



# September 2020

Rev. Rob Purdy  
Pastor

## Church Newsletter

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### A Message from the Pastor

It's been 7 months since our lives were turned upside down with the COVID 19 associated shut-downs and quarantines. I would love to tell you it's over... but I can't. We are still in this and it appears we are going to be for some time.

We have learned a lot during this time of social distancing, hand sanitizers and masks. We have learned a lot about ourselves and we have learned a lot about our God. I have been embarrassed about some of things I have learned about myself, impressed and in awe of some of the things I've learned about our church and absolutely amazed with what I've learned about our God!

I have learned that the distance in my heart between fear and faith is not nearly as great as I previously thought. I have found myself struggling with decisions, whether they are made out of fear or out of faith. My boldness and abandon have been challenged by COVID 19. In retrospect, that is a good thing! I am certainly a different person than I was back in March when we cancelled the Chili-Cook Off!

Our church has proven to be an outstanding body of mature believers. I already knew that, but the past seven months has given you an opportunity to prove it. We have adapted, overcame, adjusted, and rescheduled with unity and cooperation. Your faithfulness to Christ and His bride, the church, is inspiring!

Through all of this, the Lord has shown Himself strong! He is faithful and True! His provision has left us lacking nothing. His guidance has allowed us to continue, His perfect love has helped us deal with fear! He is the same yesterday, today and forever! I have never been more aware of my need for Christ and His church! How about you?

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching", wrote the Hebrew writer. Therefore, since I definitely see the Day approaching, we are going to continue forward, broadening our worship and disciple making programs. Look for announcements on upcoming Bible Studies. The Men's Ministry is going to begin meeting again on September 7th. The youth are exploring ways to grow in size and knowledge, seeking to make an Impact!! The Community Outreach committee is trying new ways to connect with our neighbors starting with an Ice Cream Drive Through on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, 2:00—4:00 pm.

I am genuinely excited about whatever comes next. Its going to be BIG! God is moving in the world. Lines are being drawn, disciples are being called forward to the front lines and I am convinced the FBC Seabrook has an important role to play. Are you ready?

2 Timothy 1:7...

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

God bless,  
Pastor Rob

### September Calendar

#### Saturday, Sept. 05

- YOUTH—Houston Food Bank Drive Thru in LaPorte

#### Sunday, Sept. 06

- Lord's Supper Services

#### Monday, Sept. 07

- Men's Monday Night Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship Resumes

#### Saturday, Sept. 12

- Drive Thru Delivery Ice Cream Community Outreach

#### Sunday, Sept. 13

- Deadline to sign-up for Share Jesus Without Fear Sunday School Class

#### Wednesday, Sept. 16

- Youth Worship Night at Nassau Bay Baptist Church

#### Sunday, Sept. 20

- Women's Ministry 2020 Fall Bible Study Begins
- October Newsletter Deadline

# Weekly Schedule

## Sunday

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 10:30 am .....	1st Nursery .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 am .....	Berean Adult Fellowship .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am .....	Women's Sunday School Class .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am .....	Youth Bible Study .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable
9:30 — 10:30 am .....	1st Worship Service .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm .....	2nd Nursery .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm .....	Pre-K Church .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm .....	Children's Church .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
11:00 am — 12:00 pm .....	2nd Worship Service .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
5:00 pm.....	Women's Ministry 2020 Fall Bible Study (begins 09/20) .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

## Monday

6:30 pm.....	Men's Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
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## Wednesday

6:30 — 7:30 pm .....	Youth Discipleship (6th-12th grades) .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
6:30 — 7:30 pm .....	Kid's Club Bible Study (PreK4 — 6th grade) .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
6:30 — 7:30 pm .....	Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
6:30 — 7:30 pm .....	Nursery .....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)



## Reduced COVID-19 Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday  
9:30 AM—1:30'ish PM

The Church office is open Tuesday through Thursday and some Friday's, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. The main office phone number is 281-474-3281. If you call while the office is closed or after hours please leave a message or email fbcseabrook@yahoo.com.

