

## Calendar of Events

May 2	6:00p	Discovery School Graduation
May 3	6:00p	Women's Bible Study Coach's Wives' Study Pastor's Bible Study Children's Activities Youth Core
May 4	7:30p	Worship Team Rehearsal
May 7	8:30a	Foundation Service
	9:30a	Bible Study Groups
	10:45a	Formation Service
	12:00p	YOUTH HAMBURGER FELLOWSHIP
	6:00p	Bible Drill/ Bible Buddies
	6:30p	Youth Bible Study @ The Birtmans'
May 10	6:00p	MOTHER'S TEA PARTY Women's Bible Study Coach's Wives' Study Pastor's Bible Study Children's Activities Youth Core
May 11	7:30p	Worship Team Rehearsal
May 14	8:30a	Foundation Service
	9:30a	Bible Study Groups
	10:45a	Formation Service
	6:00p	Bible Drill/ Bible Buddies
	6:30p	Youth Bible Study @ The Birtmans'
May 17	6:00p	Women's Bible Study Coach's Wives' Study Pastor's Bible Study Children's Activities Youth Core
May 18	7:30p	Worship Team Rehearsal
May 21	8:30a	Foundation Service
	9:30a	Bible Study Groups
	10:45a	Formation Service GRADUATE SUNDAY
	6:00p	Bible Drill/ Bible Buddies
	6:30p	Youth Bible Study @ The Birtmans'
May 24	6:00p	Women's Bible Study Coach's Wives' Study Pastor's Bible Study Children's Activities Youth Core
May 25	7:30p	Worship Team Rehearsal
May 28	8:30a	Foundation Service
	9:30a	Bible Study Groups
	10:45a	Formation Service
	6:00p	Bible Drill/ Bible Buddies
	6:30p	Youth Bible Study @ The Birtmans'
May 31	6:00p	Women's Bible Study Coach's Wives' Study Pastor's Bible Study Children's Activities Youth Core



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# CHURCH NEWSLETTER

*Following Jesus, Making Disciples, Serving Others, Changing Lives*



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### Double Sixes, Ready or Not

It's Wednesday morning. Sixty-six years ago, on this day, I was born. Mom and I spent my first night and the following six months in the home of my grandparents on a red dirt road in Houston County, Texas USA. On the day of my birth, Dad was on his way to Korea to work in a war effort historically known as the Korean Conflict. That conflict simmers to this day and has lately been making headlines.

I'm sure my coming into the world was a trying experience for Mom. Dad being half a world away in a very dangerous place made for plenty to worry about for a first-time mother. I, of course, reacted to the difficult situation by being a perfectly well-adjusted, trouble free baby. That's the way I remember it!

Seriously, life often rolls out very differently than we expect. Often, the surprises life brings are, to say the least, worrisome. However, Jesus teaches us that worry is a waste of precious time. *Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?* (Luke 12:25) Of course, Jesus is right.

So, here I am at age sixty-six contemplating my beginning, where I am today, and the road traveled in between. I must admit I have wasted some days worrying about stuff way beyond my control. I have learned that trust beats worry every time. God has taken care of me in ways I cannot begin to explain. My life has been a consistent, yet undeserved stream of blessings from above. God has provided opportunities for meaningful service far beyond my abilities and guidance to minister in his divine wisdom and energy. During days of struggle and difficulty, his amazing grace has been more than sufficient to bring me through to better times.

I shouldn't be surprised. Jesus teaches us: *Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.* (Luke 12:32)

Worry less, trust more... **Bro. Jack**

## A Note from Jacklyn

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working at First Baptist Church, but that time is now coming to an end as I transition to a new season in my life. My last official day working for FBCP was April 28th. I will rejoin my church family as a church member and volunteer. I will continue to be helpful and to volunteer my time as needed, but will not be working as a staff member.

It is bittersweet as I transition to a new season. I will cherish all the time I have spent working with our amazing Ministers and office staff. They are some of the best people you could hope to work with.

You have been an amazing church family to work for. Thank you for everything that you have done to support and encourage me, I will always cherish and look fondly on this time in my life.

I look forward to connecting with you on Sunday!

Jacklyn

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens" Ecclesiastes 3:1

## Giving Report for April as of April 25

Ministry Budget Offering:  
\$17,726.00

Designated Funds Offering:  
\$10,451.79

Ministry Budget Offering YTD:  
\$124,583.01

Ministry Budget Exp. YTD:  
\$113,294.77

Received over expenses YTD:  
+11,288.24

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[www.firstpalestine.org/giving](http://www.firstpalestine.org/giving)  
or by texting the amount you  
would like to give (\$10) to  
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## **Skip Birtman, Youth & Worship Pastor**

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I want to apologize to all my listeners out there. In the month of April I took a hiatus from newsletter article writing, and thus I'm not sure how the world kept spinning. Wonders never cease! On a serious note, Summer is coming. Cliche, I know. School's out forever! This is definitely an exciting time of the year. First Baptist Palestine doesn't slow down during this time. If anything, we're about to ramp it up. What's going on this summer?

Summer dates:

Children:

Music/Drama Camp  
June 26-30 (Performance on July 2)  
\*\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\*\*

Vacation Bible school  
July 24-27  
\*\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\*\*

Preteen Camp at Pineywoods  
July 29-August 2

Youth:


Student Life Camp  
@ Angelo State University  
June 19-23

Super Summer  
@Hardin Simmons University  
July 10-14


Vacation Bible School  
July 24-27 (youth, we need your help)  
\*\*\*STILL A DATE CHANGE\*\*\*

There are other dates to come, but these are the most important of the lot. Our children's and youth ministries are vital to the life of First Baptist Church. Please be praying for both of these ministries this Summer. If you have any questions about these ministries or events, give us a call at the church office. I'm excited to see God's blessings in the coming weeks. The Lord is good.


Skip



**Bible Journaling Meets**  
May 3rd at 5:00pm in room 118  
And the first Wednesday of  
every month.



**Quilt Group meets May 18**  
**6:00pm**  
**And the 3rd Thursday**  
**of every month.**



This month please bring:

**Hygiene Items**

Please drop your items in the collection box located  
in the Narthex

**\*Our goal for 2017: pack 200 boxes**

