

June/ July



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Church Family,

This summer, I want to personally invite you into a series that feels both timely and timeless: **For the Common Good: Virtues That Shape Good People**. As our nation approaches its 250th birthday, many voices are asking what we have achieved. As the church, we want to ask a deeper question:

Who are we becoming?

We believe the most meaningful contribution we can make to our community and our country is not just what we build, but the kind of people we become. Character matters. Faith that forms humility, respect, courage, compassion, and grace creates lives that bless neighbors, strengthen families, and serve the common good in quiet and powerful ways.

I am especially excited to share that these themes connect closely with a book I recently helped contribute to, *Great Begins with Good*, now available on Amazon. The book explores how small acts of goodness, practiced consistently, can lead to lasting impact.

Let's lean in together this summer. Invite a friend, a neighbor, or a co-worker, and let's ask God to form in us lives that are truly for the common good

Across the summer, we will walk through ten essential virtues, beginning with faith and moving toward grace and redemption. Along the way, we will explore how everyday faithfulness shapes a life that reflects Jesus in real and practical ways. This is not about perfection. It is about formation. It is about becoming the kind of people through whom God can work for the good of others.

Dr. John Whitten

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Senior Pastor





NEXT 70

If you've driven by the north end of campus recently, you simply can't miss the incredible transformation happening right before our eyes! Steel is rising high into the air as the framework for our new atrium, children's foyer, back-of-house spaces, and sanctuary continues to take shape—and it's moving quickly!

With each passing day, more of the vision becomes reality. Our general contractor has shared how excited they are with the progress, and at this pace, the steel framing could be completed within the next few weeks. What an amazing milestone that will be! Watching this structure go up has filled all of us with anticipation for what God is preparing here at Pioneer Drive.

None of this would be possible without you. Because of your faithful generosity and commitment to the vision, we are thrilled to share that \$5,141,477 has been given toward the Next 70 Campaign so far. What a powerful testimony of a church family united in faith and purpose!

If you'd like to learn more, stay updated, or find ways to be part of what God is doing through this campaign, we invite you to visit Pioneer Drive's Next 70 Campaign at pioneerdrive.org/Next70.



Sunday Nights

- June 7** Gospel Concert: The Guardians, 4 pm - Conference Center
- June 14** Worship - 6 pm, with Cristi Stanton - Conference Center
- June 21** Father's Day, no 6 pm worship
- June 28** High School Choir Reflection Service, 6 pm - Sanctuary
- July 5** Independence Day Holiday, no 6 pm worship
- July 12** Worship - 6 pm, with Ryan Prater - Conference Center
- July 19** Meeting Night, no 6 pm worship
- July 26** Worship - 6 pm - location TBD
- August 2** Worship - 6 pm, with Craig Stotts (Lord's Supper - Conference Center)



June & July Events

Church-Wide

Sunday School Rally

Save the date now and make plans to join us for Sunday School Rally on August 9th immediately following the 11:15AM Worship Services. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and to prepare for the 2026-2027 year of discipleship.

Children's Ministry

[1st - 3rd Grade] Day Camp

Kids! If you just finished 1st-3rd Grade join us June 15, 16, and 17th for three days of fun as we learn more about Jesus! Each day we will spend time on campus worshipping and seeking out the gifts God has given each of us. We will end each day with an awesome summer activity (Inflatables, Adventure Cove, and Formula One). Cost is \$100 and lunch and snacks are provided.

Kid's Camp

Kid's Camp is for those who have completed 4th-6th grade. Join us July 6-10 at RiverBend Retreat Center in Glen Rose for a week of ALL THINGS CHURCH CAMP! Cost is \$280 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit due at sign up. Deadline to register is June 19th.

6th Grade Day Away

If you just completed 6th Grade, this day is for you! The mystery tradition continues on July 23rd this year. All details of the day will be emailed to parents, but you will have to wait and see what the fun will be! We will leave for our out-of-town adventure at 9AM and return by 7PM.

