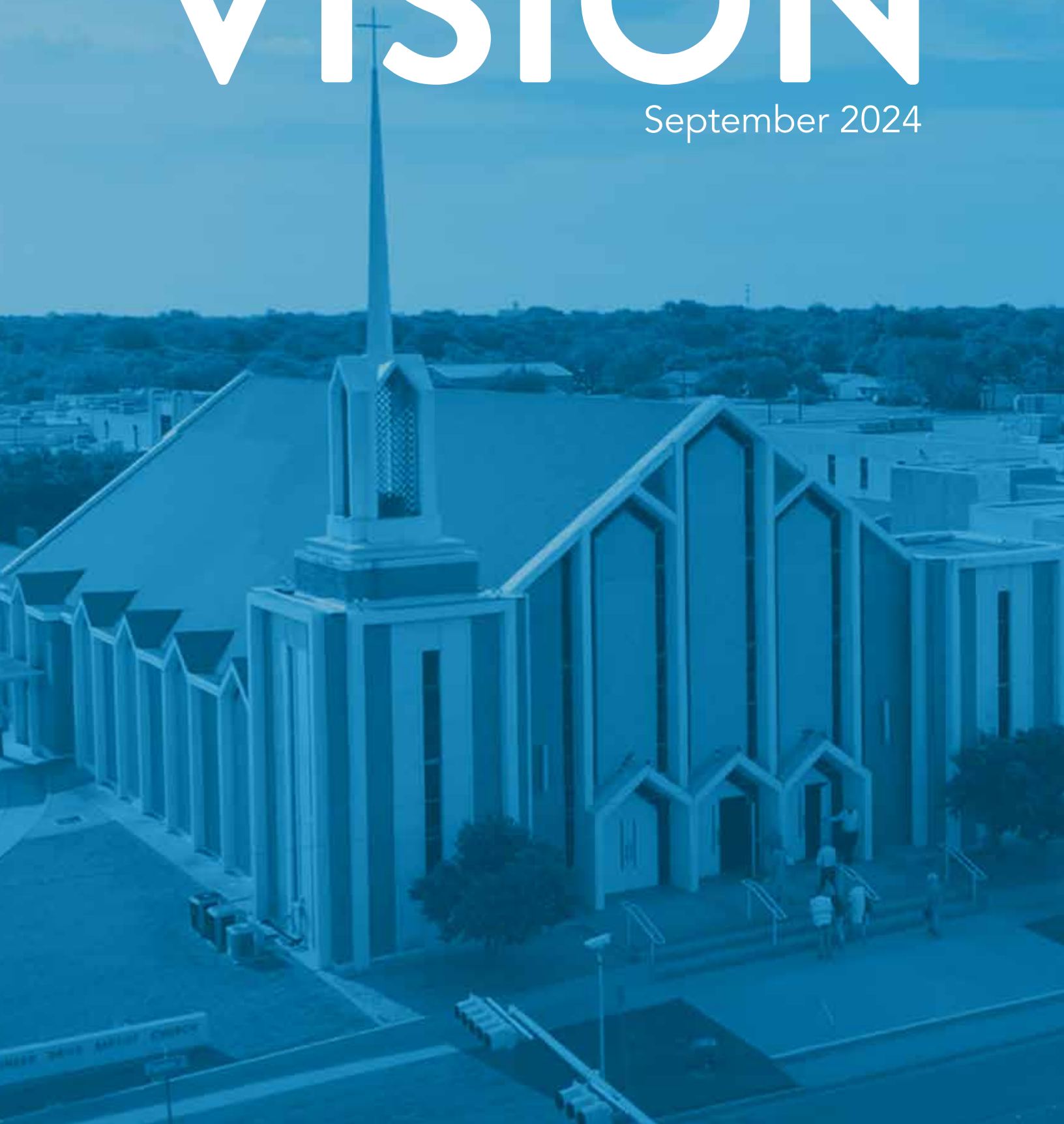


THE VISION

September 2024





"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human has conceived,"—the things God has prepared for those who love him"

—1 Corinthians 2:9

WHAT'S NEXT?

Frequently, when putting my children to bed they will ask, "What are we doing tomorrow?"

They want to know: what's next?

There is something in us that likes to know what is coming. Knowing what's next can put us at ease, give us something to look forward to, or create anxiety. When you close your eyes and think about the future—what do you envision coming next?

Paul tells us that God's glorious gifts for the faithful far exceed all earthly expectations. Christianity is a forward-looking faith. We cannot conceive what comes next but we can cultivate our hearts to be ready.

