

## Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family:

I was out and about the other day, between appointments, lunch, errands, ministry, etc. It was just like another day being me. But this day was different in one way. I noticed several people smiling at me, big time. I mean over and over again, people would make eye contact with me, and just smile. I initially thought, maybe people are collectively having a good day. Maybe this is national smile day. And as I went through the day, the smiles just kept on coming. After a while I thought, "Maybe it's me. Maybe I am putting on my happy face" (I try not to go around with sad face by the way) And as the smiles kept coming, and I kept giving it back, I thought, every day ought to be this way.

Church, we can be that way every day. If you know Jesus, there is AMPLE reason to smile all the time.! Keep smiling folks. It matters!!

I will be missing you today. We are in Houston off-loading CJ to college. I know you are in for a special blessing as Eric has been asked to preach. Coming off a wonderful DiscipleNow Weekend for Children, I know his heart is full. Congratulations to the Fontenot boys on their baptism!!! I look forward to seeing everyone next week!

Have a blessed day of worship,  
Dr. j

## Church News



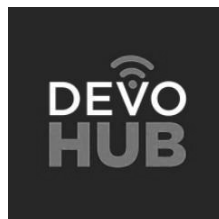
### Garage Sale

The next garage sale for missions will be on **Saturday, September 30.**

Donations can be brought to the designated room in the Education Building,



However God calls you to give, we are making it simple for you. Give online via our app or website. Setup automatic payments or reminders for when life gets hectic. For more information, or to give online, visit [fbcjennings.com/give](http://fbcjennings.com/give).



### Free Devotionals on your smart phone or tablet

For those of you who are using the electronic devotionals Devohub, these resources have expanded. Originally this started with the ladies and men's devotionals *Journey* and *Stand Firm* plus the traditional *Open Windows*. They have added the youth or student devotional *Essential Connections* and a devotional called *Family Journey*. This is geared for elementary grade children and parents to do Bible study together at the "family table". If you have not downloaded this app yet, please do when you are on the church campus. You can sign up for free from this location.

**Step one:** Turn on your "location" service on your device if turned off.

**Step two:** Go to the app store you use and search for Devo Hub.

**Step three:** Download free app.

**Step four:** Click activate.

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**Finance Committee Meeting TODAY**, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Family Life Center.

**Business Meeting** Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Sanctuary.



Join us September 22 -23 for a women's conference at First Baptist Church Jennings as we focus on transforming into the women God has called us to become. For more information please contact the church office or go to [www.fbcjennings.com](http://www.fbcjennings.com)

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

Food Distribution will resume on **Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm.** Individuals whose last name falls between **(E-H)** will be served. If you are interested in being involved, you are welcome to participate. Thank you for your prayers and service.

To send a prayer need to the prayer chain, e-mail Liz Bollich at [bollich@bellsouth.net](mailto:bollich@bellsouth.net) text or call @ (337) 580-2896.

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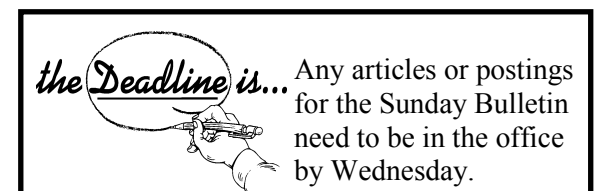
**Student Ministry**  
[students.fbcjennings.com](http://students.fbcjennings.com)

Fall schedules have arrived! We are excited to kick off our Wednesday night fall schedule which we will continue 5-7 pm in the Refuge. This year we are working to have dinner provided, message Sarah Laughlin (349-9936) or Sandy Landry (658-3396) to sign up and help provide dinner for our students.

**Back to School Youth Lock - In:**  
Join us on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> for our back to school Lock- In. This is an all night event from August 25<sup>th</sup> until Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will have food, games, worship, a time in God's Word, and time with lots of friends. The cost is \$5 per person. All students must check in upon arrival, and have an emergency contact form completed. We will have the forms when you drop off your student or you can visit the website and download the form.

Mark your calendars for See You at the Pole - September 27.

I look forward to another great school year with your students!  
Derrick Laughlin (356-6334)



Articles for the Newsletter need to be in the office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

