



# First Baptist Hondo News

## Record Breaking Sunday Morning!

On promotion Sunday, August 19th, God blessed more than we expected. We had a goal of 230 to meet in Sunday School and our church responded by having 295 in attendance that day. Carol Lindsay, our Sunday School Director, and our Sunday School teachers worked diligently in preparation for this day. Of all the dates that we can find in our records, and of all that can be remembered, 295 is the highest we've ever had in Sunday School. The number is important because numbers represent people and lives to be impacted for Christ.

## Building on Faith

Current Building Fund  
Balance as of 8-26-07:

**\$446,627.39**

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## Shovels and Hard Hats Ready; Church takes action on New Facility

During a special called business meeting Wednesday, August 22nd, First Baptist Hondo took the monumental step of accepting Timbercon Construction's bid of \$2,047,579 to build our new facility.

The recommendation was brought by the Future Building Committee. Many questions were asked and heartfelt testimonies given in support of, as well as in reservation of, this step forward. We were reminded that making this decision will require extra personal sacrifice on the members of our church and that we are responsible for responding rightly to the Lord's leading in this matter. We were also asked to consider the greatness of our God and that no need is too great, no amount unreachable, and that nothing is impossible with Him.

Obvious prayerful consideration was given to this decision by the congregation. "If we are doing this because we want to honor the Lord, to show His love, to have a better means to show the world His love, we are doing this for the right reasons. God will give us whatever we need if our purpose is to honor Him," stated Elizabeth McAnelly.

An urgency to build was evident in several testimonies. In regard to cost, Betty Newman mentioned, "If we don't build the building now because we think it's more than we can afford, prices go up every year, if we don't build now, how can we afford it later? The time is now." In consideration of continuing to reach Medina county and being a vibrant, effective source in our community and world, Charles Carlson

added, "Either we step up or someone else (another church, another organization, secular influences) will."

Bro. Ross reminded us that "regardless of how the vote goes, for or against, we are going to celebrate that we are in the Will of God. I do not want to celebrate a building, but being in His Will."

The recommendation to accept the bid required a 3/4 majority to pass. After the count, it was announced that the motion passed with a 94% majority. The congregation erupted with applause and gathered in the fellowship hall to celebrate, united and confident that God spoke through our congregation and will be with us each step of the way as we step out in faith in this endeavor.

## 125th Anniversary: Save the Date-September 29th and 30th

Since 1882, First Baptist Hondo has been a faithful witness of God's love. We have the privilege of celebrating those 125 years on September 29 and 30.

Join us for an incredible weekend. We will hear from former pastors Preston Taylor and Neil Kibbe and Jimmy Whitt who worked in the youth department in the 1950s. The Celebration Service will include our rich history as well as praise and laughter. See the following schedule for times.

### FBC Hondo's 125th Anniversary

September 29

5:30 - 6:30 Meet and Greet  
6:30 - 7:30 Celebration Service  
7:30 - 8:30 Just Desserts

(Bring your favorite dessert to the fellowship hall to share this evening)

September 30

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Sunday Morning Service  
Groundbreaking to follow service.

## Would you like to be a member of a church committee or ministry?

### September Birthdays

1 - Preston Twillgear  
 2 - Linda Kay  
 4 - Delaine King  
 7 - Jo Foster  
 7 - Holly Allen  
 7 - Hannah Chandler  
 7 - Walter Schweers  
 8 - K. D. Sorrells  
 8 - Deandra Scott  
 8 - Cissy Foster  
 9 - Ira Giddens  
 9 - Dalyn Smith  
 9 - Sarah Rollans  
 9 - Clay Bell  
 10 - Pegi Dalton  
 10 - Sal Del Hierro  
 11 - Lyndsey Hill  
 12 - David Journey  
 12 - Sharon Howse  
 13 - Ronni Oliver  
 13 - Emily Oliver  
 14 - A. L. Davis  
 14 - Sharon Harp  
 14 - Marissa Brooks  
 15 - Julia Biddle  
 15 - Terri Hoffman  
 15 - Aliyah Pina  
 16 - Carol Lindsay  
 18 - Sydney Lutz  
 19 - James Brown  
 23 - Kalli Gardenhire  
 24 - Scott Hill  
 25 - Noah Dange  
 26 - Christin Bendele  
 28 - Paige Mechler  
 28 - Jedediah Quinton  
 29 - Kim Arellano  
 29 - Betsy Hermann  
 29 - Ryan Goff