Family Ministry

Family Fun Night at Adventure Cove

Swim into an evening of fellowship and fun with your Pioneer Drive church family on Tuesday, June 16th from 7:30-9:30PM at Adventure Cove. We have rented the facility and admission is free. However, registration is required by June 12. We will have a list of all registrants, and you will need to provide your name at the gate.

Bingo and Breakfast for Dinner

What goes together better than Family and Fun? BINGO & Breakfast for dinner! Join us for a family friendly event on July 15th from 5:30-7:30PM as we continue to Restore the Table We will share a meal together and then enjoy a few rounds of BINGO! Dinner and BINGO are free, but registration is required by July 8.

Men's Ministry

Early Bird Bible Study

If you are an early bird (or want to be one), join us at 6AM on Fridays at the South 14th Starbucks as we study the Old Testament. Text Logan Rasco at (806) 681-6053 for more information.

Porch Prayers

Lift up one another and our community from 7-8AM on Fridays at Front Porch Coffee and Bakery Co. Call or text Jim Sutton at (325) 660-5655 for more information.

Fellowship of the Donut

Catch up with other Pioneer Men at AM Donuts (202 South Willis) from 9-10 AM on Fridays. Call Ray Turner at (325) 665-9775 for more information

Wednesday's at Jay's

Meet at Jay's BBQ (602 S 11th Street) during the lunch hour this summer for delicious BBQ and/or to discuss our summer book club pick East of Eden. Reach out to Nathan at (281) 794-6749 so we can save your seat or with any questions.

Mission's Ministry

Sit With Seniors

Hangout with our neighbors down the street at Willowcreek Rehab & Nursing. There are a variety of activities throughout the week you can help with, or you can simply visit with residents. Contact Nathan@pioneerdrive.org for more information.

Big Country Needs

For the For the month of June, we will be collecting toilet paper for the ABA Social Ministries Food Pantry. All donations can be left in the grocery carts or any church office.

Toy Store for Bonham

It's Christmas in July! Let's stock our annual Bonham Toy Store with new, unwrapped toys. You can drop them off in any grocery cart or office at the church this summer. Contact Melissa@pioneerdrive.org to get a wishlist for shopping.

Mission Trip

Be part of the tradition of Church Builders! Join with volunteers from all over the United States as they build a church June 21-26 in Winfield, Alabama. Go to baptistchurchbuilders.com to learn more or sign up.

Impact Abilene's Next Generation

Meet a need for a young person in our community who is seeking a mentor. Go to bbbstx.org/be-a-big to start the simple process or reach out to Nathan@pioneerdrive.org to learn more.

Preschool Ministry

Preschool Camp

Children 3 years old (by January 1) through completed Kindergarten can join us for two days of fun as we explore God's creation! Camp is from 9AM-2PM on Tuesday, July 7 and Thursday, July 9. Cost is \$75 and lunch and snacks are provided. Deadline to register is June 28.

Prime Timers Ministry

PrimeTime LIVE

Primetime Live welcomes Music Fest #3 on Thursday, June 4 in the Fellowship Hall. Come early and get a front row seat. We'll have coffee & conversation at 10AM, Music Fest at 11AM, and a Chick-fil-A lunch (\$8) at noon. Register online (even if you don't want to eat) and join your Primetimer friends (in purple) for the foot stomp, hand clappen, pew jumpen, hallelujah celebration we call Music Fest!

Student Ministry

Monday MUNCH

All students are invited to the gym from 11:30AM-1PM to hang out with your friends and eat some delicious food. chicken from Raising Canes! Cost is \$5 per student.

6/8 - Raising Canes

6/15 - Pizza

6/29 - Whataburger

Middle School Hangout

For all completed 7th and 8th graders: let's meet at Formula Fun from 3:30-5:30PM for two hours of unlimited jumping and a race on the track. Cost is \$30 per student.

Student Camp

Our completed 7th-12th graders are going to Journey Camp at Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center near Spicewood, Texas, July 6th - 10th!

