



# Ector Baptist Church



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Morris Cook, Pastor

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This is July already! This year is going by so fast. We are celebrating Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>) and might I add “Happy 233<sup>rd</sup> Birthday” United States of America. I love you and wish you many more.

Our independence did not come easy. There have been many hardships and much suffering to have and maintain our independence. Our military are not the only ones to witness these trials, so did our family, friends, and loved ones. I look at our Flag (Stars & Stripes, Old Glory, whatever you want to call it) with love and pride. There are a lot of stories that center on this country and our flag. One such true story is the following:

Mike was a Navy bombardier navigator who had been shot down in Vietnam in 1967. He had grown up near Selma, Alabama, his family was poor. He did not wear shoes until he was thirteen years old. Character was their wealth. They were good, righteous people, and they raised Mike to be hardworking and loyal. He enlisted in the Navy at seventeen. As a young sailor he showed promise as a leader and impressed his superiors enough to be offered a commission.

As prisoners of war (P.O.W.) they were allowed to receive packages from families, often the packages contained handkerchiefs, scarves and other clothing items. For sometime, Mike had been taking little scraps of red and white cloth, and with a needle he had fashioned from a bamboo, he laboriously sewed an American flag onto the inside of his blue prisoners shirt. Every afternoon, before they ate their soup, they would hang Mike’s shirt on the wall of their cell and together recite the Pledge of Allegiance. It was the most meaningful event of the day.

The guards discovered Mike’s flag one afternoon during a routine inspection and confiscated it. They returned later that evening took Mike outside and beat him severely. They punctured his eardrum and broke several of his ribs. After they finished beating him they dragged him bleeding and nearly senseless back into the cell. The other POW’s helped crawl to his place on the sleeping platform. After things quieted down, they all lay down to sleep. Before drifting off to sleep I happened to look toward a corner of the room, where one of the four naked light bulbs that were always illuminated in our cell cast a dim light on Mike Christian. He had crawled there quietly when he thought the rest of us were sleeping. With his eyes nearly swollen shut from the beating, he had quietly picked up his needle and thread and begun sewing a new flag.\*1

The POW’s were later freed and got to return home. Among those returning POW’s was the author of this event; Senator John McCain.

Independence and Freedom. When I think of freedom, the words “love” and “sacrifice” come to mind. I thank God daily for his love for us that He would send Jesus to sacrifice his life for our sins. He was raised from the dead three days later. The Victory is His!!

As we celebrate this 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the rest of this month, let us pray daily for this country, our leaders, our military and their families.

God Bless,  
Dave Mackey

\*1 Story from Chicken Soup for the Veterans Soul

# Happy Birthday

OPPORTUNITIES	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Sunday School.....	9:30 AM
Morning Worship Service...	10:30 AM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Prayer and Bible Study .....	7:00 PM
Children's Program .....	7:00 PM

Sandra Smith	July 1
Imogene Sells	July 4
Bettie Whitehead	July 8
Kerry Anglin	July 9
Randy Morris	July 10
Rudy Ramirez	July 13
Bob Brownfield	July 13
Cynthia Hager	July 13
Talitha Cook	July 14
Jennifer Ward	July 17
Angela Haas	July 21
Jordan Glaser	July 22
Karsten Hager	July 26
Casi Drachenberg	July 29



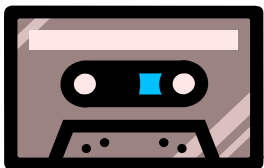
## Senior Coffee And Donuts

Tuesday, July 21  
8:30AM at the Church

*Remember:  
Deadline for Newsletter is  
July 26  
Have items to Lisa Hicks by  
the Evening service*



**AWANA on Summer Break**  
**Children's Program on  
Wednesdays at 7 pm**



## Tape Ministry

Tape Recipient  
Flora Capehart

Tape Carrier  
Frances Daniel



Breakfast  
for the church is  
the first Sunday of  
each quarter. The next  
breakfast will be  
July 5th.



## Military Personnel on Active Duty

Clint Atchley	Michael Hunt
Charlie Bellows	James Irwin
Darren Bellows	Chris Mackey
Jason Bohannon	Justin Martin
Terry Boney	Douglas McDonough
Cody Cole	Terry Wayne Morse
Amy Rae Daughtery	Krystal O'Neal
Gary Don Dorman	Kent Pendleton
Chris Douglas	Gary Lynn Proctor, Jr.
Dustin Flannery	Andy Ramer
Kevin Gallemore	Justin Resson
Penney Gallemore	Garrett Rogers
Alicia Glaser	Brian Rosenbaum
Jim Harris	TK Sutherland
Ryan Hawkins	Craig Turbyfill
Robert Henderson	Tanner Waggoner
Aaron Hill	Justin Weeks
Gerald Hughes	

## Nursery Workers

July 5	Susan Hicks Marilyn Hicks
July 12	Michelle Burtis Shelly Abbott
July 19	Bethany Hager Michelle Mackey
July 26	Dawn Bohannon LeAnn Sellers

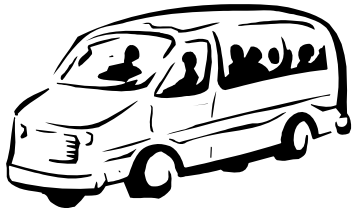
If you are unable to stay on your designated date, PLEASE contact the next person on the list. Contact Tina Mackey at 903-961-2690 if you are unable to find a replacement.



