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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your support and prayers for the ministry. We are seeing growth and connections being made in our ministry and are eager to see what God does with that. We thank you for all your support at the fundraiser this past month and are eager to have our next fundraiser soon. There is still money needed for camp and there is still time to get it.

As the school year starts, we would like to ask for you prayers for our students to be lights at the school and salts of the earth.

Thank you to all the parents of these students for continually sending them to church. Their spiritual growth is so important and I can only shepherd them with your help. God Bless You All.

## Student Ministry

Be sure to join us every Sunday evening at 5:30pm for our Bible study.

You can now join us Wednesday Nights from 6:30 to 8pm. Bring your homework, bring a friend, and come hang out with us

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Dear Church Family,

It's February, the month of Valentine's Day. Men, this is your early warning!

We are having a Valentine's Banquet on Saturday night Feb 10 at 6 pm. My good friend pastor Dr Moises Rodriguez and his wife Abby will lead the program. I hope you can come and I hope your marriage is happy. If you're still looking for love, I pray that God will lead you to Mr Right or Ms Right. Remember, the Song of Solomon, a book that celebrates attraction and love and love-making, is included in God's Word. It's all-right for the people of God to be thankful for love this month!



I was interested in a sports news event November 22, 2023. I'm not a Spurs fan. I'll pause for a moment so you can recover. If I'm a basketball fan, it's the Mavericks for me. But I know lots of you are Spurs fans. Greg Popovich made the news that night. Kawhi Leonard was back in town, playing for the Los Angeles Clippers. Of course, you remember that Kawhi used to be a Spurs player. There was a big breakup in 2018 and Kawhi left town.

Now he was back and the San Antonio fans were booing him every chance they got. As Kawhi stepped to the free throw line with 3:06 left in the 2nd period, the booing rose up again. Coach Popovich went to the scorer's table, asked for the announcer's mike and said, "Excuse me for a second. Can we stop all the booing and let these guys play? It's got no class. It's not who we are. Knock off the booing."

Opinions were varied. The booing might have been lessened. Pop looked kinda like a grumpy old man. Lots of people posted their support of Pop's little speech and lots of people scoffed at it.

I liked it. I didn't see it live, but the video is on YouTube. I liked it when I heard about it and I still like it now. In case you haven't noticed, this is a world full of nay-saying, scoffing, arrogant, booing people. The world of social media has made us much less social and much more argumentative and hateful. Anything anyone does gets subjected to ridicule. All our heroes are booed now. Your kids are booed, maybe not with that exact word, but with plenty of other negative words.

Workplaces are filled with negative talkers. Curse words flow freely. Coaches and athletes are booed and heckled. Public discourse is negative right now. Talking heads on news channels speak words of fear and condemnation about all the political leaders in the country. School board meetings devolve into shouting matches. As a man who has preached for 40 years, with words as my medium, I particularly despise all the yucky speech we are hearing.

So I'll agree with Coach Popovich. Let's knock off the booing. As the people of God, we need to be the positive speakers, the encouragers, those whose mouths are filled with laughter and joy. Paul put it this way in his letter to the Colossian believers, "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt..."

One small thing that will make a difference in your marriage, your home, your classroom, your work place and in our community would be the positive, encouraging words of God's holy people, given freely to others with a hope of redeeming every situation.

I'll be back before you know it. Thanks for letting me have this time away.

*Bro Jonathan*





God Loves You Frontera Tour by Franklin Graham coming to Eagle Pass!

For the last seven years, Franklin Graham has held evangelistic tour events across the United States. More than 570,000 have heard the hope of the Gospel and over 34,000 have made decisions for Jesus Christ. In 2024, Franklin Graham is hitting the road again working alongside local pastors, churches, and volunteers, the God Loves You Frontera Tour will boldly share the Name of Jesus in ten cities from Texas to California.

Our Church will be attending the event February 28th in Eagle Pass. Contact our office and let us know if you will be joining us or sign up in the foyer! Come join us on this great opportunity to hear the message and to be a part of God’s Mission.