Parents! We will have a Camp Parent Meeting after the June 28th Choir concert in the Fellowship Hall at 7PM. We go over the camp schedule, what to bring, reveal our color and mascot for the week, and answer any questions you may have about Camp 2026.

High School Hangout

High School students! Let's hang at Prime Time from 6-9PM for unlimited everything! The cost is \$30 per student. Dinner sold separately.

SUPERWEEK

Students are invited to a week of competition, games, scripture memorization, and worship from 6-8:30PM, July 26-29. Cost is free for all students and guests! You don't want to miss it!

Women's Ministry

Summer Book Club

Join us for a 6-week study over Jennie Allen's new book: *The Lie You Don't Know You Believe*. We will dive deep into how Jesus fought the devil in the book of Matthew. The workbook is a required for the class but the actual book is optional. Sign up online (registration is free) and purchase your book(s) from Mardel or Amazon. We will meet June 3, 10, 24, and July 1, 15, 22 from 10:30-11:30AM at the church. Childcare is not available.

Worship Ministry

Gospel Concert: The Guardians

Make plans to attend The Guardians Gospel Concert on Sunday, June 7, in the Conference Center! Enjoy an inspiring time filled with gospel favorites, heartfelt worship, and wonderful fellowship. Doors open at 3PM and the concert starts at 4PM. Admission is free and a love offering will be received. Bring your family and friends to this celebration of faith and music- you won't want to miss it!

High School Choir Tour

Our High School Choir is going on Tour June 20-26 to San Diego, California! There will be a Commissioning Service at the conclusion of the 11:15AM Celebration Service on June 14 with a parent meeting immediately following the service. When they return, you won't want to miss their Reflection Service on Sunday, June 28 at 6PM in the Sanctuary to hear all their stories and songs.



Ministry Partner Spotlight

Hello Pioneer Drive Baptist Church!

This month, we are sharing a letter from one of our clients who we will call Maggie. This letter was written to our Program Director, Kris.

"Hello Kris,

My name is Maggie, and I have taken many of the classes offered through Pregnancy Resources. I started taking them in 2020 while pregnant with my first child. My children are now 5 and 3, and the classes that I have taken significantly influenced my relationships with my children and the way I parent. I have also been able to apply this knowledge to the way I structure conversations and the way I interact with people. I believe that basic knowledge of child psychology is important for everyone to have, for the sake of all interpersonal relationships, but especially for new parents. I think that something like this would be beneficial to everyone by providing potential parents with basic knowledge on child development. I want to do something that can help people understand the effectiveness of programs such as this one.

Your time is appreciated,

- Maggie"

Maggie's experience at PRA has left her heart inspired to bring change. We love that she had a positive experience taking our parenting classes, and that she has been able to improve her relationships and parenting skills! Reaching one woman like Maggie is an accomplishment for us as a team, and it is women like her who inspire us. An even greater accomplishment is the impact Maggie's experience made on her heart, and the way she desires to share the impact with more people. **Our mission doesn't stay within our brick and mortar doors; it travels with the hearts of our clients out into the world and it is all made possible through your generosity!**

Blessings,

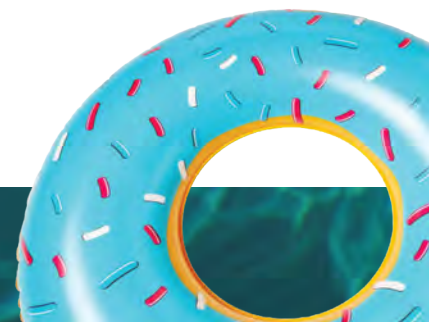
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PRA Update 2026	Apr.	Jan. - Apr.
Total Clients Served	314	836
Total Services Provided	523	1795
Pregnancy Tests	129	537
Ultrasound Exams	54	235
Baby Supplies	118	375
Classes & Coaching	141	404
Professional Counseling	79	240
Prayer Ministry	80	218
Pregnant & Considering Abortion	6	22
Chose Life	4	12



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WEEKEND '26**

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