

T H E S T O R Y

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WELCOME TO
THE STORY!

I love the summer. Summer is hot in the Bay Area, but it also brings about a change of pace, allowing for new ministry and refreshment. In this edition of the story, you will read about our summer ministry initiatives like Vacation Bible School, student missions and camp, and many equipping opportunities for worship and ministry leadership. Whether you are a senior adult or looking for children's ministry, you will find an opportunity this summer to connect and help us make disciples, equip families, and serve the world with the gospel.

This summer, Bay Area First Baptist Church will enter a new chapter of ministry opportunity as we anticipate adding two staff members. Jason Nave has been named Head of School for Bay Area Christian School. His first day in the office is June 10. We are really excited about Jason, his wife Jaren, and their boys, Knox and Smith, becoming part of the Bay Area Family. Pray for them as they move here from Florida and settle into a new community and ministry.

We also anticipate adding an Executive Pastor/Spiritual Formation to our staff this summer. His role will be to oversee the entire spiritual formation process from infancy to senior adulthood. He will focus on implementing Milestones as our discipleship strategy to connect church and home. He will also develop a strategy to equip members for leadership in our church and beyond. This leadership development process is important for us to realize our vision. If we really want to make disciples, equip families, and serve the world with the gospel in the Bay Area, the North East, and the Middle East, we will need to disciple leaders called to such work whether it is as a Life Group leader, a worship leader, or a church planter. He will engage all generations in a leadership development process. I am excited to see how the Lord will call many of you to serve as leaders. Finally, he will preach for me as needed and help me shepherd the church.

Lastly, please pray for my family and me this summer. I will be leading 30 of our people to study the Bible in Israel the last week of May and the first week of June. Then, I will be meeting a small group of missionaries from Bay Area, including my wife Angela, to engage our unreached people group. God is opening amazing doors for this ministry. We need your sincere prayers. I will be out of the pulpit four Sundays beginning May 26. We are blessed to have two great men preaching while I am away. On May 26, my friend Joel Trevino will preach. Joel is no stranger to Bay Area. I am excited for you to hear from him. June 2, 9, and 16, Dr. Steve Jones will be preaching. Steve is a member of my former church and a great, practical, preacher of the Bible. I can't wait for him to influence you with the Word.

May God guide your steps as you seek Him this summer!



Brian Haynes, Lead Pastor



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SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS!

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS



At Bay Area, we provide a fun, safe, and loving atmosphere for kids to learn about Jesus. We believe parents are the Primary Faith Trainers in their children's spiritual journeys, so we partner with you to provide the tools to help along the way. Check out some of the exciting summer activities your kids won't want to miss.

CONTACT OUR KIDS MINISTER, CHERIE AT CHERIE.NISCAVITS@BAFBC.ORG WITH QUESTIONS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MINISTRY.

UPCOMING KIDS EVENTS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "Colossal Coaster World"

Dates: Monday, June 10 - Friday, June 14; 9:00 am - Noon

Location: Bay Area First Baptist Church

Ages: 4 year olds (by 6/10/13) through completed 6th grade

Cost: FREE!

Registration Info: Visit www.bafbc.org/vbs for detail and registration.

Register by May 31 to give your child a chance to win a door prize at the VBS Rally and Free Carnival June 8, 7:00 pm



PRETEEN CAMP "Epic: Over the Edge"

Dates: Tuesday, August 6 - Saturday, August 10

Location: Pineywoods Baptist Encampment (Woodlake, TX)

Ages: For kids who have completed 3rd - 6th grade ('12-'13 school year)

Cost: Register by June 16 for \$230 discounted rate

Registration Info: Visit www.bafbc.org/events for detail and registration.



CAMPUS UPGRADES

As new families from around our community continue to join us each Sunday we want to ensure everyone is able to find adequate parking and enjoy a positive experience while on our campus. To accomplish this, we will be expanding our parking this summer to create space for 450 new guests.



