



THE
VISION
AUGUST 2022





WARM WELCOME

The dog days of summer are here. Unfortunately, they have been here since May.

In Revelation, we read about a time when we “will no longer hunger, nor thirst, nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat” (Rev. 7:16). That sounds pretty nice, doesn’t it? The hot temperatures certainly have me looking forward to a reprieve from the heat. Lord willing, that reprieve will come soon (and with much needed rain)!

More than a change of temperature, I’m really looking forward to ministry that will take place on our campus and through Pioneer Drive people. Here are some of the highlights I’m looking forward to:

- Our Family Ministry Team has put together a renewed Wednesday emphasis for discipleship opportunities involving the whole family called “Worth It Wednesdays.” I encourage you to look over the opportunities and strongly consider making Wednesday night a part of your routine this fall.

- Our Preaching Team is working on a brand new 12 week study through the book of 1 Thessalonians entitled Everyday Faithfulness, beginning August 28th in all morning worship services. We will gather in corporate worship and learn how to faithfully follow Jesus in a challenging world.
- As Pioneer Possibility Phase 1 enters the final 8 month stretch of giving, our Building Improvement Steering Committee continues prayerful research and deliberation, considering Pioneer Possibility Phase 2.
- Terence Waldron will begin his new assignment as Minister to Families, Jonathan Gressett will begin serving as Minister to Youth, and Joe Melson will begin as Business Administrator, joining our staff upon Andy Stanton’s retirement October 17th. We are continuing to search for God’s person to serve as Director of our Embrace Ministry.

I’m grateful for all that God is doing in our midst and for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. I look forward to more gospel ministry together!

Dr. John Whitten
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Senior Pastor





NEXT SERMON SERIES

BEST DAY EVER!

Jesus said it best: it's more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). At Pioneer Drive, we believe every Christian is called by God to serve in their local church, and we're passionate about helping people find their place to contribute to the family. Join us August 14th and 21st for a two-week series that will inspire all of us to serve God by serving one another.

PATHWAYS LEARNING CENTER ANNUAL WATER DAY

Pathways had a great time at their Annual Water Day with water slides, pools, sprinklers, lunch, watermelon, and popsicles to finish out their day. They spent most of the day outside filled with relaxation and fun!



SUNDAY NIGHTS

MONTH OF AUGUST

- August 7: Terence Waldron (Lord's Supper), 6PM Conference Center
- August 14: No Evening Services (Sunday School Rally after worship)
- August 21: Hymn Sing, 6PM Sanctuary
- August 28: No Evening Services (Fall Kickoff on the 27th at the Zoo)



AUGUST

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHURCHWIDE

AUG 10: SUMMER KICKOFF

Come to the Sanctuary at 6PM to hear the wonderful harmonies of this sibling quartet. Doors will open at 5PM. Admission is free, and there will be a love offering taken during the concert. The concert will take the place of our regular Prayer Meeting.

AUG 23: GRIEF SHARE GROUP

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Built around a 13-week video curriculum, GriefShare support groups meet weekly to help you face the challenges of grief and move from mourning to joy. This class meets in room 114 and is facilitated by Omer Hancock and Lonnie and Jan Davidson.

AUG 27: PIONEER DRIVE AT THE ZOO

From 6-9PM, Pioneer Drive will be taking over the Abilene Zoo! Come enjoy a cookout, awesome giveaways, free giraffe feeding, close-up animal encounters, train rides, carousel, and an evening of fun with our church. Remember to bring your Summer Activities Bingo Card filled out for your chance to win some awesome prizes. You won't want to miss this special event, so invite a friend and make plans to join us at the zoo!

COLLEGE MINISTRY

AUG 28: WELCOME HOME SUNDAY

College students are making their way back to Abilene! Classes resume August 29, so we want to welcome students back! Students can join us for College Bible Study at 9AM or stop by the cafe that morning for more info and free stuff! If you see a college student, welcome them back home or to Pioneer Drive for the first time!

SEPT 4: COLLEGE FREE MEAL

The first Sunday of the month is a big deal here in our College Ministry! Join us for College FREE Meal the first Sunday night of the month at 6PM every first Sunday of a month for free food, friends, and a big giveaway item!

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

AUG 14: SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY LUNCH

We are excited to get our Sunday School leadership together as we prepare for a new year. We expect great things this Fall, so please plan to be with us that day. This year, the rally is a lunch following the 10:30AM service. RSVP online or with Crystal Schmidt so we can have an accurate count for food.

AUG 31: WORTH IT WEDNESDAYS

As we gear up for the fall, we want to highlight Wednesday nights. Wednesday nights are worth it! They are worth it because you grow in your faith, build relationships with other believers, and do life together in group activities and studies. We want you, your friends, and your family to enjoy the immense blessing of ministry on Wednesday Nights at Pioneer Drive this year, starting on August 31. See you there!