## September Tellers

Sept. 06 .....	John & Cheryl Harrison and Margie Minix
Sept. 13 .....	Margie Minix, Kathy Slater, and Pat Smartt
Sept. 20 .....	TBD
Sept. 27 .....	Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett, and Linda Long

## Tithes & Offering

### A look at the church finances...

#### General Fund

July 2020 Contributions .....\$31,887.00

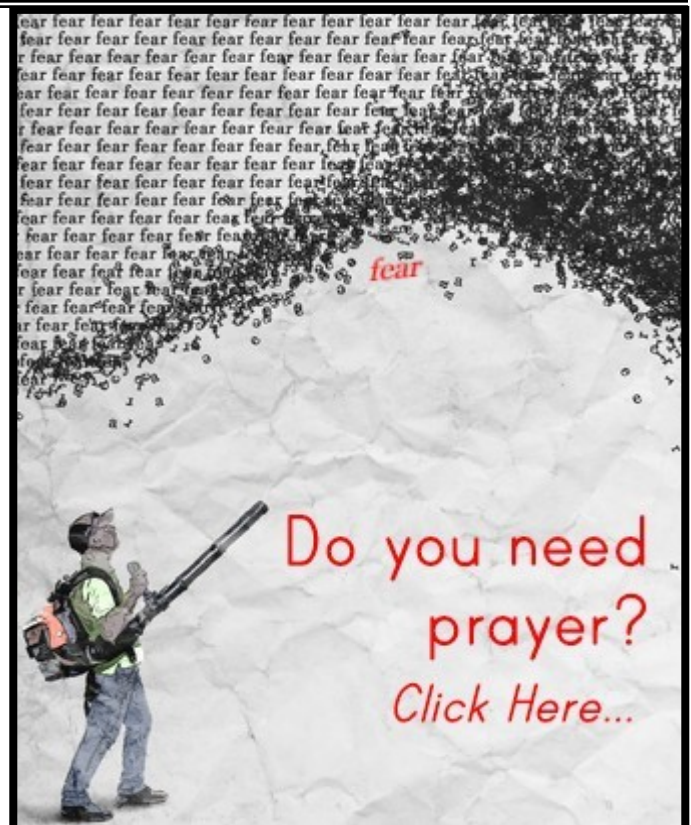
#### Building Fund

July 2020 Contributions .....\$0.00

#### Missions Fund

July 2020 Contributions .....\$3,224.65

Thank  
you for  
your  
faithful  
giving!





# Birthdays

## September

AJ Laird  
Dale Shoop  
KC Broyles  
CJ Guinn  
Jessica Forrest  
Brenda Johnson  
Mark Maggard  
Margie Minix  
Jeanette Moore  
Howard Phelps  
Ronald Butler  
Lucy Anderson  
Steven Gray



Sunday, September 6, 2020

## OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

9:30 & 11:00 am Services



## Men's Monday Night Ministry

### Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship

Resumes Monday, September 7, 2020 at 6:30 pm

In the fullness of time... FBC Seabrook Men's Monday Night Ministry Returns! And not a moment too soon! Our world needs strong, spiritual warriors for a time like this!

We will kick-off this season with a special meal and an introduction to our new curriculum. We will approach the Fall as WARRIORS!

All men are invited! Please join us Monday, September 7, 2020 at 6:30 pm and bring a friend!

## Women's 2020 Fall Bible Study

Begins Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm

**All women** are invited to join us for the FBC Seabrook Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study based on Mary Wiley's, "Everyday Theology ~ What You Believe Matters." The class is 6 weeks and will be led by Cheryl Harrison.

**Theology** is the study of God, what He has done, is doing, and will do in the world. And it's not just for those with formal education or those who work at your church. It's for you in your everyday moments, questions, and decisions. It's for the big and little, the exciting and mundane. Our theology is the basis of our faith and touches every part of our existence.

**Together** we will explore the essential doctrines of Scripture, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, humanity, salvation, the church and the end times. There will be NO workbook or formal homework assigned; however there may be a weekly challenge here and there.

**Oh, yeah... One more thing!** As we "steep" in God's Word we will also have the opportunity to share our favorite tea recipes!