Valentine's Banquet



Hey Hubby! Let’s try to do something romantic for the Wifey this year and take her to the Valentine’s Banquet. Good Food, Good Message, Good Time! At only \$20 a couple, this is a deal you can’t beat! This year we will be having our Valentine’s Couples Banquet on February 10th at 6pm in our fellowship hall. The banquet will be hosted by Pastor Moises Rodriguez and his lovely wife Abby of First Baptist Church Cotulla. Sign up in the Foyer! Hope to see you there!



FEBRUARY 11TH  
SUPERBOWL  
PARTY WITH

HOT WHEEL TOURNAMENT HALFTIME SHOW

On February 11th at 5:30pm we are bringing back the hit event. The Hot Wheel Treadmill Tournament. This event will be the halftime show for the Superbowl. Come join us for this nail-biting, seat clenching, jaw dropping event! Join us for the Superbowl and bring a car to enter the race. Please bring some appetizers to accompany the wings we will serve.

2024 February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
For this is how <b>God</b> loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. <b>John 3:16-17</b>				1	2	3
4 5pm Church Council 	5	6	7  7pm Prayer & Worship	8	9	6pm 10 <b>Valentines Banquet</b> 
11 12pm Finance 5:30pm 	12	13	14 <b>Happy Valentines Day</b>  7pm Prayer & Worship	15	16	17
18 12pm Deacons 6pm 	19	20	21  7pm Prayer & Worship	22	23	24  Young Adults 6pm
25 6pm 	26	27	28 <b>God Loves You Frontera Tour with Franklin Graham</b>	29 12pm Amazing Gray's	<b>Deacon of the Week:</b> Feb 04 - Gabe Ramirez Feb 11 - Mike Thompson Feb 18 - Luther Ward Feb 25 - Carl Fisher	

Feb 01 - Michael Owolabi Sr  
Feb 01 - Sandra Garcia  
Feb 04 - Selenis Sanchez  
Feb 04 - Kenny Gorham  
Feb 05 - Luther Ward  
Feb 08 - Christina Garcia

Feb 14 - Pamela Garcia  
Feb 15 - Joy Boling  
Feb 16 - Donna Beth Mogford  
Feb 19 - Frances Deming  
Feb 19 - Raymond Martinez Jr  
Feb 20 - Ray Sutton

Feb 25 - Gabe Ramirez  
Feb 27 - Jose Villarreal III

Happy Birthday

This Month’s Ushers Are:

Feb 04 - P. Embers, R. Chitty, M. Thompson, G. Alvarado, G. Ramirez, C. Fisher  
Feb 11 - J. Edgerley, L. Briscoe, L. Ward, E. Garcia, C. Bullard, J. Williamson  
Feb 18 - J. Lumbreras, D. Boone, H. Munoz, G. Alvarado, G. Ramirez, A. Rodriguez  
Feb 25 - M. Thompson, R. Chitty, P. Embers, C. Fisher, L. Ward, C. Bullard

This Month’s Greeters Are:

Feb 04 - Danny Edrington & Frances Deming  
Feb 11 - Marla Box & Robert Enriquez  
Feb 18 - Crissy Boone & Hector Munoz  
Feb 25 - Karen Ramirez & George Alvarado

Flowers To Be Provided by:

Feb 04 - Barbara Garrett  
Feb 11 - Donna Beth Mogford  
Feb 18 - Carrizo Florist - Juan & Gracie  
Feb 25 - Richard Braune

Thanks to our Servants This Month! Call the Office 830-876-2160 to add your name to these lists!

Giving report:

Scripture directs Christ-followers to give Money, but also Time, Affection, Service, Worship and Encouragement. Our Lord gave First and Best. And so we give. Given in tithes and regular gifts in support of our local church ministry:

January: \$26,147.26

ACTS 1:8 For Missions

Extra giving in support of International missions, North American missions, state missions and local church mission trips

January: \$935.00