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**Thank you!**  
 Thank you for the cards, letters, visits & prayers during our recent surgeries.  
 Love Dick & Sue Zuberer

Do you have a list of people you regularly pray for - either written down or in your memory? Will you add Wenceslao Vergara, pastor of our Sister church in Landa, Mexico, his wife, Nina Luna & their daughter Yelitza?

**Wednesday Night Meals**  
 Just a reminder that it is *very important to sign up* on the sheet each week and/or contact the church office to either sign up or if you have signed up but **cannot attend** so the cooks will know how much food to prepare each week.

Sunday School		Worship Services	
Adult	85	AM	141
Youth	14	PM	54
Children	20		
Preschool	12		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>131</b>		

**Offering Information**  
 Budget Needed: \$ 10,663.00  
 Offering Received: \$ 7,753.00  
 Designated Other: \$ 525.00  
**Total: \$ 8,278.00**

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*Worshiping, witnessing, growing,  
 serving...in the name of Jesus  
 Christ and for His glory.*

# The Communicator

of  
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## Calendar of Events

**Monday-Friday, August 25-29**

Mexico Mission Trip

**Monday, September 1**

Labor Day - Office Closed

**Wednesday, September 3**

Youth Choir Resumes - 5:00 PM

**Sunday, September 7**

Sunday School Workers Meeting in FLC - 9:00 AM

Discipleship Training, Preschool & Children's Choirs resume - 5:00 PM

Deacon's Meeting - 7:25 PM

**Friday, September 12**

FSBC 66th Anniversary - 1948-2014

**Saturday, September 13**

Ruth Class Meeting/Luncheon - 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM in FLC

**Sunday, September 14**

FSBC Anniversary Sunday

Church-wide Sunday school breakfast in FLC - 8:45 AM

Hosted by Disciples, Agape, Salt & Light & Jars of Clay Classes

**Tuesday, September 23**

Ladies Bible Study of Daniel (Part 2) - 9:00-11:30 AM

**Saturday, September 27**

Bridal Shower for Stephanie Burke in FLC - 2:00 PM

**Tuesday, September 30**

Ladies Bible Study of Daniel (Part 2) - 9:00-11:30 AM

## Pastor's Paragraphs

As you read this, I will be in Mexico working with Alan Woody, our IMB Missionary in the Bajio region of Mexico, and with Wenceslao Vergara, pastor of our partner church, First Baptist Church of Landa de Matamoros, Queretaro, Mexico. We will also be partnering, for this particular project, with the Columbia Institute, a ministry that focuses on providing high quality training for educational and other professionals around the world, teaching English as a second language. This is usually a high demand service, and our part is just one component in the overall process. Of course, our ultimate aim is to lead people to know Christ and to help empower Pastor Wenceslao and the Landa Church to do the same. Pastor Wenceslao is excited about the possibilities that this service to educational professionals in his community will open up for the spread of the gospel. "All is vain," of course, "unless the Spirit of the Lord comes down." Please pray that this project will result in many people coming to Christ.

Be sure to be present Sunday night, Sept. 7 at 6:15 p.m. to hear our special guest preacher, Dr. D. Ray Davis, Associate Vice President for Church and Partner Connections with our International Mission Board. It will be a blessing!

"Let no one despise your youth," Paul said, "But be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12). What the world needs to see is real Christians, indwelt by the Spirit of God, being transformed by the gospel into vibrant lovers of Christ and their fellow man. Will you ask God to make you that kind of Christian? See you Sunday, **Bro. Russ**

## The Upcoming Week

### Sunday, August 31

9:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship Service  
6:00 PM Worship Service

### Monday, September 1

Labor Day - Office Closed

### Wednesday, September 3

5:00 PM Youth Choir Resumes  
5:45 PM Meal: Sloppy Joes, potato salad, slaw, cakes  
6:15 PM Youth Bible Study  
6:30 PM Mission Friends, GA's, RA's Adult Prayer/Bible Study  
Worship Choir Rehearsal  
7:40 PM Praise Ringers Resume

### Thursday, September 4

8:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's

### Saturday, September 6

8:00 AM Men's Intercessory Prayer mtg

### Sunday, September 7

9:00 AM Men's Prayer Meeting  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship Service  
5:00 PM Preschool & Children's Choirs  
Discipleship Training  
6:15 PM Worship Service  
(Please note time change!)  
7:25 PM Deacon's Meeting

### XYZ Update

The XYZ group will be going to Spring Mill State park on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. They will have lunch at the Lodge. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

### Youth Choir Resumes

on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

## A Word from Nick

Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to take a moment and encourage you by something that I read recently about the affections that we should have for God after we have experienced the free grace of salvation. This comes from Tim Keller's book *Center Church* and details the way that Jonathan Edwards, the great 18<sup>th</sup> century pastor and theologian, describes the way that our affections should be for God.

"Jonathan Edwards explored the difference between genuine gospel-triggered heart change and moralistic compliance with God's law. In *Nature of True Virtue*, he contrasted these two kinds of moral behavior as 'common morality' and 'true virtue.' Edwards argued that if our highest love is our family, we will ultimately choose our family's good over the good of other families; if our highest love is our nation, we will choose our nation's interests and ignore those of other countries; if our highest love is our own individual interests, we will choose to serve ourselves over seeking to meet the needs of others.

Only if our highest love is God himself can we love and serve all people, families, classes, races; and only God's saving grace can bring us to the place where we are loving and serving God for himself alone and not for what he can give us. Unless we understand the gospel, we are *always* obeying God for our sake and not for his." (pg. 68)

My prayer for myself and our church is that our highest love and priority in this life would be God. If he is not in your life, remind yourself of the good news that can set you free from the error and bondage of man-centered religion. We love God for his sake and not for our own. We love God for who he is and not for what we can get out of him. Remind yourself daily of what Jesus said was the greatest commandment:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."  
- Matthew 22:37

Nick Scott

### Volunteers Needed for ClarkFest, 2014

Can you help our community with the ClarkFest Labor Day Parade and celebration? Volunteers are needed to help with trash, give directions to people, etc. If you can help, or for more information, Doug Fisher at 812-282-8222. All volunteers will receive a ClarkFest T-shirt.

### Discipleship Training

Discipleship Training this fall (beginning on September 7th) will include a 13 week study of "Shepherding a Child's Heart" by Ted Tripp. Adults of all ages and stages of life are invited to participate to gain a biblical perspective on parenting. Sign-up sheet is at the welcome desk.

### Youth Discipleship Training

Begins September 7th at 5:00 PM. Be there!

### Preschool & Children's Choirs

will resume on Sunday night, September 7, 2014 at 5:00 PM. Evening worship service time will then start at 6:15 PM.

### FSBC Missions ...

Our next International Missions Focus is a trip to Landa, Mexico, this week to plan, prepare, and train for four trips in 2015. These trips are in partnership with the international organization, Columbia Institute, for teaching English as a second language. David Bankes and Bro. Russ are in Landa this week to receive orientation and training to lead this 2015 focus. Please pray.

Did you know that our church has a Missions Fund? This fund has helped finance the mission trips we have been taking and provides for other needs on the mission field. You can contribute by noting "Missions Fund" on your offering. The Missions Team oversees this fund and reports at our bi-monthly business meeting.

### Are You Missing

a coat, jacket, Bible or umbrella? Please check the coatroom for any missing coats or jackets. Any items still left in there after September 1, 2014 will be donated to the Salvation Army. There is a collection of umbrellas & several Bibles that will be at the Welcome Center.