



Deacon Charlie Carnes baptizes Ryleigh Maples, Pastor Ben Craver baptizes Adyson Dye

Newsletter of First Baptist Church of Castroville
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AWANA moves to Sunday afternoon

In an attempt to increase attendance and help parents who are caught choosing between church activities or sports activities on weekdays, **AWANA Clubs will meet on Sunday afternoons, beginning Sept. 15.**

Awana Clubs will now be from 1:30-3 on Sunday for all clubs – Puggles (2yrs old) Cubbies (3-5 yrs old) Sparks (K-2nd) T&T (3rd -6th) Trek & Journey (7th – 12th).

AWANA, which stands for “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed” as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15, is a fun-filled Bible-based Discipleship for children and teens, equipping leaders to disciple children around the world.

Awana is divided into three segments:

- **Snack & Games:** Kids enjoy fellowship and use this time to reflect on Awana while having a tasty snack. Kids then participate in fun and exciting games on the Awana Game Square.
- **Handbook & Small Groups:** Kids rehearse, memorize and study scripture in smaller groups.
- **Large Group:** Kids sing, wor-

We're back!!!



ship and hear a Bible lesson specifically for them to apply to their life.

We are looking for volunteers, including leaders who help the children in handbook and small group time. These leaders are “listeners” who listen to the children as they recite verses that they have memorized and help them to better understand what that scripture means.

If you feel led to help lead our children and want to have fun while you grow, then this club is for you!

We would love to have you join us on our team, no experience required. Please contact Children's Minister Debra McDonel for more information 830-212-1703.

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- Sept 2 (Mon)** – Labor Day. Office closed.
- Sept 11 (Wed)** – Business Meeting, 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- Sept 15 (Sun)** – Youth/Family Fellowship, Student Chapel after Worship Service.
- Sept 19 (Thur)** – Free Health Fair, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall.
- Sept 28 (Sat)** – Christian Unity Ministries Conference, 9am-3pm, Sanctuary. See article below.
- Oct 13 (Sun)** – Kids Art Auction & Potluck, Fellowship Hall after Worship Service.
- Oct 31 (Thur)** – Trunk or Treat, 6:30pm, Church Parking Lot. Decorate your vehicle with Christian theme. Donate candy at Children's Minister's office in Fellowship Hall.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- AWANA** – Sundays, 1:30-3pm.
- Care Connection** (Distribution to Homeless) – 2nd Monday. Leave church at 8:30am.
- Pack Homeless Kits** – 1st Tuesday, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall.
- Ladies Bible Studies** – Tuesdays, 9:45am and 7pm, Fellowship Hall.
- Bible Study & Prayer** – Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall.
- Men's Morning Word** - Thursdays, 7am, Sammy's Restaurant.
- Prime Timers Lunch** for Senior Adults, 2nd Thursday, 11:30am, Bill Miller's.
- Food Truck Distribution** – 3rd Thursday, 10am. Volunteers needed at 8:30am.
- Food Pantry Distribution** – Last Thursday, 10am.

Sept. 28 session is designed to bring unity and healing to FBCC

“I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfect in unity, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”
—Jesus, John 17:23

There's so much power packed in this verse. But the phrase that jumps off the page to me is, “that they may be perfect in unity.” The word “that” points back to the opening phrase, “I in them and You in Me.” Unity among human beings in the church derives from the unity of the Father and the Son. The Son, in turn, resides in those of us who have faith in him.

Truth be told, the unity we desire, the unity we in fact have, comes from Christ who lives within us. All of

us have the spirit of Christ, known as the Holy Spirit, resident within. But, there's more to unity through Christ than mere possession—the internal.

Having the Holy Spirit, perfects unity within the body for a purpose: “[in order] that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.” Unity means more than just getting along with our brothers and sisters in the church on Sundays. It means that the message we proclaim to outsiders (non-Christians) is validated by the way we behave toward our own. Why should someone who doesn't know Christ as Savior want to belong to a community who can't get along? They

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Our church has some paid positions open!

One is a full-time job opening for a person to take care of our Building and Grounds. Basic duties include maintenance and cleaning of all buildings and grounds.

We also have openings for childcare workers.

Come to the church and fill out an application or send a resume to fbccastroville@sbcglobal.net.

Our playground is designed to be a safe and fun place for our children to play. But that can't happen if the rules are not followed.



The Woodway Baptist team cleared out most of the rock and painted the fence. Those involved in the ministries that use the playground are researching the best surface to purchase.

We are aware that older youth are entering the playground and



equipment has been damaged.

We are asking adults to help us supervise the area. If your child is on the playground, you should be there with them unless they are part of a group activity that has supervision. Adults who are outside and see older children in the playground should tell them to leave the playground. It will be locked when all facilities are locked.

The **Pastor Search Committee** has elected officers. They are Andy Carnes, Chair; Bruce Pace, Vice-Chair; and Dee Smith, Secretary. They will meet for training on Sept. 7.

This newsletter is the leadership's way to keep you "in the loop." It needs an editor because the previous volunteer has moved out of state. Please contact Ginger Carnes or another member of the Communications Ministry Team if you are able to write and have access to a desktop publishing program to design it. Deadline for news is the Sunday after the monthly Business Meeting.

The Church Administrator and those affiliated with the Children's Ministry are beginning the research to determine what would be needed to start a **full-time day care** at the church. Please be in prayer about this potential new ministry.

Unity Conference

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have enough disunity in life as it is.

Unity thus is essential for every aspect of our existence—internally and externally. But, as I'm sure you know, experiencing unity isn't easy. The history of the church is a record of disunity! Part of the reason is that unity is about developing and maintaining interpersonal relationships. While the church is perfected in Christ, it isn't perfect now because of the presence of imperfect people like me and you. What to do?

On Saturday, Sept. 28, Blake Coffee will present a conference at FBCC focused on Christian unity. Christian Unity Ministries [www.christianunityministries.org] is, in fact, the name of the ministry Blake presents. Blake uses scriptural values and processes in helping us with interpersonal relationships. If Christ is "in them," that is, in each of us as Christians, then we need to find Christ in one another.

The conference will be in the sanctuary. It is essentially an all-day event. Yes, it can be intense. But, through this process and God's mighty work in Blake, we all will be the better because of it. I know it is a lot to ask you to give up a Saturday. It is for me, too. Please plan to be present for just one Saturday. It can be—it will be—a day with eternal consequences for you and for the FBCC.

Pastor Ben

8am - Continental breakfast in Fellowship Hall

9-Noon - Conference in Sanctuary

Noon-1 - Lunch on your own at restaurant or brown bag in Fellowship Hall

1-3 - Conference in Sanctuary

Welcome To Our New Members

Tammy Bednarek

Josephine & Jeanette Bednarek

Wesley Bowie

John Burchett Jr.

Vincent Burchett

Truitt Conner

Michael & Sarah Dickerson

Adyson Dye

Reese Hatcher

Sarina Hill

Timothy & Caitlin Kennedy

Raul Lumbreras

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