It's that time of year. There are several opportunities for church members to serve our church family in various committees and/or ministries. The Nominating Committee will be working to fill vacancies. The committees and ministries include:

- ◆ Audio
- ◆ Baptismal
- ◆ Bereavement
- ◆ Building and Grounds
- ◆ Bus Maintenance
- ◆ Childcare (nursery)
- ◆ Communion
- ◆ Fellowship
- ◆ Finance
- ◆ Flower Calendar Committee
- ◆ Decorating Committee
- ◆ Missions
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Nominating Committee
- ◆ Personnel
- ◆ Technology
- ◆ Tellers
- ◆ Transportation Ministry
- ◆ Ushers and Welcoming

If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, you can contact me or any other member of the Nominating Committee.

Thank you, Ben Lindsay

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### September Flower Calendar

2<sup>nd</sup> Glenn and Kay  
 McWilliams  
 9<sup>th</sup> Ed and Carol  
 Gates  
 16<sup>th</sup> Dan and Madis  
 Keath  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Bill and Phyllis  
 Hagan  
 30<sup>th</sup> Betty Newman

### September Deacons of the Week

September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Charles Carlson 741-3262  
 Todd Hargrove 426-4380  
 September 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Tom Jordan 741-8288  
 Coby Twillgear 426-4961  
 September 16<sup>th</sup>  
 David Haertner 426-4995  
 Todd Hargrove 741-3262  
 September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Troy Magers 426-4308  
 Chip Macon 363-5297  
 September 30<sup>th</sup>  
 J. Gruber 741-3075  
 David Lynch 363-7505

