

# THE VISION

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## THE RECORD

S. S. Enrollment.....124  
 S. S. Attendance.....99  
 Budget Offerings for July.....\$30,817.26  
 Required Monthly.....\$30,874.51  
 July Building Fund .....\$5,425.00  
 Hispanic Attendance.....8  
 Hispanic Offering.....\$103.00

August Schedule for Arbor Oaks & Happy Valley: Sunday, Aug. 19, 3 P.M. – Lynn Headley’s SS Class.

**AUGUST  
 DEACON GREETER  
 KINNEY BLACK**

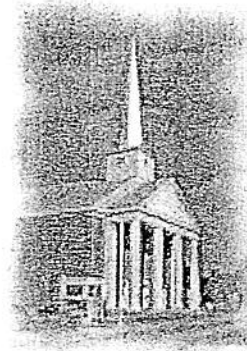
VOLUNTEERS FOR  
 PRESCHOOL DURING WORSHIP  
 HOUR  
August 5, 2018  
*Terri Bryant*

VOLUNTEER FOR NURSERY  
 DURING  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP  
*To be announced*

First Baptist Children’s Center  
 Taking Fall Enrollment  
 6 Weeks – 5 Years  
 Contact Carol Staley  
 332-2058

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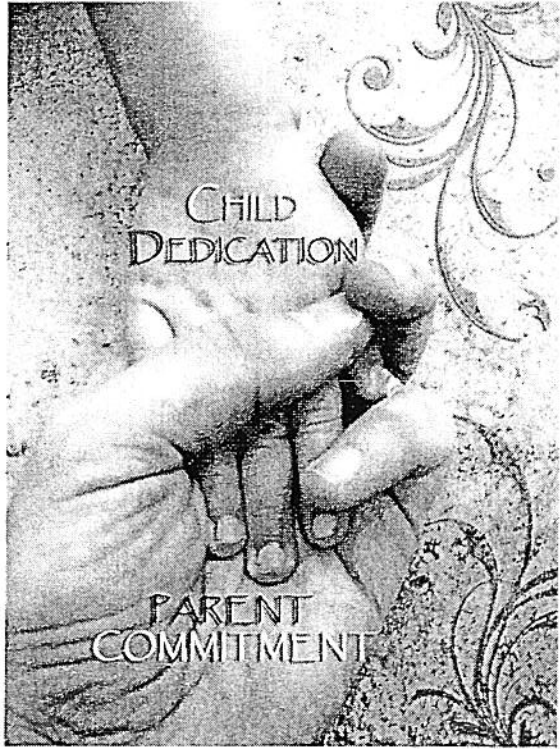
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**SUNDAY, MORNING WORSHIP  
 AUGUST 5, 2018  
 DEDICATING YOUR CHILD  
 TO FOLLOW GOD  
 & HIS TEACHINGS**

## GOD'S THOUGHTS

*"How precious also are your thoughts  
to me, O God!"*  
Psalm 139:17

Divine infinite knowledge gives no comfort to the ungodly, but to the child of God it over-flows with consolation. God is always thinking about us. He never turns His mind from us. We are always before His eyes (Isaiah 49:16).

This is precisely the way we want it. It would be dreadful to exist for a moment without being observed by our heavenly Father. His thoughts are always tender, loving, wise, prudent and far-reaching. His thoughts bring countless benefits.

The Lord did always think about His people; hence their election and the covenant of grace that secures their salvation. He always thinks of them; hence their final perseverance by which they will be brought safely to their final rest.

In all our wanderings, the watchfulness of the Eternal Watcher is evermore fixed on us. We never roam beyond the Shepherd's eye (Psa. 139:7). In our sorrows He observes us incessantly; not an ache escapes Him. In our toils He marks all our weariness and writes about the struggles of His faithful ones in His book (Psa. 87:6). The thoughts of the Lord encompass us

in all our paths and penetrate our innermost being. Not a nerve or tissue, not a valve or vessel of our bodies is uncared for. All the littles of our little world are watched over by our great God.

Dear reader, is this precious to you? Then hold on to it. Never be led astray by those philosophical teachers who preach an impersonal God and talk of self-existent, self-governing matter. The Lord lives and thinks about us. This is a truth far too precious to have someone steal.

The written word of royalty is valued so highly that those who have it consider their fortunes made. But how much greater to be thought of by the King of kings! If the Lord thinks about us then all is well and we may rejoice evermore.

### RUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

August 6 – 10 A.M.

Sing at The Crossing

August 9 – 11:30 A.M.

Class Lunch, Fellowship, & Installation  
of Officers  
Fell. Hall

### KAIROS TRAINING

August 3, 2018

4:00-7:00 P.M.

YOUTH ROOM

**Ice Cream and Dessert Fellowship**  
**August 12 – 5 P.M.**

Saying Farewell  
to Tom and Leah Justus!

Bring a favorite homemade or store bought ice cream or a dessert and let's say so long for now to our friends as they head to a new home in Jonesboro this month. No gifts, just fellowship.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

Wednesday, August 15, we are going to go to a private lake. There will be Kayaks, paddle boards, barge, and a cookout for dinner. We will leave in the church vans from Malvern at 3 P.M. and be back around 9:30 P.M. This will replace our Wednesday night service and be a fun time to kick off the school year! Any questions, please text Sean at 903-841-8297.

### **MALVERN SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH**

**Ages: K-12**

**August 4, 2018**

**8:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M.**

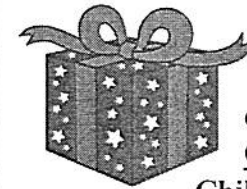
There will be a group at Wal-Mart Saturday, August 4, collecting school supplies (pencils, erasers, paper, etc.) for children in the Malvern Schools who need help with supplies. For further information, contact Terri Bryant, 501-337-2598.



HOME  
619 Ross Cutoff,  
Malvern  
Brandi Lederer

Encore Rehab  
Wanda Burns – 105

Arbor Oaks  
Odie Shepherd – 25A



School supplies are  
**OUT!! GREAT deals**  
on tons of items to fill  
Operation Christmas  
Child shoeboxes!!! Just

think Christmas in July! You can give any school supply items, small toys, and other items like soap, or washcloths for OCC. Just remember (No liquids, candy, toothpaste, sharp or war related items). You can always give to help fill boxes or shipping cost anytime. We are taking up donations to kick off Christmas in July now thru July 31. Look for donation boxes around the FBCM campus or at the church office starting this Thursday July 19!

Thanks!

Pursuing His purpose  
Stephanie Brewster

## **MISSING A DISH?**

Please check kitchen for dishes!! There are several glass dishes that need to be picked up!!