

# PROCLAIMER NEWSLETTER

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## September Birthdays

Emalee Gregg	SEP 01
Bill Reynard	SEP 02
Jean Jackson	SEP 02
Sharon Sullivan	SEP 02
Nyta Ward	SEP 03
Carolyn Loncarich	SEP 04
Barbara Johnston	SEP 05
Lynnie Jo Tanner	SEP 05
Charlene Bennett	SEP 06
Kimberly Roberts	SEP 07
Billye Housman	SEP 10
Savanah King	SEP 10
Jennifer Brookby	SEP 12
Mahayla Blalock	SEP 12
Shirley Watts	SEP 13
Leah Treadwell	SEP 14
Bryce Kolb	SEP 17
Courtney Luman	SEP 18
David Kunkel	SEP 18
Declan Everts	SEP 19
Stan Beard	SEP 19
Linda Turvaville	SEP 21
Avyn Jordan	SEP 23
Ron Walters	SEP 24
Stephanie Hillis	SEP 24
Arian Smith	SEP 25
Anita Noland	SEP 26
David Roberts	SEP 26
John DeJarnett	SEP 26
Roseann Caudill	SEP 26
Phillip Burton	SEP 27
Tricia Beard	SEP 28
Kelly Williams	SEP 30
Sheryl Bruns	SEP 30

## Upcoming Events

- \* Youth Pool Party  
Sep 13
- \* Youth 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
Sep 19
- \* See You At The Pole  
Sep 24
- \* Lord's Supper  
Sep 28



## From Our Pastor

In our Wednesday night Bible Study, I taught on the calling of the disciples in Luke 5:1-11. The question that I asked the group at the end of the study was "are you a fan or a follower of Jesus?" In the passage in Luke 5, Jesus is pressed by the crowd wanting to hear Him teach. So much so, that Jesus had to find a boat and cast off into the water to finish teaching. Now, not all these people that were listening to Jesus were followers. There were those who were skeptical and standoffish. There were those who were simply curious and wanted to know more about Him. And there were "fans" who believed Jesus to be a good teacher and were happy with listening to Him and observing from a distance.

The passage goes on to describe Simon Peter's reaction to the miracle of the catch of fish and his response to Jesus. He clearly was in awe of what Jesus had done. And when it was time to decide to follow Jesus, Peter along with some others left everything and followed Him. Verse 11 is so important as we think about whether we have made the decision to follow Christ.

So, let's figure out whether we are a "fan" or a "follower" of Jesus. Number one, Fans strive to "get" a blessing; Followers strive to "be" a blessing. God has favor on His followers and seeks to give them what they need to be a blessing. Number two, Fans dabble; Followers are all in with Jesus. Fans will not totally commit and will ... *continues on page 2*

## Tuesday Night Together

The next Young at Heart (55+) TNT dinner outing is September 30. Destination is TBA. Join us for a great night of food and fellowship!



fluctuate with the calendar and circumstances. You cannot always count on a fan. It must be convenient for them to be involved. A follower is committed and shows evidence of commitment with surrender and complete obedience. Number three, Fans believe they have it all together; Followers know they are a work in progress. Philippians 1:6 says, "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." You remember the old line, "Be patient, God is not finished with me yet." There is truth in that statement. A follower is dependent on the Holy Spirit working in their life and produces humility that attracts others. A fan is overconfident in his own abilities.

After looking at Luke 5:1-11, can you find yourself in the crowd? Are you one that is skeptical of Jesus and His teachings? Are you curious and observing from a distance? Are you a "fan" and willing to stay as long as it benefits you? Or are you a true "follower" who is willing to give up everything to follow Jesus? Remember, Jesus is calling; are you listening?

Bro. Jim

## LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH

Parents, the school year is in full swing and we are in the midst of our current series entitled "Endure." The students are looking at 2nd Timothy as we begin this fall. As fall continues, we would love to invite you to our Parent meeting September 14th right after church where you will get a calendar and information regarding events happening this fall! Last, but certainly not least, we are hosting a 5th Quarter Bash for all students grades 7th-12th on September 19th. We would appreciate the prayers and encouragement for the students to invite their friends to hear the Gospel that will be presented. This will be one of the best events of the fall filled with Worship, Food, and Fun! We appreciate any prayers or help offered at this time!

Brooks



## FIRST KIDS

The new school year has started and we have our full schedule. Wednesday Nights are going great with our new curriculum called Hyfi. Hyfi is the new curriculum from Lifeway to help adult leaders and kids connect to God and to each other.

On September 7th, Sunday nights start back with BAM (Bible And Music). The Cantata this year has a song that the kids will be singing and we will be practicing for it. We will also be learning the books of the Bible and how to read our Bibles.

I want to say thank you to all the Children's Ministry Volunteers. I appreciate all that you do for our kids here at Grove's First Baptist. The ministry would not be as great as it is without your hard work and dedication.

In Christ,  
Amanda

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Volunteers"***

—Amanda

## Discipleship First

Fall semester starts on **Sunday, September 7** at 6pm. Creation class in the MPR led by Neil Noland. Ladies class on Titus in the Praise Classroom led by Becky Roberts. General Bible Study in the Sanctuary led by Bro. Jim.