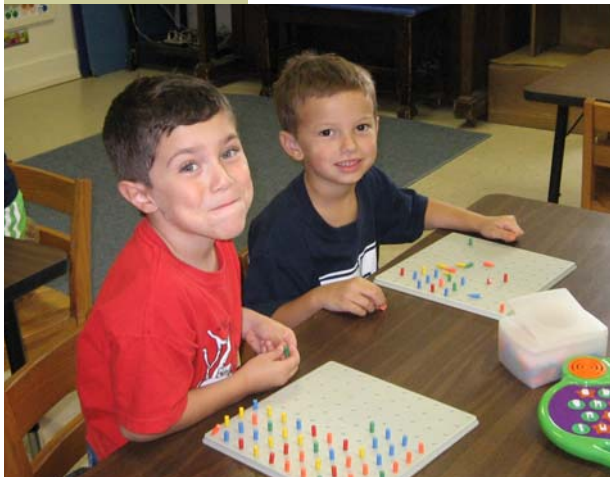
# SEPTEMBER,

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURS- DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>September 2nd</i> <b>Randy Willis to Be Ordained</b></p>	<p><i>September 10th</i> @ 6:00 pm - <i>September Birthdays Dinner At El Azteca</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sundays</u> <b>4:00 -6:00 pm</b> <u>“Growing Kids God’s Way”</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Beginning on</u> <u>September 12th</u> <u>“Outer Limits”</u> <u>Every</u> <u>Wednesday</u> <b>6:00 to 7:15 pm</b></p>	<p><i>September 2 - 8</i> <b>Mary Hill Davis</b> <i>Week of Prayer</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SEPTEMBER 9TH</b> <b>ALL CHURCH PICTURE AFTER MORNING WORSHIP</b></p>	1
<p><b>2</b> 8:15 am - SS Teachers Mtg; Church School Comm Mtg. after Morning Worship; 6:00 pm - Evening Worship, Youth Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b> <u>LABOR DAY OBSERVED</u> <u>CHURCH SCHOOL AND CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</u></p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:30 pm - Single Impact Ministries; 6:30 pm - Building &amp; Grounds Committee Meeting; 7:00 pm -Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:00 pm - BBQ - members bring Sides and Desserts - 7:00 pm - Business Meeting; 6:30 pm - Youth Regeneration Lab</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:30 am - WMU</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	8
<p><b>9</b> 1:30 pm - Choir Practice 4:00 pm - Missions Team Meeting; 6:00 pm - Eve. Worship, Youth Bible Study</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30 am - WMU Nursing Homes; 10:30 am - Staff Meeting; 6:30 pm Visitation</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:30 am - 7:30 am -FBC Hondo Men’s Prayer Breakfast; 6:30 pm - Single Impact Ministries</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:00 pm - “Outer Limits” 6:30 pm - Prayer Mtg., Youth Regeneration Lab; 7:00 pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Church School Grandparent’s Day Tea</b></p>	15
<p><b>16</b> 6:00 pm - Eve. Worship, Youth Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:30 am - Staff Meeting; 6:30 pm - Visitation</p>	<p><b>18</b> 6:30 pm - Single Impact Ministries 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:00 pm - “Outer Limits” 6:30 pm - Prayer Mtg., Youth Regeneration Lab; 7:00 pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <i>October Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	22
<p><b>23</b> 6:00 pm - Eve. Worship, Youth Bible Study  7-9 pm Youth AfterGlow</p>	<p><b>24</b> 10:30 am - Staff Meeting; 11:45 am - Young At Heart; 6:30 pm Visitation</p>	<p><b>25</b> 6:30 pm - Single Impact Ministries</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6:00 pm - “Outer Limits” 6:30 pm - Prayer Mtg., Youth Regeneration Lab; 7:00 pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>27</b> 6:30 pm - Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>CELEBRATION SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP</b> 5:30- Meet/Greet 6:30 -Celebration 7:30 - Desserts</p>
<p><b>30</b> 6:00 PM - Evening Worship, Youth Bible Study</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 30th</u> <u>Ground Breaking and 125th Anniversary</u></p>	<p>Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm. <span style="float: right;">Psalm 33:8-9</span></p> <p>Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him. <span style="float: right;">John 7:38</span></p>				

To become an  
**OUTER LIMITS**  
volunteer,  
contact  
Marlene Magers @  
426-4308  
Looking for leaders  
of all ages 21 - 101.  
We are in  
desperate need  
of leaders and  
helpers.



(below) All smiles, Diego Ortiz and Kaden Lentz work with peg boards on the first day of school.



## **NOTICE!! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!**

### **OUTER LIMITS AT FBC HONDO IS MOVING!!!**

We're headed back to Wednesday evenings!!!

Starting: 9/12 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

**MORE GAME TIME!! MORE GAME TIME!!**

Pre-K thru 3rd Grade: TEAMKid Curriculum

4th - 6th Grade: NEW for 2007-08

Gender-specific curriculum with age appropriate life skills

**Boys:** Make a Battle Plan for a Pure Heart

**Girls:** Becoming God's Princess

Did we mention MORE GAME TIME!!!

### **Church School Begins Its 31st Year With 46 Eager Students**

Dear Church Family,

The thirty-first year of First Baptist Church School began August 27th, with 36 eager four-year olds for Pre-K and 10 in our Kindergarten. Things are off to a good start. We've already learned that God loves us and made each of us special, focusing on the verses "I am wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14, and "God made me." The kids and staff

are settling in and learning the routines. So far, so good.

We are exited about this new school year. We have lots to discover and learn about. In September we will be learning more about "ourselves," feelings, seasons, and celebrating Grandparents Day with our annual Grandparents Day Tea on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>. We may need some substitute grandparents. If you would like to minister to the children in this way, please call me at 426-5506.

Keep saving those boxtops, printer cartridges, laser cartridges and cell phones. We are also collecting the Tyson A+ labels too. The funds are adding up. We hope to purchase new swings for the playground soon.

Big thank-you's to Carol Lindsay for helping us out on the first day of school and to Eleanor Willis who came and took our traditional "first day" pictures. Thank you

ladies! Also, a big thank you to Robert Rodgers and Bob Ross for constructing our new pathway to the playground and to Matt & Joey Magnus, their cousin Justin, Andrew and Nick Haertner for shoveling dirt and moving rocks.