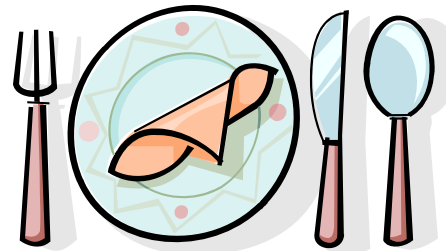
## The Men's Ministry Special Study coming in September



*Titus Line*  
*Women's Ministry*  
*& WMU*  
*Thursday, July 9 at 7:00*  
*All ladies are invited*



Contact Mike Stephens  
to schedule the use of a van



**Wednesday Night Meal**  
6:00 pm  
\$3 a plate with a limit of  
\$10 per family  
You must sign up  
if you plan to attend

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

<b><u>LONG TERM ILLNESS</u></b>	Betty Lloyd's Sister-in-law	Austin Burtis	Dyrle & Virginia Maples
Roger Aldredge	Clifton Meredith	Dr. Byron Cook	Esta Martin
Sharon Atchley & Family	Dennis Morgan	Barbara Cunningham	Ruby McKinney
Herschel Baker	Leontine Morris	Louise Drachenberg	Donna Moody
Kelly Baker	Nema Morris	Carl Edwards	Jimmy Roberson
John Beeson	Sally Murph	Theresa Franklin	Caroline Sandlin
Bonnie Bellows	Robert Norrell	Martha Freeman	Heather Schuster
Bobby Blain	Douglas Norris	Reece Gibbs	Mike Shannon
Dixie Bond	Susanne Omaley	Ruthie Hansen	Melody Shaw
T.J. & Doris Brownfield	Charlene Powell	Gabby Harrison	Stan P. Smith
Juanita Carr	Clyde Powell	Christi Johnson	Doug Spray
Callie Caylor	Imogene Sells	Ashley Leakes	Catalina Stephens
Michael Chandler	Mary Simmons	Mozelle Long	Raymond Teague
John Wayne Chaney	Joe Tom Smith	Zander Mackey	Jessica Tilley
Joyce Chavez	Brent Smithson	Carrie McMorris	Chorlinda Walley
Danny Clary	Hazel Stroud	Calvert Ramsey	Teree' Wilson
Cale Clements	Dan Talley	Bobby Rattan	Gwendolyn Womack
Keith Cobble	Edna Tanner	Belle Ray	Jeff Woodard
Brenda Collins	Bryan Taylor	Kevin Rice	<b><u>OTHER</u></b>
Barbara Crouch	June Taylor	Mary Seale	James & Susie Allen
Kevin Crouch	Chloe Urquhart	Jerry Dale Smith	Gladys Anderson
Amy Delmosa	Bill Webb	Mary Thomas	Barbara Anglin
Sharon Dross	Duwayne White	Peggy Thompson	Leonard Athey
John Eskue	Jimmy White	Kevin Weaver	Stuart Baxter
Kathy Evans	Buddy Wiggins	David Wilson	Cathy Borden
Michael Foster	Cheryl Wilson	Kyle Wells	Regan Eldridge
Dwayne Ferguson	Danny Wilson, Sr.	<b><u>ILLNESS</u></b>	Karsten Hager
Jim Frank	Holly Wyeth	Steve Arthur's Dad	Rosemary Harrington
Jeff & Pat Gallagher	Tonya Yaw's Daughter	Robbie Atkins	Randi Julian
Joyce Gallemore	Stewart Zuver	Brooke Baker & Son	Brittni Pence
Kelly Glaze	<b><u>IN HOSPITAL</u></b>	Nick Bailey	David Peterson
Hayden Grosvener	Amy Brinlee	Sue Bellows	Casie Sammons
Raymond Haas	Bob Brown	Martha Brown	Jennifer Shirey
Melvin Harris	Shaylee Crosson	James Capehart	<b><u>SPIRITUAL CONCERNS</u></b>
Glenda Hayes	Kenneth Durand	Taylor Cook	Devin Abbott
Edith Henson	Kenny Ferguson	Molly English	Shonda Carter
Charles Herpeche	Brian Holland	Leslie Fulton	Ronnie Coldiron
Judy Holder	Raymond Keith	Ken Gallemore	Rebecca Clement
Tony Huerta	Kerry & Donna Keeton	Oma Graves	Kevin Criss
Donnie Huff	Myrtle Long	Barbara Griffin	Justin Earl
Jaree	Cheryl Mendez	Kim Harden	Tony & Amanda Earnhart
Cathy Johnson	Rena Myers	Abby Harris	Kyle Evans
Eddie Jones	Jeanette Nichols	Dana Harris	Sherry Evans
Cheri Keene	Zoe Norris	Eric Hicks	Steve & Wendy Flores
Anita Kyle	J B Stokes	Gary & Susan Hicks	C. G.
Cecil Kyle	Patty Verive	Junior Hill	Josh G.
Rachel Lambert	Shirley Weldon	Beverly Kraft	Brad Heathcock
Ruth Lambright	Jason White	Cassie Lawrence	Brittany Hill
Austin Lewis	<b><u>RECOVERING</u></b>	Helen Abbott Layman	J.D. Jones
Pauline Linville	Nita Bankston	Landon Liebel	

