

THE

VISION

SUMMER 2024



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This summer our church will be scattered all over the world. Some will go on mission trips to places like Guatemala, Oregon, or Tennessee. Others will vacation to exotic destinations. Children will attend camps, and parents will pack bags destined for the beach or mountains.

I hope this summer you find something fun you can do. The spiritual practices (i.e. prayer, Bible reading, worship, scripture memory) are all designed to help us grow in our awareness of God's love. As a Good Father, our Father longs to give His children good gifts. I think fun is a good gift of God!

I often wonder what the conversation was like with Jesus in ordinary moments. We are challenged by his teaching recorded in scripture and inspired by his miracles, but what about the moments between the miracles and the time between his teachings?

I have to think **Jesus was a fun person** to be around.

Would he have been casting out nets from the boats, playing games with children in the villages, or soaking up good conversation at the wedding in Cana? We do know that Jesus spent a lot of time with all kinds of people, and I have to think that he had fun.

I hope as you are on the move this summer you have a little bit (or a lot of) fun!



Dr. John Whitten

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Senior Pastor

**“If you,
then, though
you are evil,
know how
to give
good gifts
to your
children,
how much
more will
your Father
in heaven
give good
gifts to
those who
ask him!”
-Matt. 7:11**

Sunday Nights



June 2: Vacation Bible School, No Evening Worship

June 9: Summer Supper Club, Various Homes (Registration Required)

June 16: Father's Day, No Evening Worship

June 23: High School Choir Home Concert, 6PM Sanctuary

June 30: Night of Worship and Prayer, 6PM Conference Center

July 7: John Whitten, 6PM Conference Center

July 14: Summer Supper Club, Various Homes (Registration Required)

July 21: Monthly Meetings, No Evening Worship

July 28: Terence Waldron, 6PM Conference Center

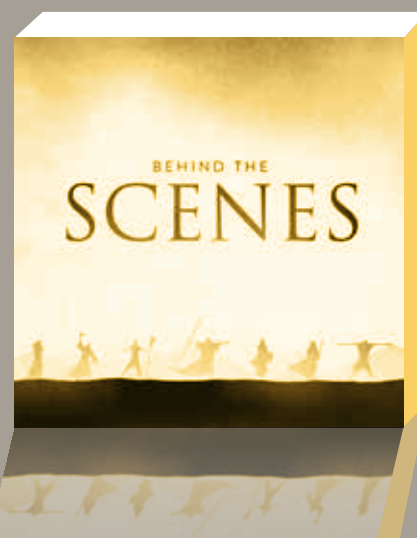


Upcoming Series

BEHIND THE SCENES

THE BOOK OF LUKE

Join us this summer as we explore some of the most well-known events from Jesus' life and ministry as told in the Gospel of Luke. Each week, we'll unpack fresh insights from familiar stories and consider how they continue to speak into our lives today.



SUMMER

CHURCHWIDE

JUNE 2: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us as we learn about God's rock-solid truth June 2-6 from 6-8:30PM! VBS is for all children 3-years-old through 5th grade. Plus, something new is coming to VBS! Thursday night is Family Night! Bring your family and enjoy all things VBS. A parent/guardian must attend with their child(ren) Thursday night and will participate in Worship Rally, VBS Open House, and Rec Time! Don't forget to stop and enjoy the lemonade and cookies!

JUNE 9 & JULY 14: SUMMER SUPPER CLUBS

Supper Clubs are a great evening of fun and fellowship centered around a meal and backyard activities at the home of a Pioneer Drive member. It is a way for us all to grow closer as a Pioneer Family. Anyone can sign up, so save the dates of June 9 and July 14. Sign up for a supper club online in Realm.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MYSTERY TRIPS

Mystery Trips are a full day of mystery and fun with your friends. Parents will be given all the details of the day. Register your child(ren) online.

- 1st/2nd Grade: June 18, 9:30AM-3PM, \$35
- 3rd/4th Grade: June 25, 9:30AM-4PM, \$35
- 5th Grade: June 20, 10:30AM-5PM, \$35
- 6th Grade: June 27, 9AM-7PM, \$50

JULY 8-12: CHILDREN'S CAMP (4TH-6TH GRADE)

Join us for a great week of camp at RiverBend Retreat Center in Glen Rose, TX. You will experience the goodness of God through friendships, fun, and God's truth! Camp this year will be July 8-12. Registration deadline is July 1st.