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you want to be included in the study but are unable to attend in person, please let us know and we will provide an online experience for you! For more info, please contact Cheryl Harrison at [charrison@fbcseabrook.org](mailto:charrison@fbcseabrook.org).



The Youth Group has a NEW name! **IMPACT Youth Ministry: Young Disciples.**

### Saturday, September 5, 2020

YOUTH will meet in the north parking lot at the church at 11:15 am to go serve, assisting with the **Houston Food Bank** drive-through Food Distribution at the LaPorte Wells Fargo Bank, 1001 Hwy 146 South. We will be there from Noon to 4 pm. Drinks will be provided. We must ask that you bring your own face covering.

**EVERYONE ages 12 and up are invited to join!** We have to register so we will need every-one to **SIGN-UP** as soon as possible. The Sign-Up sheet is in the hallway just outside the restrooms. STUDENTS will need their parents to complete and sign a permission slip. (Rumor is... lunch will be provided by Billy). For more details please contact Billy Crawford at 956-246-6773 or email at [billycrawford07@gmail.com](mailto:billycrawford07@gmail.com).



### Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Youth Worship Night, hosted by Nassau Bay Baptist Church. There will be live music, great fellowship and worship for all the youth in the community from 6:00-7:30 pm! Parents are welcome to come along! Youth will need to meet at the church at 5:30 pm to ride in the church van to Nassau Bay Baptist Church, 18131 Nassau Bay Drive and we should return to FBCS by 8:00 pm. STUDENTS will need their parents to complete and sign a permission slip. For more details please contact Billy Crawford at 956-246-6773 or email at [billycrawford07@gmail.com](mailto:billycrawford07@gmail.com).



### Saturday, October 10, 2020

Dare 2 Share is a nation-wide simulcast event. Youth gather to worship and learn to share their faith in Christ. This event will be hosted by Nassau Bay Baptist Church. **YOUTH MUST SIGN-UP no later than SEPTEMBER 18th!** Once we have a solid head count Billy will register us as an attending church. The event will from 10am to 7pm. The youth will meet at the church at 9:15 am and ride together to the event. Food will be provided and shirts will be available for \$10 each. STUDENTS will need their parents to complete and sign a permission slip. For more details please contact Billy Crawford at 956-246-6773 or email at [billycrawford07@gmail.com](mailto:billycrawford07@gmail.com).

**IMPACT Student Sunday School** meets every Sunday, **9:30 - 10:30 am** in the #1 portable building directly behind the main church building.

**Wednesday IMPACT Discipleship** meets from **6:30 - 7:30 pm** in the first portable building directly behind the main church building.





## September 2020 Lamplight – Along the Internet Highway

**ConstantprayerOAMCounselor**... that was my online chat name for Open Arms Christian Counseling Ministries.

My initial exposure to online chat rooms opened up a whole new world to me. Long before Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram... it was Yahoo Chat and Cheetah Chat that were all the rage in my household. It was on these formats where I found Christian chat rooms. And in those rooms, there were three types of people...

- Christians seeking prayer and fellowship.
- Troublemakers purposely creating chaos.
- Hurting people in need of encouragement or answers.

Whenever I entered a chat room, I carefully watched the thread for intriguing posts. Before long, I was involved in three or more private message popups that provided me the opportunity to share my faith. For the most part I avoided people who entered the room to argue. Instead I focused on people who asked for prayer or showed evidence that they wanted to know more about a relationship with God.

To gauge whether I should enter a private conversation with a chatter, I typically asked four questions...

- *Has anyone ever told you about Jesus Christ?*
- *What would you say if God asked you why He should let you into Heaven?*
- *Are you seeking God?*
- *Do you believe God's Word is true?*

*Their "Yes" or "No" answers to these questions always guided the next step in our chat.*

A short time after my chat room adventures began, I was asked by Open Arms Ministries if I would like to join their volunteer staff as an online Christian counselor. I agreed, and if I remember right, I think I was part of the ministry for a couple of years.

