

NEWSLETTER



Pastor Mike Silvey

In June, Lori and I will celebrate our 34th wedding anniversary. Two young people who didn't know much, convinced they were meant for each other, said "I do" in 1989. Over the years we've learned that it is not so much what "we do" that makes marriage and family work, but it is what "God does" that makes the difference.

Someone said, "marriage is like twirling a baton, turning handsprings or eating with chopsticks; it looks easy until you try it!" Another person admitted, "Love is blind, but marriage is an eye-opener." Marriage, family, and raising children are tough. Without the Lord, it can't be done well.

The stats on the modern American family are alarming. According to a recent study by the Pew Research Center,

- Only 46% of children are growing up within a home with two parents in their 1st marriage; in 1960, 73% did.
- Almost 4 out of 10 children are born to unmarried parents.
- 26% of children grow up in a single parent home.

As concerning as this is, there is still hope. The Lord who created the family can renew the family! God speaks in His Word about the family. Today, more than ever, we need to hear from the Lord and open our hearts and homes to the One who makes all things new.

On Sunday mornings, from June to July, we'll be doing a sermon series on the family. I look forward to seeing you each Sunday. If you're away on vacation, be sure and spend some time worshiping the Lord with your family. Come and let's rededicate our homes to the Lord!

Bro. Mike

Worship Leader - Cory Fothergill

Summer has arrived! For many of us, it is a time when our kids are home from school, and there are opportunities for doing fun things and spending time together as families. This month I'd like to take this space to talk about some ways to prioritize your family during these summer months—or if you're a teacher, these summer weeks!

Prioritize The Lord's House on the Lord's Day—Yes, this is something we should do all year round, but the summer is a great time to recommit ourselves and our families to being a part of Worship and Bible Study each week. "I can worship God on the lake!" This may be a true statement, but there is nothing like being together with your **church** family on Sunday morning and showing our children how important this is. ***"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*** (Heb. 10:24-25, ESV)

Prioritize God's Word—Spend time reading and studying the Bible beyond Sunday morning. Not only for yourself individually, but as a family as well. One idea might be to read a book of the Bible together as a family. Reading a chapter from the book of Proverbs together might be a great way to start this practice, and it is something you could continue even when school starts back!

Prioritize Prayer—Pray **for** your family. Pray **with** your family. Make your own family prayer lists, or use the ones we provide on Sundays and Wednesdays to guide you. This is one of the ways we develop in our relationship with the Lord—He wants you to communicate with Him! Many of us worry about our kids and other family members and what is going on in their lives. Prayer is sometimes the only thing you can do about it! ***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*** (Phil. 4:6-7, ESV)

Prioritize Your Family—Spend time together. Eat meals together. Play together. Many of us already do this very well. Whether you have young children or your kids are already out of the house, there are creative ways to prioritize spending time with your family—even if it's over the phone or FaceTime.

I know summer can be just as busy for some families as the school year is, but I encourage you to take some time this season to maybe slow down and work to incorporate these priorities. Trust me, I need to read this article as much as any of you do, if not more. Let's all commit together and ask the Lord to help us lead and love our families well!

For His Glory,

Bro. Cory



UPCOMING EVENTS



Christian Ladies' Fellowship

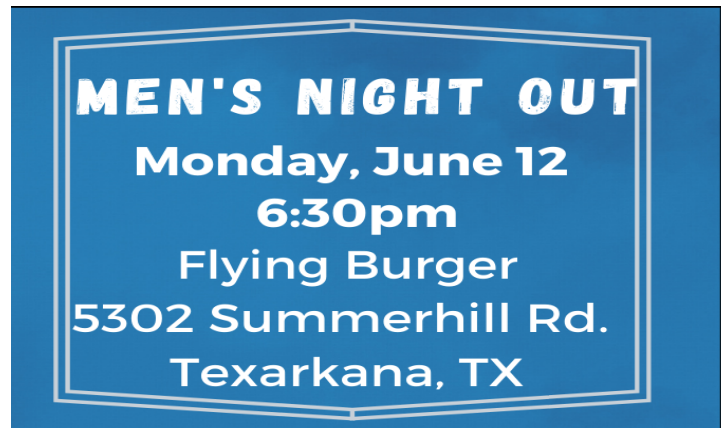
Monday, June 12 @ 6:30pm

Fellowship Hall @ Central

Salad & dessert potluck.

