one of those lost things. No one will ever say, "Those are mine!" when asked about a pair of dirty socks.

This year at camp, I had some new experiences. Let me tell you just one. We had a child who was injured and had to have her parents come get her two days early. I asked Ava what she wanted to do in the few hours before her parents got to camp. Her answer, "I want to know more about God." I can't begin to tell you how unexpected and great that was to hear! This girl spent three hours talking with one of our chaperones, Paul Torres, about Christ, reading her Bible and talking with me about her questions. I would never have predicted this.

There is no doubt that God is at work all around us! Sometimes He is seen doing things in amazingly different ways. I am so grateful for our chaperons who were used by our Lord at camp and for our church who prayed for all of us.

Is Coming To First Baptist Plano!

What is AWANA? It is a disciple-making ministry that is used in 30,000 churches around the world. Awana clubs are for preschool through elementary children and uses fun, age-appropriate games, activities and incentives to challenge kids to learn and apply God's word.

Accountability is part of the Awana curriculum. Each child receives a workbook at minimal cost, and parents partner with their children as they teach them specific scriptures. Through Awana, kids lives are transformed. Families become stronger, and churches build community through active involvement. Awana will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning *September 7*. View Awana stories and find registration information at www.fbcplano.org/AWANA.



First Baptist Plano will host a school supply distribution to the students at Memorial Elementary (2200 Laurel Lane) on an upcoming date in August. **Volunteers are needed.** Sign up by calling the Church Office at 972-424-8551 or email tommys@fbcplano.org. Come be a part of SERVING in our community!

Monetary donations are being accepted to offset the cost for the backpacks and school supplies. Please designate your monetary gifts to First Baptist Church, *Plano Projects*.

Plano Children's Clinic School Supply Distribution - Volunteers are needed on Thursday, **August 11**, at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. Email or call Cathy Hacker at cathyh@fbcplano.org or 972-424-8551 to volunteer.

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEONS - Volunteers are needed to help express our appreciation and support on **August 15 & 16** to the staff of the elementary schools in our area. Lunches will be at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on August 15, and 11:30 a.m. on August 16. Contact Tommy Shumate at 972-424-8551 or tommys@fbcplano.org.



BACKPACK BLESSINGS SUNDAY - August 21 will be an exciting day at First Baptist Plano beginning with Sunday School promotion at 10:05 a.m., and ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will be focused on praying blessings over the teachers and students in our church and community.

Men's Ministry BEAST FEAST - *Friday, August 26,* at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Invite your friends to be challenged by special guest, Doug "Runks" Runkles and his message of *No Man Left Behind*. Funny name, funny guy, deep message. Tickets are available in the Crosswalk and Church Office: \$10 for adults 18 and over; \$5 for students.

Basic ESL Training will be *August 26 & 27* in Mesquite. Reservations are required to tommys@fbcplano.org by August 22. The registration fee will be paid for you. Training sessions are Friday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ESL Classes - FREE ESL classes are offered during the fall for adults only on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning *September 13*. Find more information and registration at www.fbcplano.org/ESL. Classes will conclude by November 17.

Women's Bible Study: 1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ - This 10-week video series, by Jen Wilkins, will begin September 15 at 9:30 a.m. in B201. Childcare is provided by reservation through the Children's Ministry office. \$13 study guides will be available for purchase at the first session.

Love Where You Live - Our church will partner with the City of Plano on **September 17** to impact some of our nearby neighborhoods through social and physical revitalization. There will be various levels of projects, so anyone can help. Sign up in your Sunday School class, or contact Jay or Susan Breeding at 972-422-5919.

ABUNDANCE Women's Conference - *October 21-22* at Dr Pepper Arena in Frisco. \$59 tickets will be available for purchase beginning Sunday, September 11. Find more details at www.fbcplano.org/events.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Texas Rangers vs. Oakland Athletics on Wednesday, *August 17.* The deadline to reserve your \$15 ticket is Wednesday, August 10. Email Daniel at daniels@fbcplano.org for reservations. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary 10:05 a.m. Bible Study (All Ages) 11:00 a.m. Forest Community Baptist Church, Sanctuary 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service, Great Hall

Arabic Baptist Church of Dallas, Chapel Agape Baptist Christian Fellowship, B218

11:30 a.m. Student Senior Escape Returns

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Poor Richard's Café 9:00 a.m. JVP Quilters, Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m. Sunshine Singers, Choir Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

4:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal, Great Hall Bible Study, Great Hall 6:15 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. UPG Ministry Team, B102 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

5:30 p.m. Plano Children's Clinic School Supply Distribution, Gym

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary 10:05 a.m. Bible Study (All Ages) Forest Community Baptist Church, Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service, Great Hall Arabic Baptist Church of Dallas, Chapel 11:30 a.m. Agape Baptist Christian Fellowship, B218 Where Moms Connect, B209

5:30 p.m.

Welcome New Member:

Sylvia Seymour, Transfer of Letter

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Planned giving through July 31: \$1, 259,842 Actual giving through July 31: \$1,208,998 (4%)

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