

FBC Seabrook - Newsletter

September 2021

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A Message from the Pastor

Well, that was a rough month! I am glad to have August 2021 in the rear-view mirror!

As most of you are aware by now, I have implemented new COVID protocols for the church. We have returned to “socially distant” seating, and we have designated the 9:30am service as a “masked” service. The 11:00am service remains a “mask optional” service. I’d like to share with you why I made the changes.

Obviously, the number of COVID cases is increasing. Along with that comes an increase in anxiety. The protocol changes are not a declaration of any kind regarding the science behind mask wearing, nor are they commentary on the vaccine. We have a “masked” service because I don’t want anyone who believes in the benefits of wearing a mask not to have a worship service they can attend comfortably. For that exact same reason, we have a “mask optional” service. Anyone who is not comfortable wearing a mask has a service they can attend. This is not, and I don’t believe there is, a perfect solution to this. We will continue to make changes as necessary as we navigate through this together. Know this, I love ALL of you. I want to worship with ALL of you. Let’s love one another the best we can! Amen?

Today I am writing the memorial/funeral messages for 45-year-old Scott Apley, 5-month-old Josephine Lenox and 96-year-old Carol Cast (Norma Keeler’s neighbor for decades and Regal Estate resident). Life is precious and very uncertain gift. Death, on the other hand, is certain. And... according to the Word of God, is also precious.

Psalm 116:15 KJV

15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Strip it all away. Everything. There is only one thing that truly matters. Are you a saved saint or a lost sinner? That’s it. As circumstances of this world swirl around us, my fervent desire is to lead as many people as I can to a saving faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. Nothing else really matters.

For Scott’s message I have been asked to include the following Scripture:

John 16:33 (KJV) - These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Indeed.

God bless, Pastor Rob

September Calendar

Sunday, September 05

- Lord’s Supper Services

Monday, September 06



Sunday, September 12

- New Women’s Bible Study begins

Monday, September 13

- Men’s Monday Night Ministry Resumes

Sept. 12 — 19

- Week of Prayer for the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions

Saturday, September 18

- Community Garden Workday

Monday, September 20

- Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, September 23

- Anchor Point Celebrating Hope 2021 Gala

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 9:30 am.....	1st Adult Coffee Fellowship.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
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.....	Youth Bible Study.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am.....	Women's Sunday School.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am.....	1st Worship Service.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 — 11:00 am.....	2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm.....	2nd Nursery.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm.....	Children's Church/Pre-K Church.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
11:00 am — 12:00 pm.....	2nd Worship Service.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
5:00 — 6:30 pm.....	Women's Bible Study *beginning 9/12.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Monday

6:30 pm.....	Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
6:30 pm.....	Young Adult Fellowship.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg

Wednesday

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

Thursday

11:00 am — 12:30 pm.....	Women's Bible Study *beginning 9/16.....	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
6:30 — 8:00 pm.....	Young Adult Fellowship & Bible Study.....	1506 Bayport Blvd. (Hwy 146)



Church Office Hours

Regular Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 AM—1:30 PM

The Church office is open Tuesday through Friday, 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 and we will return your call as soon as possible or email fbceasebrook@yahoo.com.

September 2021 Tellers

Sept. 05.....	John & Cheryl Harrison and Mike & Cindy Treece
Sept. 12.....	Mary Johnson, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
Sept. 19.....	John & Cheryl Harrison
Sept. 26.....	Michelle Hazlett, Linda Long, Margie Minix



Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...

General Funds	
July 2021 Contributions	\$29,358.00
Building Fund	
July 2021 Contributions	\$566.36
Missions Fund	
July 2021 Contributions	\$1,903.33

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Need Prayer?

We would love to pray for you!

CLICK HERE to send us your prayer requests

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Birthdays



- Amber Tabb
- AJ Laird
- Dale Shoop
- KC Broyles
- CJ Guinn
- Jessica Forrest
- Margie Minix
- Howard Phelps
- Pamela Balistreri
- Ronald Butler
- Lucy Anderson
- Steven Gray

MEN'S MONDAY NIGHT

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship resumes on Monday, September 13, 2021. The doors open at 6:30 pm and the Live Stream begins at 7:00 pm. All men are invited! Come and bring a friend!

