# FOLLOWING CHRIST TO THE GLORY OF GOD!



# **Discipling / Equipping / Serving**

### Visit to Chihuahua

Last Sunday morning, David Casey, Richard Snowbarger, Jerry Turner, and I had the great pleasure of joining the Jardines de la Mancha church in

their worship assembly. Jardines de la Mancha – a new church in the northern part of the city of Chihuahua – is a project that has been in the making for a few years now. As a church plant, the project 'officially' launched on the first Sunday of this year when Javier Adame and his family began working at that location full-time. Javier's family includes his wife, Fatima, and their two sons, a daughter-in-law and a grandson. Though the facility was un-



One of the New Families at Jardines de la Mancha

finished (and remains so), the time was right for Javier to move from his ministry at the Guereca church, leaving it under the leadership of men who have been trained over the past several years for the kind of leadership and service they are now giving. Since the first Sunday in January, some families from the neighborhood have joined them, and Bible studies in the colonia around the church building are in progress. The attendance each Sunday ranges from twenty to twenty-five – with all except Javier's family coming from the neighborhood. The Granbury group was greatly encouraged by what they saw and experienced. As our Mexican brethren would say, "Gracias a Dios!" ("Thanks to God!").

Our visit also included a day in Cuauhtemoc with Othoniel and Paloma Gutierrez and a quick trip by Casa de la Esperanza. Encouraging news was received at both places.

Over the next few weeks and months, we'll be sharing more of the story of what is happening among the young churches in northern Mexico. Very briefly, we want you to know we were blessed with a safe trip that served to encourage our partners in extending the Kingdom in those places, as well as encouraging us by what we received from them. Thanks for praying for us and thanks for giving to Harvest Sunday. With the help of your contributions, churches are being planted in northern Mexico.

Chris Frizzell

# **Family News**

# **Prayer Requests**

# Members in Hospital & Rehab

Howard Parker – Harbor Lakes Rehab, Bobbie Van Liew – Harbor Lakes Rehab

### **Members**

Alma Gilliam, Virginia Ellis, Billy Jack Jones, Caroline Monday, Mary Beth Moore, Michael O'Dell, Ralph Passmore, Harold Renninger, Jane Thompson, Bonnie Vance, Mary Walker, Don Wiggins

### Relatives/Friends

Eric Austin, Charmaine Boone, Camryn Stepp, Gina Crocker, Jared Dear, Hanna Darden, Cindy Horn, Lillian Jeffries, Tom McClelen, Eugenia Olson, Gil and Becky Sanchez, James Stone, Lou Seckler

# Sympathy

To Kirk and Kerry Carlton at the death of Kirk's father, Bill. A graveside service was held at Acton cemetery yesterday. The family sends appreciation for prayers.

# Thank You

Dear Church family. Such a blessing to be a part of such a loving family. I appreciate so much all the prayers, visits, calls and cards. It is so true that "Love lifted me!" In Christian love, Betty Clark

## **Announcements**

A Card Shower for Doris Chamness is planned for June 16, 2015. Doris is a former member who is turning 90. The family hopes to shower her with cards from family, friends, and longtime acquaintances on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her address is 5930 Elizabeth Nichole #2501, Ft. Worth, TX 76119.

Please help – the Christian Service Center is in need of clothing in all sizes. Please bring them to the CSC at your earliest convenience.

Carter BloodCare will be receiving donors today from 8:45am-

12:00pm in the Fel- **DONATE** lowship Center. Those who give blood this month,



can get a buy-one-get-one game voucher and a pair of sunglasses.

## Let's Go to Casa!

The annual mission trip to Casa de la Esperanza is scheduled for departure on Saturday, July 11, 2015 for four days of service at the children's home that we have supported for several years. We'll leave early Saturday and return the following Friday, July 17. For a week of good fellowship, an inspiring experience, and a part in a project that makes a difference today and in the future, let's go to Casa! This trip is open to adults, teens, and parents who want to participate with their children in a mission trip. To sign up or for more information, contact Chris Frizzell at 817-219-1649 or email at cfrizzell@granburycoc.net.

## **RFKC Schedule**

### Today, June 14

- NEW staff training, 1:00pm -4:00pm.

# **MANDATORY** Meeting for FULL-TIME counselors and RELIEF counselors - 4:00pm

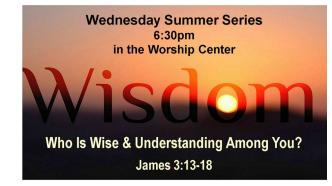
- Dinner and Devo for ALL staff and their families
- Post Dinner/Devo Cabin and Camp set-up

### Monday, June 15

- Camper Registration from 8:00am
- Camper Arrival at Camp Crucis -10:30(ish)am

### **GCOC Youth News**

The Second Annual Youth Girls' Party! This year it will be at the home of Mike & Marsha Gilbert (1540 Boyd Road) for **youth girls** entering 6th -12th grades or in college. The theme this year is "Finding Nemo." Be sure to bring a swimsuit & a towel! The event will be on June 19 from 4:00pm-9:00pm. For those who need a ride, please be at the church by 3:30pm and will return around 9:30ish. Please RSVP to Alexa Grayson by Wednesday, June 17, if you are coming!!!



# June 17

Harboring Envy and Selfish Ambition

# **Brock Paulk**

Heritage Church of Christ, Fort Worth

# Don't Forget!!

Immediately following the Summer Series service, join us in the Fellowship Center for some sweet refreshments and fellowship.