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B.J. Kennedy  
Doug Limbert, Jr  
Ryan & Jennifer Mercer  
P. N.  
Ray & Heather Ramirez  
Rudy Ramirez  
Jesse Shaw  
Preston Simmons  
Shelia Smith  
Larry Taylor  
Mike Taylor

Jimmie Gallemore  
Seth Gorman  
Davis, Marie  
& Sophie Hunt  
Holly Lemmons  
Christa Mackey  
Jaden Meador  
Men's Fraternity  
Nation Family  
Ryan Nelms  
Jay Norris  
7th & Main, Baptist  
Spanish Mission  
Trinity Baptist, Bonham  
Unspoken  
U.S.A.  
Angie Vaden  
Nick & Celia Weeks  
Gwynn Welch  
Wilson N Jones Hospital  
Susan Wright in Tibet

**SPECIAL REQUESTS**

Joseph Akakpo &  
Family-Cameroon  
B.B.  
Barbara Beeson  
Marty Bellows  
Deborah Blevins  
Dusty Brownfield  
Dylan Caylor  
Trevor Bush & Youth  
Ministry  
Kyle Clark  
First Baptist, Del Rio

**Dates to Remember**

**July**

**June 29-July 4**

Youth Camp at Falls Creek

**July 4**

6:00 pm Come across the street for a Freedom Celebration. Bring games to play and bring your sack lunch.

**July 5**

Lord's Supper  
Deacon's Meeting

**July 12**

4:00pm Youth Council  
7:00pm Church Conference

**July 19**

7:00pm Church Council

**July 21**

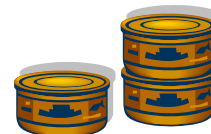
8:30am Senior Adult Coffee & Donuts

**Be on the Alert!** Special studies coming in September from the Men's Ministry and the couples Sunday evening Bible study.

**HOMEBOUND**

H.M. Abbott  
Artebelle Blackburn  
Glenda Bland  
Paul Brown  
Annie Bruce  
Flora Capehart  
Bob & Gloria Cody  
Clifford Daniel

Pete Dizmond  
Thelma Elliott  
Opal Goodwin  
Dick Grunert  
Price Howell  
Denell Redman  
Woodrow Rife  
Howard Wright



**Food Pantry**

Please continue to donate non-perishable food items to the food pantry. If you know of anyone who needs food, please notify Jerry Drachenberg or Tink Sutherland.

*3rd Annual Fannin County  
Women's Conference*

*Perfect Peace*

*July 10 - 11, 2009*

*Hosted by Boyd Baptist Church*

*Speaker: Margaret Ashmore*

*Worship Leaders: Joyful Heart*

*Cost \$25.00*

*See Judy Taylor for details*

**WILL YOU HELP?**

We are trying to set up our summer so that our children will have a program. But we need your help! We need people who will sign up for one week during the summer. Their responsibility will be to design their own program for the children for that Wednesday. We need our youth to sign up beside them to help with the children because of the wide diversity of ages. While the youth and the children are being taken care of, the adults will be in a fascinating study in the auditorium on Spiritual Gifts. We are going to offer an inexpensive meal, free to the workers of the week, for anyone who wants to come early or don't have time to fix at home before Wednesday night services. Will you help?

Wow! It is extremely hot outside this year, but summer is still rolling along. We have a few more events before school starts back up. We are leaving for camp June 29 and get back July 4. God is going to do great things in these students lives during that week. My simple plea is that everyone would pray for them as they search for Gods voice and that they would listen. July 24 we will go to Six Flags for a great day in the sun and then an amazing concert featuring; KJ-52, Pillar, Hawk Nelson, and Family Force 5.

Lastly, our Wednesday night studies at host homes will end this month. Here are the places as of right now:

July 8– Kristi Cox

July 15- Crowell household

July 22- Bush household

July 29- Stephens household

Thank you again for your love and support.

Press On,

Trevor Bush



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*For ye, brethren, were called for freedom; only use not your freedom for an occasion to the flesh, but through love be servants one to another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.*

*Galatians 5:13-14*

*Shirley Arney Sells, 88  
May 15, 1921-June 5, 2009  
Husband of Imogene Sells*

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