As I think about "what's next," I'm fairly certain, Lord willing, that September of 2024 will go down as a historic month for Pioneer Drive Baptist Church. Both my wife, Elya, and Pioneer Drive have milestone birthdays (40 and 70).

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the work he has accomplished as we release "In One Accord"—a book about Pioneer Drive's history over the last 70 years. The evening will conclude sharing our vision for what is next: the "Next 70!"

Sunday morning, September 29th, we will officially launch our "Next 70" Campaign as we prepare our facility for what's next. From late-September through October you will hear about the preparatory progress we have made towards a new sanctuary and how we can all participate in accomplishing God's will for His church.

So, what is next?

Scripture promises to those who love God that He has prepared for them things no human mind can conceive.

I cannot guarantee what is next, but if the "Next 70" are anything like the "Last 70" then we have a lot to look forward to!



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SUNDAY NIGHTS

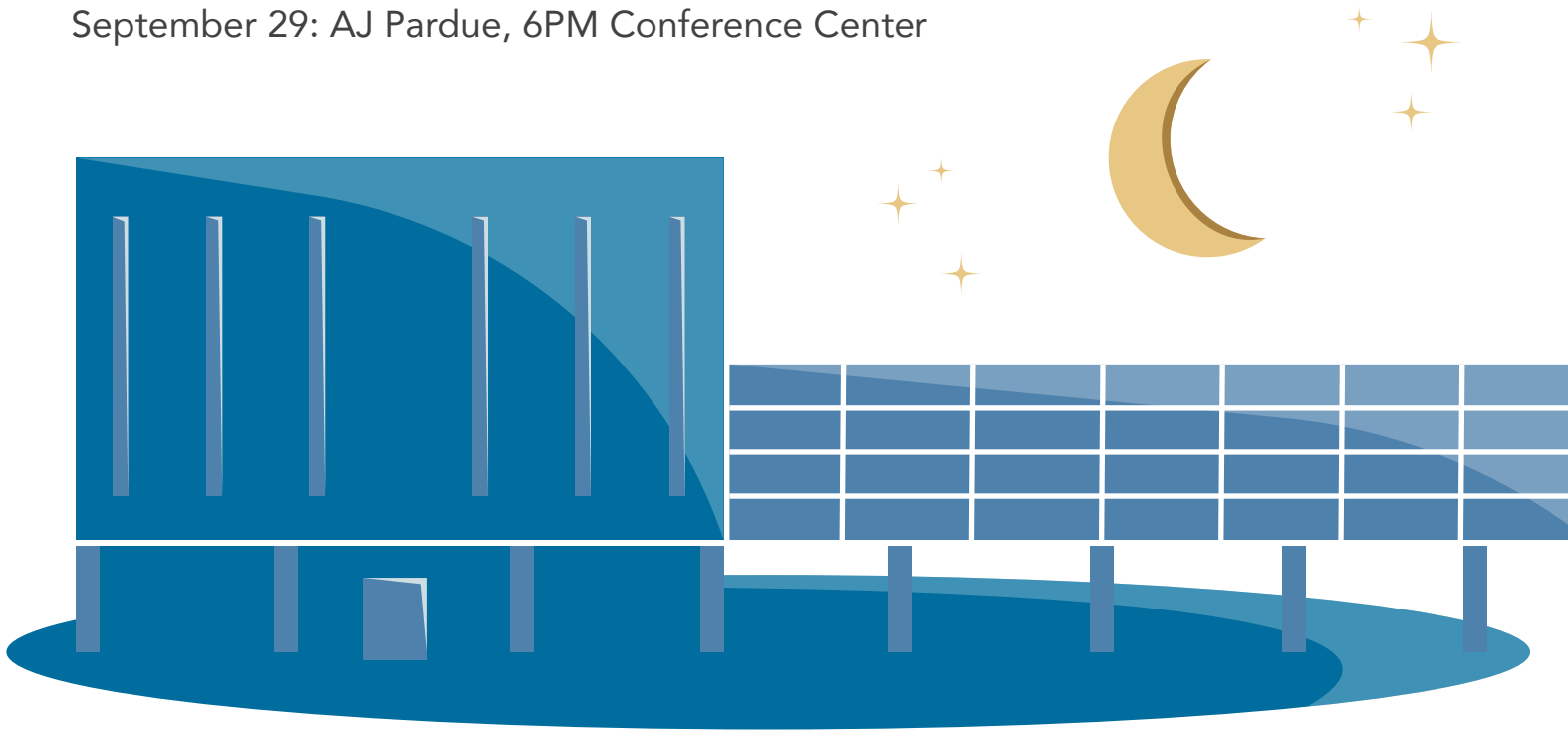
September 1: No Evening Worship, Labor Day Weekend