We met in a Yahoo Chat room labeled Open Arms Ministries Christian Counseling. The name of this room drew the same types of people I mentioned above. At times it was chaotic, but I do remember the special moments when God allowed me to lead someone to Jesus or when I witnessed other people being led to Jesus. I also remember the times I chatted with a self-professed Satanist. He wasn't rude and he always asked good questions. I knew God was working in his heart because of his questions, but it really became evident the night he asked me to pray for his sick mom.

Before my time with OAM ended, my family moved from the Dallas area to Seabrook, where we joined FBC Seabrook. Not long after that, another OAM Counselor... GandalfOAMcounselor and his family moved from Hawaii to Seabrook, where he answered God's call to be the pastor of FBC Seabrook.

Yeah... I am still amazed that I knew our pastor as an OAM counselor before I knew him as Pastor Rob. And when I look back at how it happened, it's obvious to me that God had it planned long before online chat rooms existed.

I am also amazed at the powerful way God has advanced online technology since my OAM days. Back then, my dial-up internet connection came complete with a high-pitched, fingernails on chalkboard screech. It was far from high-speed... and frozen screens, boots from chat rooms, and dreaded blue-screens of death were commonplace. Somehow, we overcame all the technical issues and we were blessed to see God move in the lives of people all over the world.

So many years later, God still uses online technology to reach people. Today, you can visit any church website to view live and recorded sermons. The FBC Seabrook worship services are live streamed to several online formats – BoxCast, Roku, Facebook Live, Twitter and YouTube. I'm particularly excited about Facebook Live and YouTube because they have built in chat rooms with private message capability. What an opportunity to pray with people and to answer questions.

Since we started Facebook Live, several of my family members and some of my friends who live far away have come to church with me. I get so excited when I see them join in. God reaches people in different ways. I believe that God can grow our online ministry because the internet is a tool that can reach people all over the world.

You may not have time to go into a chat room, but if you are active on any social media platform or if you have an email... YOU can be an online missionary! Invite people to a watch party or share a recorded video. You never know who God will touch when you share!

Remember this... you are loved, and you are always in my prayers.

In Christ, Cheryl

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Regular Sunday Services</b>  8:15—9:15 AM .....Adult Bible Study  9:15—10:30 AM ....1<sup>st</sup> Nursery  9:30—10:30 AM ....Berean Adult Fellowship  9:30—10:30 AM ....Youth Bible Study  9:30—10:30 AM ....1<sup>st</sup> Worship Service  10:45—Noon .....2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery/Pre-K Church  11:00—Noon .....2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service</p> 		1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>6</b></p>  <p><b>9:30 &amp; 11:00 AM</b> Lord's Supper Services</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>  <p><b>6:30 PM KICK-OFF</b> Men's Monday Night Bible Study &amp; Dinner Fellowship</p>	8	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>6:30—7:30 PM</b> Adult Praise, Prayer &amp; Bible Study Youth Group Bible Study (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Kid's Club (PK4 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)</p>	10	11	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>2:00—4:00 PM</b> COMMUNITY OUTREACH Drive Thru Delivery Ice Cream</p> 
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><i>Deadline to sign-up (to get a book) for the Share Jesus Without Fear Sunday School Class</i></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>  <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Men's Monday Night Bible Study &amp; Dinner Fellowship</p>	15	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>6:30—7:30 PM</b> Adult Praise, Prayer &amp; Bible Study Youth Group WORSHIP NGHT (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Kid's Club (PK4 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)</p>	17	18	<p><b>19</b></p>  <p>Deadline for October Newsletter is tomorrow</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study "Everyday Theology"</p> 	<p><b>21</b></p>  <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Men's Monday Night Bible Study &amp; Dinner Fellowship</p>	22	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>6:30—7:30 PM</b> Adult Praise, Prayer &amp; Bible Study Youth Group Bible Study (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Kid's Club (PK4 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)</p>	24	25	26
<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study "Everyday Theology"</p> 	<p><b>28</b></p>  <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Men's Monday Night Bible Study &amp; Dinner Fellowship</p>	29	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>6:30—7:30 PM</b> Adult Praise, Prayer &amp; Bible Study Youth Group Bible Study (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Kid's Club (PK4 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)</p>			