Sunday, September 5, 2021

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service

Community Garden Ministry

Winter Garden Workday - 9/18/2021 (6:30 - 8:00 pm)

I am TEXAS Missions
 MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING
 WMU of Texas

Week of Prayer → September 12 — 19, 2021
 Month long focus

What is the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions? Understanding that missions is what believers do to reach beyond the needs of their congregations to witness and minister for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission, WMU of Texas designed the Mary Hill Davis Offering to advance Texas Baptists missionary efforts to help people come to know Christ.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Deadline for October 2021

Newsletter Submissions

Monday, September 20th

Anchor Point Ministry

Celebrating hope
 ...one life at a time

GALA

Thursday, September 23, 2021
South Shore Harbour Resort

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Fellowship ♥ Sharing Jesus
Monday Nights at 6:30 pm

HOSEA
Unconditional Love

Young Adult Bible Study
MOVED to Thursdays at 6:30 pm
Nursery is available 6:30—8:00 pm

YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRY



Hey Y'all - It's time to Volunteer! The FBC Seabrook Community Outreach Committee and the FBC Seabrook Community Garden have joined together for our Fall 2021 Community Outreach Event. The Community Pumpkin Patch has been put on the fall calendar!

October 24th - October 30th.

We need volunteers to staff morning and afternoon shifts all week, plus we need help with the "Art in the Garden" event and the Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, September 30th.

To find out more about staffing needs, please visit the "Event" page on the Church Website: www.fbcseabrook.org.

Also, please see the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Children's Ministry hallway. Good news! You can sign-up for as many shifts as you want!

Questions? Please email us at contact@fbcseabrook.org.

Brace Yourself...

Queries
of the
Omniscient

New Start Date: 9/12/21

NEW Women's Bible Study

CHOOSE Sunday's at 5:00 pm
or Thursday's at 11:00 am
September 12 through November 4, 2021

"Queries of the Omniscient" is about the questions God asks in the Bible.

- **Session 1:** The LORD asked Job, "Where were you when...?"
- **Session 2:** The LORD asked Adam and Eve, "What is this that you have done?"
- **Session 3:** The LORD asked Cain, "Why are you angry and why has your face fallen?"
- **Session 4:** THE LORD asked Hagar, "Where have you come from and where are you going?"
- **Session 5:** The LORD asked Abraham, "Is anything too hard for the LORD?"
- **Session 6:** The LORD asked Moses, "What is in your hand?"
- **Session 7:** The LORD asked Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face?"
- **Session 8:** The LORD asked Isaiah, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
- **Session 9:** Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?"

All women are invited! This will be a wonderful time of Bible study and fellowship.

If you are interested in attending, please see the sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board or go to fbcseabrook.org to register online. Please let us know if you prefer to attend online and we will provide you with online information.



SEPTEMBER 2021 LAMPLIGHT - BRIGHT FUTURE

A few days ago, I decided that I need some sunglasses.

You know how it is... Autumn is approaching, and the sun has shifted just enough that it shines directly in my eyes when I drive to work. Either I'm too short or the car's sun visor is too short, but I can't seem to escape the bright light. Navigation has also become difficult because I need to steer the car with one hand and block the sunlight with the other. It's a lot like trying to open a door when your arms are full.

Today was different. The sky was cloudy gray, and I thought to myself, "Yay, no sun in my eyes!" But alas, another problem arose.

Because of the gray sky I decided to turn on the car lights. Even though the lights were on, I noticed that the dashboard seemed dim. When I asked why, John told me that he preferred them this way. He said, "I only use dashboard lights at night." He gave a reasonable answer, but at that moment, I couldn't see the speedometer. I needed a bright dashboard.

Then it happened... God used bright sunlight, along with a dimmed dashboard to remind me about the importance of His light.

Think about it... in the beginning of Genesis, God's first "Let there be..." was all about light, and He said it was good. God separated light from darkness and the first day set time into motion. Day turns into night and night turns into day, repeatedly, as we navigate through life in this world.

The sun still shines and the moon glows, but the world's view of God's light has been darkened by the consequence of sin. Without God's help we stumble around in the dark with no sense of direction. God's light reveals our sin and helps us find the only way out—Jesus Christ.

The 8th chapter of John begins with the account of the adulterous woman. Under questionable circumstances, the Pharisees brought her to the town square to test Jesus. As the crowd readied themselves for a self-righteous stoning, Jesus shed his light on the situation. He confronted the crowd with truth... the woman wasn't the only sinner in town. Jesus chased the accusers away with their own sin and then He led the woman out of darkness.

In John 8:12, Jesus said... "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

As Christians our testimony is powerful. At some point in our life, Jesus revealed himself to us and we couldn't resist His light. We chose to follow Him and although we still live in this world, we look forward to eternal life in His light...

Revelation 21:22-27: And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Oh, glorious day... God promises that we have bright future with him, and he keeps his promises!

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

In Christ, Cheryl

*** If you have questions about your relationship with Jesus Christ and you want to be certain that you have a bright future, please let us know. Send your questions to contact@fbcseabrook.org. We are here to help!*

September 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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