September 8: Daniel McKay, 6PM Conference Center

September 15: No Evening Worship, Meeting Night

September 22: Pioneer Drive's 70TH Birthday, 6PM Sanctuary

September 29: AJ Pardue, 6PM Conference Center



ANDERSEN FAMILY

KEEP UP WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

The northern and eastern parts of Kenya are home to several least reached peoples of Africa. The nomadic, pastoralist people in these areas wander from one place to another, living on their animals and famine relief assistance to survive. Eddie & Rachel Andersen came to Northern Kenya in 2008, working with the Gabra people.

We recently commissioned the Andersens as their new sending church. Please remember them as they returned to the mission field at the end of August. To learn more about the Andersens or contribute to their mission work, scan the QR code to their website.



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SEPTEMBER

CHURCHWIDE

AUG. 28: WORTH IT WEDNESDAYS

We are back to a full evening schedule with a meal at 5PM and discipleship for children and adults at 6PM, all on our campus. So, make plans now to join us this fall on Wednesdays as we offer classes for everyone. Wednesdays are worth it, come and see for yourself and join us this Wednesday night!

SEPT. 16: JAIL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer to read scripture, share a devotional word, sing songs, or pray with inmates as part of a ministry team serving once a quarter for Night of Worship at Taylor County Jail. Contact Nathan@pioneerdrive.org for an application or you can pick one up and return it to the downstairs church office. Orientation dates happen in October. Application deadline is September 16.

SEPT. 22: PIONEER DRIVE'S 70TH

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SEPT. 8: FIRST GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

The First Grade Bible Presentation is our way of saying "Welcome" to the Children's Ministry. We are excited to walk alongside you and your First Grader, watching their faith and trust in Jesus grow! Parents and First Graders only are invited to join us for a brunch and seminar during the Sunday School hour and we will present your First Grader with a brand-new Bible in the 11:15AM service. Deadline to register is September 1.

OCT. 6: NEW CHRISTIAN CLASS

Has your child recently asked Jesus into their hearts? Our New Christian Class is a time to dig into what it means to be a Christian and how to continue living for Jesus. Classes begin at 9AM and run from Oct. 6 to Nov. 3. Children will be dismissed to Sunday School classes at 10:10AM. Deadline to register is September 29.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

SEPT. 1: COLLEGE LUNCH

Join us right after church at 12:15 PM in our Fellowship Hall for a free lunch! We'll have a home-cooked meal and giveaways. Bring a friend to our college ministry!

MEN'S MINISTRY

SEPT. 21: BACKYARD BURGERS

Join us from 6-9PM at everyone's favorite backyard as we enjoy Rob Wiley's smash burgers, the big game, swimming, and a cornhole competition. Register online for address or contact Nathan at (281)794-6749. All ages are welcome at this great opportunity to invite new guys into our fellowship or reconnect with old friends.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

SEPT 11: SALVATION ARMY EDUCATION

Learn about ministry for our neighbors experiencing homelessness by visiting our local Salvation Army. Educational tours will be hosted on September 11th and September 26th. Contact Nathan@pioneerdrive.org to get signed up.

SEPT. 23: HOPE CAMP GOLF TOURNAMENT

You can be a part of this great cooperative ministry by signing up to play golf as an individual or team, starting at 8:30AM at Diamondback. Your entry fee goes toward funding camp in 2025. Contact Brad Lily at 325-660-3510 with questions or to get signed up. Visit www.acbaptists.org/hopecamp for more information. Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, and team prizes.

OCT. 2: BLOOD DRIVE

Come to Curry's Corner from 4:30-6:30PM to give the gift of life! You must be at least 17 years old to give, but Texas allows for 16-year-old individuals with a signed parental consent form. All blood types are needed, but O-, the universal donor, and, O+, the most common blood types, are in high demand. All donors receive free swag and yummy treats. For questions, contact Nathan@pioneerdrive.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

From helping host a worship service at a local rehab center to prepping meals for the homeless to inviting our neighbors to church, there's a place for you to serve alongside our Mission's team. To learn more about any of these opportunities, contact Nathan@pioneerdrive.org.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION MINISTRY

Seeking guidance on a specific decision? Wondering how to hear the voice of God more clearly? Spiritual direction (a new ministry to Pioneer Drive) is a conversation with a trained facilitator who encourages various prayer practices for the purpose of discerning God's leading in our lives. Contact Nathan@pioneerdrive.org to learn more or to sign up for an initial session.