Bring your favorite salad & dessert.

Hostess - Kathy Heagwood



MEN'S NIGHT OUT

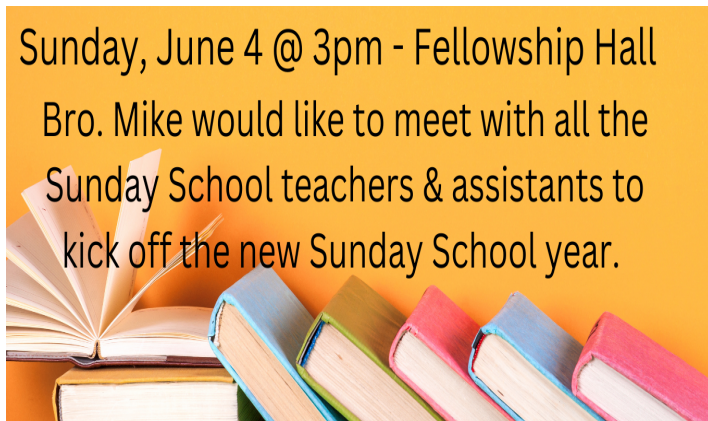
Monday, June 12

6:30pm

Flying Burger


5302 Summerhill Rd.

Texarkana, TX



Sunday, June 4 @ 3pm - Fellowship Hall

Bro. Mike would like to meet with all the Sunday School teachers & assistants to kick off the new Sunday School year.



Wednesday, June 14

7:30pm

Quarterly Business Meeting

in Worship Center

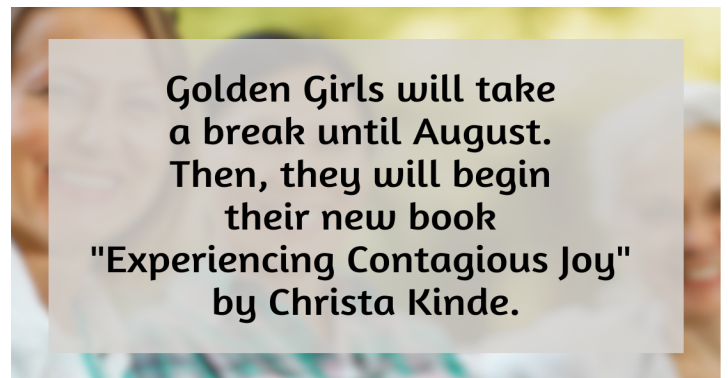
after Bible Studies



Sunday, June 11

Lord's Supper

during 10am service



Golden Girls will take a break until August. Then, they will begin their new book "Experiencing Contagious Joy" by Christa Kinde.

June



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					6:00am Men's Friday Study Group	Blair & Jason's wedding in Magnolia, AR
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:15am Deacon's Meeting 3:00pm All Sunday School Teachers & Assistants meeting			6:30pm Friends & Heroes 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study		6:00am Men's Friday Study Group	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:15am Finance Comm. Meeting Lord's Supper	6:30pm CLF 6:30pm Men's Night Out		6:30pm Friends & Heroes 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study Quarterly Business Meeting after Bible Studies		6:00am Men's Friday Study Group	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day			5:30pm VBS worker meeting in gym 6:30pm Friends & Heroes 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Adult Bible Study		6:00am Men's Friday Study Group	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Staff

Bro. Mike Silvey, Senior Pastor
Bro. Cory Fothergill, Worship Leader
Bro. Rustin Green, Interim Youth Minister
Stephanie Columbus, Administrative Assistant
Jennie Jones, Pre-School Ministry
Mandy Gibson, Nursery Coordinator

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday

SMBS	9:00am
Morning Worship	10:00am

Wednesday

Children (K- 5th grades)	6:30pm
Youth (6th - 12th grades)	6:30pm
Bible Study (Adult)	6:30pm

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MEN'S FRIDAY STUDY GROUP

Fridays @ 6:00am
Fellowship Hall
Central Baptist Church

"Be Transformed"
John 13-21
by Warren W. Wiersbe

Books are \$10 in
the Fellowship Hall

