



The Vision

NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF AMITE
JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2018

Church Events

July

- July 2:** GriefShare group starts 6-8pm in fellowship hall
- July 4:** No Wednesday night activities
- July 9-13:** Youth Camp
- July 11:** Cookout at Fekete house 6:00pm
- July 12:** Senior Adult meeting 12 noon in fellowship hall
- July 16:** Quarterly WMU mission craft meeting at Spring Creek 10:00am
- July 18:** Covered dish fellowship 6:00pm
- July 22:** Deacon's meeting 4:00pm; Stewardship meeting 5:00pm
- July 25:** Scavenger hunt at FBC Amite 6:00pm

August

- August 1-31:** Children's home offering and fall food roundup
- August 1:** Back to School Bash
- August 5:** Connect Class after AM service for new members and guests
- August 8:** Wednesday night meals resume
- August 12:** Sunday School promotion; Extended session promotion
- August 19:** Deacon's meeting 4:00pm; Stewardship meeting 5:00pm
- August 26:** Business meeting during AM service

September

- September 1-30:** Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection
- September 16:** Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering collection Sunday
- September 23:** Deacon's meeting 4:00pm; Stewardship meeting 5:00pm
- September 26:** Business meeting 6:00pm
- September 30:** Church blood drive

Summer Reading is Cool!

This summer the Media Library invites you to travel to the past, spend some time on a ranch, visit a simpler way of life, or camp out with a good book. As always Mrs. Ludell and her crew have been busy getting all these new books, and many more, ready for you to check out.

The newest Love Inspired books include: *Mistletoe Matchmaker* and *Hometown Valentine* by Lissa Manley, *Capturing the Minister's Heart* by KD Fleming, *The Holiday Courtship* by Winnie Griggs, *Baby Barter* by Patty Smith Hall, *Falling for Texas* by Jill Lynn, *The Fireman's Secret* by Jessica Keller, and *Healing the Widower's Heart* by Susan Ann Mason. If you like Amish stories, four Amish fiction books were donated anonymously. The titles and

authors are: *Amish Triplets for Christmas* and *Anna's Forgotten Fiancé* by Carrie Lighte, *An Amish Arrangement* by Jo Ann Brown and *Their Amish Reunion* by Lenora Worth. Other anonymous donations include: *Her Alaskan Cowboy* by Belle Calhoun, *Season of Joy* by Virginia Carmichael, *Rocky Point Promise*-a large print book-by Barbara McMahon, *Mountain Country Courtship* and *Claiming the Single Mom's Heart* by Glenna Kaye, *Her Hill country Cowboy* by Myra Johnson, *Texas Ranger Showdown* by Margaret Daley, *Reunited by a Secret Child* by Leigh Bale, *Mail Order Sweetheart* by Christine Johnson, *The Bachelor's Perfect Match* and *The Promise of Home* by Kathryn Springer, *Falling for the Single Dad* by Lisa Carter, and *The Spirit of the Season* by Dana Corbit.

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15*



New books purchased by the library to continue series already on the shelf are: *When the Soul Mends* (book 3 in the Sisters of the Quilt series) by Cindy Woodsmall, *For Love or Loyalty* (book one in the Mac Gregor series) by Jennifer Hudson Taylor, *The Letters* (book 1 in the Inn at Eagle Hill series) by Suzanne Woods Fisher, and *In the Company of Others* (book 11 in the Mitford Series) by Jan Karon.

Angels Walking the first book in the Angels Walking series by Karen Kingsbury was given by Elmer and Marty Morris in memory of Rose Sumrall's mother Aimee Besse. Yvonne Vining has also given several Love Inspired books

recently. They are: *A Mom for His Daughter* by Jean C Gordon, *Instant Family* by Donna Garthshore, *The Bachelor's Baby* by Mia Ross, *Claiming Her Cowboy* by Tina Radcliff, *A Cowboy for the Twins* byCarolyn Aarsen, *The Lawman's Runaway Bride* by Christy Barritt, *A Mother for His Family* by Suzanne Dietze, *Finally A Bride* by Renee Andrews, *A Baby for the Doctor* by Stephanie Dees, and *Counting on the Cowboy* by Shannon Taylor.

Come by the library on Sunday morning and check out any of the above and while you are there take a look at what is already on the shelf. And don't forget about the children's section!!!

Pastor's Pen

It was a hot summer day, 1992. I found myself behind the wheel of a 1984 GMC Single Cab pickup. I was eight years old. My daddy was fully aware of what was going on because he was walking behind the truck as I drove. I can still hear him call out "keep your foot on the break," "a little to the left son," "a little to the right." He was loading, as I drove through the alley of what seemed to be two miles of square bales. I can still see the long beads of sweat drip down his nose and drop off onto the ground as he worked. My daddy taught me that a man's value is not in what he is doing, but in whom he is teaching.

It was almost every night of my childhood life, which she would do it. Work all day, pick us up from school, get home and make sure my sister and I completed our homework as she stood over a hot stove. She worked just as hard as my father just in a different way. She was an infrequent complainer and never made a decision that affected our household without first getting the input from my father. You see, my mother understood her role in the home and the kingdom. She taught me that a man's value is not in what he can do, but in who chooses to do it with him.

My parents are complementarians. If you were to ask either of them to describe complementarianism, they would not be able to. The fundamental belief of complementarianism is that male and female are both created as complementary expressions of the image of God—male and female are counterparts in reflecting his glory.¹ It is the recognition of being equal before God as persons and distinct as male and female.² God created male and female for glorifying himself in their God-given responsibilities and privileges. I knew from a very early age that my father loved my mother. He told her, showed her, and never spoke negatively about her in public. My mother likewise submitted to his leadership and loved him through his mistakes.

We live in a perilous time in which there is confusion on all fronts. Gender confusion, transgender confusion, homosexual confusion, heterosexual confusion all wage war on the personal identities of real genuine people.

We as God's people must not be confused. We must not waiver in our understanding of the truth. We must not alter the word of God. Male chauvinism has no place in the heart of a Christian man. Feminist role equality should not find a home in the heart of a Christian woman. We will not change our culture overnight, but we must confidently model in our homes God-glorifying obedience. Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.³

Remember, your value is not in what you are doing or in what you think you have authority to do. but more so in who you are teaching, and how they will choose to follow.

¹ "Complementarianism for Dummies," *The Gospel Coalition*, n.d., accessed June 26, 2018, <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/complementarianism-for-dummies/>.

² "Nashville Statement." CBMW, accessed June 26, 2018. <https://cbmw.org/nashville-statement/>.

³ Psalm 100:3 English Standard Version.

For further reading check out:

cbmw.org

What's the Difference? by John Piper