PRIMETIMER MINISTRY

SEPT. 5: PRIMETIME LIVE

Welcome back Dr. Sandy Hazelip and Ellie Hamby! Last February, these world travelers went "Around the World in 80 days at 81 years old!" Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10AM for coffee and fellowship, their recent world-wide adventures at 11AM, and Chick-Fil-A lunch (\$8) at Noon. Sign-up in the church office.

SEPT. 12: NEXT70 INFO MEETING

Pioneer Drive will be 70 years old in a few weeks. You might say that Pioneer Drive is a "Primetimer" church. Wondering what the Next 70 years will look like? Will we still be "In the Prime of Life Having the Time of Life"? You're invited to join us as we explore the Next70.

STUDENT MINISTRY

SEPT. 8: PARENT PALOOZA

Students and families will be all together in the 130s during the 11:15AM worship service for an opportunity to learn about the year ahead, to pre-register for ministry events, and to meet the team who works with your students each week. All 7th-12th grade students and their families should plan to be in attendance.

SEPT. 8: SUNDAY NIGHT KICKOFF

Sunday nights for students officially kicks off at 4:30PM. Middle School Choir meets in Room 2220 and High School Choir in the Choir Suite. After choir, 7th-12th grades will meet for breakout groups at the church from 5:30-6:30PM. Contact Jonathan or Allison for more info.

SEPT. 9: STUDENT WORKER PROGRAM

Our student worker program allows students to serve in different areas in ministry and earn funds towards student ministry events or for students to contribute their earned funds toward the Next70 campaign. Teaming up with FCA, we will referee football games or work in the concession stand on Monday Nights this fall September 9-October 21. Contact Allison in the student office with any questions!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SEPT. 9: PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY, REVELATION

Join us for the Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 1. This study, hosted by Rose Dean, will meet on Monday evenings from 6-8:30PM September 9 to November 11. Dinner is provided. Cost is \$21-25. Register online. Contact Gayla Mize with questions.

SEPT. 10: WOMEN'S STUDY, ALL THINGS NEW

Women, join us this fall on Tuesday mornings at 10AM from September 10 to October 29 for All Things New: a study on 2 Corinthians. Each of us has a message to proclaim and live by: Because of Jesus the old has gone, the new has come. The cost for this study is \$15 which includes the member book by Kelly Minter. Register online or by calling the church office.

SEPT. 11: WOMEN ON MISSION

Join us for Women on Mission at 11:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy lunch and hear from Tamiko Jones, Executive Director for the WMU of Texas, about the great work happening across our state and globe through the Women's Missionary Union and Texas Baptists. The cost is \$5. Register online or by calling the church office by Sunday, September 8.

SEPT. 19: CAFE CONNECTIONS

Ladies of all ages and stages are invited to come for a time of fellowship and encouragement on the third Thursday of each month at 10AM in the Cafe. Coffee & light breakfast snacks are provided. Come as you are and bring a friend. There is no cost or registration.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

SEPT. 29: CHILDREN-LED WORSHIP

Children are leading worship in the gathering at 9 and 11:15AM! Our first through fifth graders will greet, pray, read scripture, sing, and help take up the offering.

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Pioneer Drive
BAPTIST CHURCH

70 **YEARS**
CELEBRATE
SEPTEMBER 22ND
SANCTUARY, 4-6PM
ANNIVERSARY

FIRST 70

BUILDING PROJECTS

Pioneer Drive Baptist Church is founded; Original building: Rm 111

1954

1955

The church quickly expands with what's now known as the 130s

A couple years later the addition of the 120s, Prayer Room, and Rm 112

1957

1962

Cafeteria, Kitchen, and Education (1250s/2250s)

The current Sanctuary stands tall on the corner of S. 7th & Pioneer Drive

1968

1974

"Together We Build" accomplishes the Gym and Activities Building

"Together Today for Tomorrow": Fellowship Hall, Choir Suite, and upstairs Education space

1982

1987

"Together Today for Tomorrow We Grow" completes the Children's and Preschool Building

Remodeling of the Prayer Room takes in part of Rm 112

1992

2007

"Arise & Build" completes the Allen Room, Conference Center, Upstairs Offices, and Covered Parking

Kitchen remodel, creating a serving line and updating appliances

2012

2021

"Pioneer Possibility" remodels the Adult Education space

NEXT 70

2024

The Vision is Pioneer Drive's monthly newsletter. Learn about our latest news and upcoming events.

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