

Notes from the Pastor's Desk

I have spent a hectic week catching up after our return from the Mexico mission trip. I can share with you that all eleven of us were truly blessed to be able to minister in Jesus' name to the inhabitants of Rio Bravo and Nuevo Progreso. Highlights included the joy we saw in children's faces as they attended the VBS programs, the women who came to sew and make items for their home, the thankful attitudes of those who came and received medical checks and badly needed medicines, but especially the orphans who received special attention and a library of Spanish reading books for children. Needless to say, we will be having a program to share more with the church and those who supported us with their gifts and prayers.

Administrative Council Meeting Planned for October 17

Part of our yearly work at the church is reporting for the District and Conference. In other words, the paperwork of what we are doing and have done at the church in the past year. Our paperwork goes to the District where we present reports from the pastor and all our organized committees. The Administrative Council (all members are part of our local church council) will meet at 6:00 that Sunday night to perfect our report. I hope that you can be with us.

Mexico Mission Report Planned

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 24. Immediately following church, our Mexico mission team will be serving a meal (Mexican food, of course!) in our Family Life Center. After everyone is served there will be a video report of the mission and some testimony from those who went with us. So many of you contribute time, talents, gifts and prayers to our mission and we want to let you know how far those contributions went and the blessings that followed them. Please be with us and help us give thanks and praise to God from whom all blessings flow!

A Few Photos of the Mission Trip



Above (left): Our pharmacist and associate pastor attend to a 107 year-old man! (Right): Our team prays for a dear friend Señora Lara who is scheduled for surgery.



Above (left): Our mission team (Right): Orphans prepare to receive books at Casa de Esperanza in Nuevo Progreso.

All Saints Day Service Invitation

All Saints Day (traditionally November 1) will be celebrated by our church this year on All Hallows Eve (known to society as Halloween). Therefore, since October 31 is much closer to November 7 (the first Sunday of November) we will hold a thanksgiving and memorial during our prayer time in the worship service. Our Dardanelle congregation lost 10 members and our dear organist couple due to illness and accident this year. I want to make special invitation to their families and to our church family to be present to remember with thanksgiving each of their lives. Truly, we have been inspired by their lives and their sacrifices, and we give thanks to the God who holds them until we can see them face-to-face again.

Young Adult Mission

One area of our church ministry that is in great need of help is that towards young adults. Those who are in their 20's & 30's often seek fellowship and ministry at churches where there are already well-established young adult ministries. We need that at our church too. I am asking for a few volunteers to form a core group who will study God's word with others and plan fellowship activities for this age group. We need at least two couples in their 50's or 60's to be active mentors and for some young couples to commit to regular attendance from whom other couples will be attracted to our ministry. If you would like to participate in helping launch this ministry please give Bro. Jim a call.

October Birthdays

Barbara Heflin	10/1	Carol Adkinson	10/17	Len Cotton	10/26
Brittney Heflin	10/1	Nancy Moore	10/18	Jessica Clark	10/28
Ellie Wilburn	10/5	Judi Bowman	10/19	Ann Moore	10/29
Jordan McGowan	10/6	Kin Campbell	10/19	Bobby Willis	10/30
J J Wilcox	10/9	Karen Simmons	10/21		
Terry Ragsdale	10/12	Jerry Don Ramey	10/23		
Steve Lawrence	10/15	Hugh Conover	10/24		
Abigail Manatt	10/15	Jeanette Atkinson	10/25		