JULY 26: DAY CAMP (1ST-3RD GRADE)

Join us 9:30AM-4PM for a day of learning more about who God says we are, being the hands and feet of Jesus as we do Mission work around Abilene, and then enjoying swimming and fun with our friends! The cost is \$50. Registration deadline is July 10.



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FAMILY MINISTRY

JUNE 26: FAMILY NIGHT ADVENTURE COVE

Join us from 7:30-9:30PM at Adventure Cove for an evening of fellowship and fun with your Pioneer Drive church family. We have rented the facility, and admission is free. However, registration is required. Register online or by calling the church office by June 25th. We will have a list of all registrants, and you will need to provide your name at the gate. Space is limited so register today and make plans to join us this summer at Adventure Cove!

MEN'S MINISTRY

JUNE 16: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Pick-up a special gift for dad at any of the Welcome Centers. Limited availability.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

JUNE 16: BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDERS

Help build a new church in one week! For many years, several members of our church have participated in an annual Church Builders mission trip with other Baptists from various churches. You are invited to join in on the work and ministry on this year's trip from June 16-21. To learn more, you can visit www.baptistchurchbuilders.com or contact Taylor in our Mission's Office.

JUNE: BIG COUNTRY NEEDS

For the month of June, we will be collecting jelly and jam in plastic bottles only. We are collecting for the ACBA Social Ministries food pantry. All donations can be left in the grocery carts or any church office.

JUNE/JULY: ALAMEDA HOUSE PROJECT

Sign up to help start construction on a new house for a family in the Alameda neighborhood. All skills welcome. Exact date TBD but most likely the end of June or start of July. Email Nathan@pioneerdrive.org to join the fun.

JULY: BONHAM CHRISTMAS STORE

It's time to celebrate Christmas in July! The Bonham Christmas Store allows chosen families from Bonham to shop for Christmas gifts at 10% of the retail price. The gifts are for children ages 0 to 18. The store will be open in December, but we are collecting gifts in July. All gifts can be left in the grocery carts or any church office. We also accept cash donations. Scan the QR codes to the left for the lists.



PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

JULY 8-11: PRESCHOOL CAMP

Preschoolers, three years old by January 1st to completed Kindergarten, join us for non-stop fun as we dive deeper into God's Word. Camp will be from 9AM-12PM. Cost is \$50. Deadline to register is June 26.

PRIMETIMER MINISTRY

JUNE 6: PRIMETIME LIVE

Somewhere around "Mile Marker 55" most adults experience increased memory speed bumps on life's journey. The ride can be a bit scary. Do you want to keep living life in high gear? Join us at 10AM for coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Jeanie McKay will enthusiastically present "Octane for the Brain" at 11AM. A Chick-fil-a boxed lunch (\$8) will be served at noon. You can sign up online or in the church office.

AUG. 1: PRIMETIME LIVE

More Jay Moore? Jay Moore will increase your knowledge and appreciation of Abilene, Texas. Coffee and fellowship begins at 10AM; Jay will speak at 11AM, followed by a Chick-fil-a lunch (\$8) at noon. You can sign up online or in the Church Office.

MARCH 2025: SAVE THE DATE

Did someone say Caribbean Cruise?

STUDENT MINISTRY

JUNE 25 & JULY 2, 9, & 16: LUNCH CLUBS

Students, 7th-12th grades (completed), we hope you'll join us for Lunch Club in the gym this summer at 12PM for a time of bible study and fellowship with student ministry! Bring your own lunch and your Bible as we dive into the Word together this summer!

JULY 5: YOUTH GETAWAY DAY

Save the date for this fun-filled day with your friends! More details and location to come from Allison soon.

