



Newsletter of First Baptist Church of Castroville

OCTOBER

Sunday Morning Worship is being livestreamed on Facebook on Sunday mornings as we gather in person. After the service, it is placed on the church website under the Sermons link.

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Oct. 4 (Sun) –Welcome
Pounding to fill the Knous family's pantry.

Transition Service with Interim Pastor Ben Craver preaching. He turned the church leadership over to Senior Pastor Rodney Knous in the form of a shepherd's staff.



Oct. 7 (Wed) – Daily Bread
Food Distribution, 11am.

Oct. 11 (Sun) – Pastor Rodney
begins his preaching ministry. Children's areas reopen.

Oct. 14 (Wed) – In-person
Business Meeting, 6:30pm, Worship Center.

Oct. 15 (Thur) – San Antonio
Food Bank Distribution, 3:30pm. Volunteers needed at 2pm. No vouchers at church. Register online.

Oct. 28 (Wed) – Food distribu-
tion from Daily Bread and our food pantry, 11am. Volunteers needed at 9:30am. Please continue donating items to our food pantry.

Oct. 31 (Sat) – Trunk or Treat,
6:30pm in church parking lot.

Nov. 1 (Sun) – Set your clocks
back one hour.

In-Person Adult Sunday School Resumes

Adults who want to attend Sunday School now have two options. Beginning on Oct. 18 at 9 a.m., Andy Carnes will be teaching *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is not available at the current time.

Charlie Carnes will be teaching the same six-session lesson via Zoom at 9 a.m. Sundays for those who stay at home. You will learn how to connect to Zoom through a church-wide email and on Facebook. Free books for the new session will be available at the church office, beginning on Oct. 15, and at the Sunday morning in-person class.

Yancey reveals the real Jesus beyond the stereotypes, offering a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work—his teaching, his miracles, his death and resurrection—and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Relating the gospel events to the world we live in today, the study gives a moving and refreshing portrait of the central figure of history. With a willingness to tackle difficult questions, Yancey looks at the radical words of this itinerant Jewish carpenter and asks whether we are taking him seriously enough in our own day and age. From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, Yancey presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers; a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform your life and stretch your faith; and a Jesus who is brilliant, creative, challenging, fearless, compassionate, unpredictable, and ultimately satisfying.



This is an outreach to our community. Decorate your vehicle with a Christian theme. Children will walk among the cars and be handed candy. Please donate LOTS of candy or small toys by placing it in the baskets in the foyer or in the Children's Minister's office.

IN THE LOOP

As we are trying to continue social distancing and thrilled with the increased attendance, we are gradually modifying the seating in the Worship Center.

We also will provide seating in the foyer where people can participate in the service via the TV monitors and possibly in other areas of the church before we possibly move to two services.

Clothing Distribution. Missions Minister Tina Santee has scheduled the next one on Nov. 7, one at 9 am and one at 10:30 am. Patrons must attend a short Bible study before accessing the clothing. Tina is requesting that church volunteers help sort clothes during the week, day and evening, now. Please contact Tina at 210-317-3020 to set a time.

October Business Meeting. The Oct. 14 Business Meeting will include ratifying actions taken by Church Council when the church was not meeting during the Pandemic. The proposed 2021 Budget also will be distributed to be voted on in

November. Watch your email for other agenda items.

Children's Ministry Volunteers.

As more people are returning to the worship service as they feel more comfortable with the safety precautions in place and are excited about having a new pastor, there is a need for more volunteers in the Children's Ministry.

With adult attendance in the worship service hovering over 200, we had 36 children and 12 volunteers in the children's area on the first Sunday it reopened.

Children's Church for Kinder-6th grade is meeting in the Student Chapel.

The nursery is open for bed babies and crawlers.

We have a need for regular volunteers or paid workers to be in the KidsZone (walkers through pre-K) until our regular teachers are ready to return to teach. Madison Franke will teach the lesson and lead the worship, then volunteers take the children to the classroom to help them color, do crafts and go outside to play.

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Children's Minister Debra McDonel at 830-212-1703 or visit the Children's Ministry Facebook page where she has posted a sign-up link (<https://signup.com/go/zkgfodP>). It would be great if volunteers would sign up for a certain Sunday each month so we could have a rotation schedule. Services are still on Facebook and the website, so you can enjoy the music and message virtually later that day.

New Custodian/ Groundskeeper



Sharon McVay joined our full-time staff on Oct. 9. She previously worked at a restaurant in Devine and was a Comfort Aid at Lytle Nursing Home.

A 1980 graduate of Teague High School, she has been a Maintenance/Groundskeeper for Winkler County for six years where she took care of all the park grounds and maintained several buildings. She also has operated a dump truck, front end loader and rubber wheel packer. After that job, she was a maintenance mechanic for Rio Valle Chili where she repaired all the equipment in the plant.

She lives with her daughter's family in Lytle.

Welcome, Sharon!

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