I also want to thank YOU, our church membership who has kept us in your prayers and for the financial support of our school that you provide in the budget and through designated gifts and scholarships. We are able to provide a quality program for these children with the help of your gifts.

It is such a blessing to know that our church members lift us up in prayer. The continued success of the school is due to your prayer support.

Thank you.

In Christ,

Jill Haertner  
Director

*To thank you with sincere gratitude for your kindness.~~*

*Dear Friends,*

*We would like to thank you for the generosity and hospitality you have provided for us. As we are hundreds of miles away from our families you all have taken the time to welcome us into yours and we are forever grateful. As you all have kept us in your prayers, you will be in ours. Once again, thank you and your kindness will never be forgotten.*

*Respectfully,  
Lopez Unit*

(Reference to above): The Sunday before Hurricane Dean was scheduled to make landfall, prisoners from the Lopez Unit out of Brownsville were transported to the Torres Unit. Thirty guards came with the unit and needed a place to stay. Eleven of them stayed in our facility and we split the duty of providing all of them meals with St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Hondo Church of Christ. Ed Gates coordinated our church's efforts in this ministry and said that the guards were delightful, personable, and mentioned regularly how thankful they were for the hospitality showed to them. Along with their thank you note, they left a contribution to our building fund, taken up from among those who stayed here.

*Thanks from Hondo ISD*

First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the Teacher/Staff luncheon you provided for us. Your thoughtfulness helps us get a new school year started on a positive note. In turn, our students will be the beneficiaries. Your hospitality is greatly appreciated. Thanks again!  
Clay Rosenbaum

**Testimonies Wanted!**

Has the Lord provided for you or taught you something new in your family's time of sacrifice for the Building Campaign? We would like the opportunity to share your story in upcoming newsletters. Your story would be an encouragement to your church family.

**CF Garage and Bake sale  
Scheduled for  
September 8th**

**Ways to help:**

Sorting and organizing items Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday afternoons (Sept. 5-7).

Help running the sale on Saturday (Sept. 8) from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Make baked goods for the sale; bring on Sat. morning.

For more information contact Yvette @ 741-3262.

**Aluminum Can Notice:**  
Aluminum cans are **no longer being collected on the church campus.**

The Haertner Family has taken on the responsibility of collecting and recycling cans as a family missions project. If you are interested in continuing to collect and donate cans, you may take them to the Haertner's home at 1502 31st Street.

Do you read the newsletter?  
Let us know.



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Minister to Youth

**We're on the web!**  
[www.fbchondo.com](http://www.fbchondo.com)

**Business Meeting Notes, August 8, 2007**

**Evelyn McAnelly, Church Clerk**

Accepted as members by letter were Karyn and Holly Allen; accepted as members by baptism were Daniel Gilmer and Jared Goff.

New chairs for the balcony have arrived and will be set up soon. A rock walk has been laid to the playground, thanks to Robert Rodgers and Bob Ross.

The Church School teachers attended a teacher workshop in Waco. Pre-K classes are full and Kindergarten has one opening.

Missions projects were discussed at length - the Mexican Baptist parsonage project, Mississippi trip, Jo Ham's trip with Buckner ministries, Ben Lindsay's trip to Moldova, the D'Hanis flood and the Texas Baptist Men who came to help with the recovery.

New Sunday School teachers were approved for the coming year.

Seven single adults will attend the retreat at Alto Frio over the Labor Day weekend.

Clay Bell, in the absence of Mark Sunderman, reported on the progress of plans for the new building.

**Special Called Business Meeting Notes, August 22, 2007**

The church met in a special called business meeting to discuss the bid for the new building. After much discussion and prayer, and with a desire to be in the center of God's will for this church, 94 % of the members present voted to accept Timbercon's bid of \$2,047,000.

**Commemorative 125th Anniversary Items**

Several items will be available for order to commemorate our 125th Anniversary. Begin looking for them around the 2nd Sunday of September. A display will be available for you to view.

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