JULY 21-25: SUPER WEEK

A favorite week of our students, Super Week celebrates the end of summer and the start of a new school year right around the corner. This week is packed full of fun activities and meaningful worship for students going into 7th-12th grade. We can't wait to see you at Super Week!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

JUNE 12 & 16, JULY 10 & 24: PICKLEBALL

Join us on select Wednesdays this summer from 10AM-12PM at the Pioneer Drive gym for a morning of pickleball and fellowship. Childcare is available upon request in registration.

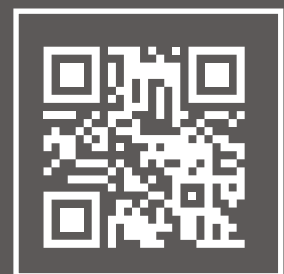
SUMMER BOOK CLUBS

- Restore the Table: Discovering the Powerful Connections of Meaningful Mealtimes by Ryan Rush
 - Mondays from 10:30-11:30AM
 - June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, July 29
 - Facilitator: Courtney Todd
 - Location: Pioneer Drive, Room 2236
 - Childcare available by request in registration. There is no registration fee, but you will want to purchase the book before the first meeting.
- Forgotten God: Reversing our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit by Francis Chan
 - Tuesdays from 6-7PM
 - June 25, July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30
 - Facilitator: Kathy Scott
 - Location: Home of Kathy Scott (126 Olivia's Court, Tuscola)
 - There is no registration fee, but you will want to purchase a book before the first meeting.
- Untangle Your Emotions by Jennie Allen
 - Thursdays from 12-1PM
 - July 11, July 18, July 25, and August 1
 - Facilitator: Jill Fleming
 - Location: home of Jill Fleming (1749 Marathon)
 - There is no registration fee but you will want to purchase a book before the first meeting.



Follow along and read fresh mini-devotionals from your staff, posted once or twice per week on Facebook and Instagram.

SCAN QR & SIGN UP:



SET APART



FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND

AUGUST 2-3

➤ **FAQs & SCHEDULE**



➤ **SPEAKERS**

✓ **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**



Dr. Robert Oglesby, Director, Center for Youth & Family Ministry, ACU
THE TALK: Conversations That Every Parent Should Start



Katie Frugé, Director, Center for Cultural Engagement, Texas Baptists
What is Real: Raising Kids in a Digital World



Rosemary Hollingsworth, Licensed Professional Counselor
The Anxious Generation



Jason Pillion, Head Basketball Coach, Amarillo High School
Navigating the Challenge of Youth Sports



▲ **MAIN SPEAKER**

Dr. Scott Venable, Lead Pastor
Northwood Church in Keller, TX

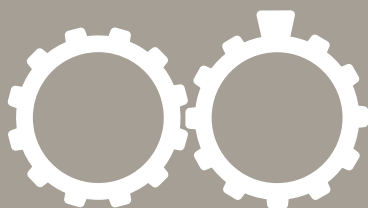
▶ **REGISTER HERE**



FOSTER CARE SURVEY

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FILL OUT

Your Foster Care/Adoption Ministry Team is developing a strong, supportive ministry to Pioneer Drive families who are ministering to children involved with Child Protective Services (CPS). If you have been involved with the CPS and/or the foster care/adoption system as a family either currently or in the past or if you are a professional who has worked previously/currently/want to work in the future with foster children/families we would love to have you complete the survey so we can know how we can best effectively serve our families and children in the future.



re|engage

RE|ENGAGE

NEW MARRIAGE MINISTRY THIS FALL

Whether in crisis or simply wanting to go from “good” to “great,” every marriage has room to grow. Re|engage starts this upcoming fall on Wednesday nights, meets weekly, and costs \$15 per participant to cover the book. Journey with a small group of couples, receive support working through struggles, and celebrate breakthroughs together. Leave with better communication habits, increased intimacy, and more tools in your relational toolbelt for when the difficulties of life arise. Contact Crystal or Terence for more information and to sign up.

THANK YOU!

FROM THE SCOTT FAMILY

Thank you Pioneer Drive Family for an incredible 15 years. The love and support we felt at the reception will be something I never forget. This church is our home, and serving here is one of my life’s greatest blessings. The future of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church is bright, and we look forward to many more years together.

Love,
The Scott Family



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