



Newsletter of First Baptist Church of Castroville

The nine-member Pastor Search Committee unanimously recommended that the church call Rodney Knous as its next Senior Pastor. Front Row: PSC Chair Andy Carnes with Rodney's family – son Logan, wife Melanie, Pastor Rodney, son Jaxson. 2nd Row: Bo Ohman, PSC Recorder Dee Smith, Betty Holt, PSC Vice Chair Bruce Pace. 3rd Row: Jacob Biediger, Julie DeLucia, Pat Becker, Claudia Williams.

A Message from Pastor Rodney

Words matter. We know this from the experience of life—most of what we know has come from spoken words or written words. We also understand words that are not communicated through print or hearing. Words are implied through body language; anyone who has a parent understands this to be true. Words are communicated by proxy through physical and mental presence... or lack thereof.

Again, words matter. Or, to be phrased differently, we care deeply about what is communicated to us and by us.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

—John 1:1-2,4a (ESV)

John, as he begins his account of Jesus' life, shows us that the Word (Jesus) is God's ultimate disclosure of himself. It is through Jesus coming in the flesh that we enter the Kingdom. It is through Jesus' ministry in the world that we more fully understand the heart of God. It is through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that we understand the full impact that the Word has in all eternity. Jesus, then, is the final word.

This leads me to a question for all of us as we begin a journey together: Do we acknowledge the authority of the Word through our speech, actions, and presence?

You may recall the message shared with you a few weeks ago about the Valley of Dry Bones. It was the word of God that commanded the bones to reassemble. It was the word of God that breathed the breath of life into the connected members. The result was an exceedingly great army that had come to life.

This is also true for us as the body of Christ in Castroville. The path toward hope is paved by the Word of God. The future ministry, community, impact, and salvations hang on the Word of God. FBCC will become an exceedingly great army if we choose to bring Jesus, the Word, into every area of our lives. The words we speak and write must be subject to the love of Christ. The action we take must be as the hands and feet of Jesus proclaiming the truth of his Word. Our presence must come before our words and actions. We must determine to be present in our personal relationship with Jesus. This means we are present in thought, not distracted. This means we are present physically—we choose to be in community with one another and in our greater community.

Let us all answer, "I will acknowledge Jesus' authority by intentionally being present in community, worshiping through service to others, and proclaiming the gospel through my life."

There is, indeed, hope on the horizon!

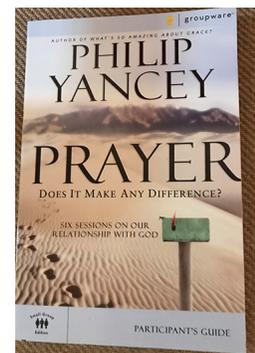
Pastor Rodney

SEPTEMBER

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.

Sunday School for adults is being conducted on Zoom with Andy and Charlie Carnes alternating as teachers. Books, "Prayer" by Philip Yancey, are available free in the church office.

Members can access the lessons and videos on their computers or tablets, beginning at 9 a.m. Sundays.



Sept. 1 (Tues) – Mother's Day Out reopens.

Sept. 7 (Mon) – Labor Day. Office closed.

Sept. 9 (Wed) – Daily Bread Food Distribution, 11 am. Volunteers at 9:30 am.

Sept. 13 (Sun) – Church Council, after Worship Service, Fellowship Hall.

Sept. 16 (Wed) – AWANA begins online on Facebook with videos and puppet shows.

Sept. 17 (Thur) – San Antonio Food Truck Distribution, 3:30 pm, Volunteers at 1:30 pm. No vouchers at church. Register online.

Sept. 23 (Wed) – Daily Bread Food Distribution, 11 am. Volunteers at 9:30 am.

Sept. 26 (Sat) – Blood Drive, 9am-2pm, Fellowship Hall.

Oct. 4 (Sun) – Pastor Rodney will be here. Bro. Ben will preach.



AWANA starts online this fall

By Debra McDonel, Children's Minister

AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed and is taken from 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." This year's clubs will be returning online on our FBCC Awana Facebook page. Families will be able to come together and learn about the Gospel.

Our Awana clubbers will be given free access to all digital material through our Awana Facebook page. Each age group will be provided a lesson video each week. Parents, you may watch the lessons with your child and then work on their book work and memorization. We will leave reciting the verses at the discretion of each parent. You may choose to work with your child and text what you have signed off on or you may call us and your child may recite their verse to us. All materials and books are provided for you under the file tab on the Awana Facebook page.

Please take the time to register your children and complete the registration form found under the file tab.

Our new club year will start Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. Digital material will be posted on Sept. 15 so that you may be prepared.

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Some Facts About Our New Pastor

Because Baptists call pastors who may not have told their current congregation that they are considering leaving, details about Pastor Rodney Knous were not shared when he came in view of a call.

Rodney has been Senior Pastor at White Plains Baptist Church in

Scottsville, KY, since 2017.

Previously he served as Pastor of Students at Suburban Church in Corvallis, OR, Verde Baptist Church in Cottonwood, AZ, and Henderson Memorial Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, KY. He began his youth pastor ministry at First Baptist Church in Crane, TX.

Rodney earned his Bachelor's in Christian Ministry from Dallas Baptist University and is completing his Master of Divinity from Liberty University.

He and Melanie met in college and have been married 20 years. She enjoys being actively involved in ministry with Rodney.

His last Sunday in Kentucky will be on Sept. 27 and then they will be driving two vehicles and bringing sons Logan, 17, and Jaxson, 11, to Texas. They have rented a home in the River Bluff subdivision as they gauge the housing market.

His first Sunday in the pulpit will be Oct. 11.

DONATE BLOOD

First Baptist Church: Castroville

Saturday, September 26

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

In Fellowship Hall



For further information, please contact
Tina Santee at 210-317-3020

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SouthTexasBlood.org



Food distributions change for Fall

By Tina Santee, Missions Minister

The food distributions are changing for the next three months. Distributions through Daily Bread Ministries will occur at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays – Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 7 & 28, and Nov. 11 & 23. No registration is necessary. Volunteers are needed at 9:30 a.m.

The San Antonio Food Truck will return on the third Thursdays, but residents must register online. No vouchers will be available at the

church.

The truck will come at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 19. Register online at https://safb.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3L9S-MIPrrYKg4w5 or call the Food Bank at 210-431-8326. Volunteers are needed at 1:30.

Our church feeds approximately 130 families every month through this ministry. Food includes fresh vegetables and fruit, boxed food, frozen meat and dairy products.

This newsletter is the leadership's way to keep you "in the loop." To submit items, send to Ginger Carnes at gcarnes2@satx.rr.com. Deadline is the Sunday after the monthly Business Meeting. It is sent via email and is available on the church website. Printed copies are available in the Worship Center foyer.

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