MEN'S MINISTRY

MONTHLY: MAN LUNCH

The first Tuesday of every month all men are invited to come to the Man Lunch. It is a time to hear testimonies of how God is working in other men's lives and to eat some great BBQ from the Shed. First timers eat free. Located at Station 1, 140 Mulberry St., starts at noon.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

There will be a NEW Old Testament Study offered for any and all Big Country Men at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church on Monday evenings this fall. For more, connect with Nathan@pioneerdrive.org with any questions.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

BIG COUNTRY NEEDS

For the month of August, we are collecting jam and jelly for the food pantry. They have requested that we only bring plastic containers of jam or jelly. You can drop off donations at the grocery carts or any church office.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

AUG 28: KINDERGARTEN BLESSING

Kindergarten Blessing is for any child going into Kindergarten. We will have a brunch at 9AM for the child and their immediate family to bless their Kindergartener and do an activity. We will then bring them forward in the 10:30AM service to pray a blessing over them as they start school. The deadline to register online or through Tammy Lunbeck is August 14.

PRIMETIMER MINISTRY

AUG 11: PRIMETIMERS ON THE ROAD

On the road again for the first time since December 2019! We are headed to Cross Plains and Woody's Classic Car and Baseball Museum. Check out the 1931 Model A, 1956/1959 Corvettes, and many 60's and 70's vehicles. Baseball memories of Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Nolan Ryan and other heroes are everywhere. The church vans (or personal cars) will leave at 10:30AM for Jean's Feedbarn (\$5). Sign-up begins Sunday, July 24th in the church office.

STUDENT MINISTRY

AUG 7: STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This training is for incoming High School Juniors and Seniors who will be leading Sunday Night Bible Study for Student Ministry in the fall. Following the 10:30AM Worship services, we will meet in the Café for lunch, prayer, a time of preparation for fall Ministry, and we will find out who we get to serve with. Lunch will be provided. Let Allison or Jonathan know if you can not be in attendance or if you have special dietary needs.

AUG 21: PARENT APPRECIATION LUNCH

As a parent or guardian of our youth, enjoy a free lunch from 12-1:15PM in the gym! Hear our heart for student ministry, meet the people who work with your students, learn about our mission and values, and receive important calendar dates for the following year. Students are not required to attend, but can enjoy our game room/racquetball court area next to the gym during the parent lunch if needed. Door prizes will be given! Register online and contact Allison or Terence with any questions.

VOLUNTEER

MISSION PARTNER BOARDS

Advocate for great outreach ministry in our own Abilene backyard and beyond by joining our monthly Missions prayer list. Take your commitment one step further by offering your wisdom and support as a board member for one of our Pioneer Partners. For questions or to get started today, email Melissa@pioneerdrive.org.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are looking for additional volunteers to assist during our weekly rehearsals, including a Director for one choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6-6:45PM & begin August 31st. For more information, contact Betsy Colwell (childrenschoir@pioneerdrive.org).

NEHEMIAH MINISTRY

Here at Pioneer Drive we have a great group of people who are helping widows and others who need a helping hand with home projects. They are the Nehemiah Group and they are always looking for volunteers to help out. Building skills are great, but not necessary. For more information, contact Taylor@pioneerdrive.org.

WINDCREST NURSERY HOME

If you love sharing with our older neighbors, we have a great opportunity. The Windcrest Nursing home is looking for people to come and sing hymns and share a devotional with their residents. If you are interested in meeting some amazing older neighbors, contact Nathan@pioneerdrive.org for more information.

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80%
OF PLEDGES

PIONEER
POSSIBILITY



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WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL

Our team prepares a homecooked meal each week. The meal is \$5 per person with a family maximum cost of \$20.

PRESCHOOL

- Choirs – At an early age, we believe children can learn the truths of scripture by learning them in songs.
- Mission Friends – We take time each week to teach our youngest children the value of loving and serving other people.

CHILDREN

- Choirs – We continue to learn the truths of scripture through song and deepen our understanding of worshipping God.
- RA's and GA's – This is a fun time for boys and girls groups to learn about missionaries and being on mission for Christ.

YOUTH

- Open Gym – We love to provide a place for our students to hang out, have fun, and reconnect.
- Midweek Worship – Always a fun time, we play a game, spend time in worship, and hear a sermon by our youth minister.

ADULTS

- Prayer Meeting – Each week at 6PM, led by Senior Pastor, Dr. John Whitten, we pray for all the needs of our church, celebrate the victories, and study God's word.
- Various Bible Studies – This fall, you can choose between 5-6 studies. They range from things specific to men or women, parenting, and other studies that will help you be a better follower of Jesus.
Small Groups – Our Bible studies will have a start and end date, but joining a small group is more for someone looking for a deeper connection that will last longer than the 6-12 week study.
- Celebration Choir & Orchestra – We have a place for you to serve if God has musically gifted you. Our choir and orchestra practice each week to prepare and lead worship in the Celebration Service on Sunday mornings.

**BINGO CARD
FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

**WIN PRIZES FOR BINGOS
DUE AT THE ZOO, AUG. 27**



**FALL MINISTRY KICKOFF
AT THE ZOO**



**AUGUST 27, 6-9PM
FREE FOOD & FUN**



**ERWINS CONCERT
GOSPEL QUARTET**

**AUGUST 10, 6PM
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