# In the Spotlight

# The Shepherd as Protector

What image comes to mind when you hear the word "shepherd?" Serenely leading sheep to green pastures and calm water? Gently nudging a stray back onto the path? Tenderly cradling an injured lamb in warm, secure arms? While these representations accurately depict what a shepherd does, they do not present a complete picture of the shepherd's role.

David paints a vastly different scene in describing his actions as a shepherd in

1 Samuel 17:34-35 – "... When a lion or a bear came...I went after it,... seized it by its hair, struck it, and killed it." David shows us another dimension of being a shepherd. He not only lovingly cared for his sheep, but he was also prepared to take swift, aggressive measures against anything - man or beast - who dared to threaten the safety of his flock.



In Acts 20:28-31, Paul calls upon the Ephesian elders to be "shepherds of the church of God." This instruction is set within the context of a warning to be on their guard against the "savage wolves" who will attempt to draw away the flock through distortion of the truth. The emphasis is on protecting the sheep, specifically by preserving the integrity of God's Word. This theme is repeated in Paul's portrayal of the qualities of an elder in Titus 1:9 – "He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it."

So in the coming days, as we consider those who would serve this congregation as elders, let us ask God to raise up men who will be ready and willing to take bold, decisive steps in preventing God's truth from becoming corrupted or diluted, as well as tenderly feed and nurture His flock here.

Jan Knox

# Royal Family Kids' Camp

What happens when you connect abused and neglected children with loving, compassionate Christians? It's called Royal Family Kids' Camp! This week marks the 15<sup>th</sup> year that GCOC members have been involved in providing this special weeklong camp for children ages 7-11 who have been abandoned or removed from their homes by Child Protective Services and placed in foster care or a children's home.

Last year, a foster parent shared with me how much RFKC has meant to his foster children. He said the camp, which is sponsored by Kids' Armor of Hope, is the highlight of their year, and it's the first thing these children talk about with the new foster kids that come into their home. Seeds of hope are



planted in the hearts of these children as they learn of God's love for them – sometimes for the very first time – during their week at camp.

Please pray for all those who will be serving as counselors, program leaders, and support staff at RFKC this week. And pray especially for the children, that God will touch their hearts and lives for eternity.

Jan Knox



# 2015: Living Our Mission

Sunday: 6/14 - We will rejoice and mourn with each other. Romans 12:15

Monday: 6/15 - We will suffer with those who suffer. 1 Corinthians 12:26

Tuesday: 6/16 -We will share what we have with one another. Acts 4:32-35

Wednesday: 6/17 - We will not give up meeting together. Hebrews 10:25

Thursday: 6/18 - We will devote ourselves to study & fellowship. Acts 2:42

Friday: 6/19 - We will spend time together. Acts 2:46

Saturday: 6/20 - We will pray together. Acts 1:14

# **GCOC Mission Statement**

# Following Christ to the Glory of God

- \* Honoring the Word
- Pursuing Unity
- Serving the Community
- \* Extending the Kingdom



# **Attendance Report**

# Sunday, June 7, 2015

| unday Bible Class      | 390 |
|------------------------|-----|
| :15 am Assembly        | 216 |
| 0:45 am Assembly       | 322 |
| Vorship Assembly Total | 538 |
| unday pm Assembly      | 75  |
| ife Groups             | 28  |
| Sunday pm Total        | 103 |

# Harvest Sunday Report

| rotal committee.   | \$203.000.00 |
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| Total Contributed: | \$170,902.00 |
| Yet to Come:       | \$32,098.00  |

# Schedule of Services

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| Sunday Morning Worship                 | 8:15am &<br>10:45am |
| Sunday Morning Bible Class             | 9:30am              |
| Sunday Evening Worship                 | 6:00pm              |
| Sunday Spanish-speaking Bible<br>Class | 4:00pm              |
| Sunday Spanish-speaking<br>Worship     | 5:00pm              |
| Wednesday Evening                      | 6:30pm              |

### **Elders**

| Mike Blevins  | Ronnie Robert    |
|---------------|------------------|
| David Casey   | Ike Sawyer       |
| Joe Daugherty | <b>Bob Spies</b> |
| Mike Gilbert  | Ira Wright       |
| Billy Martin  |                  |

## Ministry Staff

# **Kevin Brown**

Children's/Family Ministe

**Harold Durham** Minister of Community Services

John Duty Worship and Body Life Minister

Michael Grayson

Mark Hackney

John Knox Preaching Minister June 14, 2015



Worship Leader - John Duty

#### GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE...

Shout Hallelujah! Body Life Jody Gilbert I'm Happy Today

## Kids' Time

Kevin Brown #1014 Jesus Loves Me

### GOD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE...

#129 Amazing Grace

The Lord's Supper Prayers

8:15 Earl Coppersmith/10:45 Max Calk

### GOD'S PEOPLE BRING OFFERINGS...

Contribution Prayer 8:15 Earl Coppersmith/10:45 Max Calk #744 God's Family

#### GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD...

1 Timothy 3:1-7

8:15 Bobby Davis/10:45 David Asbill #557 Rise Up, O Men of God

Sermon: Respect: Is the Word Still in Our Vocabulary?

John Knox

### GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND...

#709 How Sweet, How Heavenly

#### AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ELDERS...

Ike Sawyer

### GOD SENDS US TO LOVE AND SERVE...

#710 The Lord Bless You and Keep You Benediction Prayer 8:15 Jim Sargent/10:45 Calvin Lyman

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