We are also planning to modify the two awnings at the rear of the auditorium to provide new covered drop-off areas. Awnings will also be built for the new office entrance.

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STUDENT MINISTRY

At Bay Area, we provide an exciting environment for students to build relationships with others on the same path of growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

There are a lot of exciting things planned for the summer. We will be all over the map from Texas to India. God is developing leaders, calling out missionaries, and bringing spiritual fruit to bear. We are so excited about what He has in store. Follow our blog at 518ministries.com to see what the Lord does this summer.

STUDENT CAMP COMING...

Student Summer Camp is an opportunity to encounter God on a deeper level and grow together as Christ-followers. Students will have a blast swimming, canoeing, swinging from the ropes course and a TON of other exciting activities.

Dates: Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12

Location: Pineywoods Baptist Encampment (Woodlake, TX)

Ages: Junior High & High School Students

Cost: Register by June 24 for \$250 discounted rate

Registration: Visit www.bafbc.org/events for detail and registration.

Come Serve with Us! If you have a passion for students and a gift in teaching, administration, or building relationships, we can use you! Come be a part of our team. We can always use extra help. We have needs on both Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

CONTACT JAMES ROBERTS AT JAMES.ROBERTS@BAFBC.ORG FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR STUDENT MINISTRY AND OUR LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS.



SUMMER MISSIONS

This summer we are excited to be sending three missionary teams to three different continents to serve the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your faithful giving is allowing us to honor the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) by proclaiming Christ's name in the four corners of the earth.

Join us in praying that God would open doors in our lives to share the love of Christ with those across the street and across the globe. Be encouraged! God has given us a life of victory through the blood of Jesus. For information about local and global missions visit www.bafbc.org/missions.



A HEART by Roger Cullins, Worship Pastor FOR WORSHIP



I am so excited to be serving as your worship pastor! The church has been so supportive and welcoming to Katherine and me. We see God moving in so many ways and our desire is to continue seeking God's desires together with you. I'm excited to see the momentum building of God's power and might being shown in our local neighborhoods and across the world through our church.

As a worship ministry, our primary goal is to please God and do what He wants. We are aware that we can make some people happy by playing certain songs or avoiding others. There is always a "losing group" with this approach. However, when God is happy about what we are doing, exciting things happen. He shows up and "shows off" - making His presence known to every person in the room. God wants every person to experience His presence and love God. The best way for us to do that is to just ask Him - "what do YOU want?"

Thank you for extending grace in those moments when you are personally out of your "comfort zone" in our worship experiences together. I want you to know that people notice and it encourages them to see your heart for God shine through. Most importantly - God is pleased because it says to Him: "God, this worship is for You, it is about You. If You are pleased with it, then I am great with it".

Lastly, YOU are the tabernacle of God. 1 Cor. 3:16-17 reminds believers: "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple." Because God's Spirit dwells in you and me, that makes a huge difference in every part of our lives. With that knowledge, let us walk with His Spirit being our power, motivator and guide. He loves showing off through once-broken vessels. We are broken no more!

I love you and am thankful for you! Blessings!

A FEW THINGS AHEAD FOR THE WORSHIP MINISTRY

YOUTH WORSHIP - We are bringing the youth worship under the umbrella of the worship ministry. We believe that God wants us to build into the next generation of worshippers. Before we know it they will be leading us. We are partnering with the students to offer the same training and Biblical worship teaching that we offer to adults. We are also very excited about mentoring and spending more time with them this Fall.

CHOIR - The choir will be kicking off again in August. We are thankful for their weekly leadership and commitment to leading worship with their lives and on the platform. We are excited about seeing new people sing with us in the fall. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please email us at worship@bafbc.org or call the main office.

LIVING WATER BIBLICAL COUNSELING MINISTRY

Jesus Christ is at work, behind the scenes, to bring health to His Bride (the Church). One way He is doing this at BAFBC is by teaching us to minister the Gospel of His grace to each other in the areas of suffering, the ongoing struggle against sin, and the pain of broken relationships.

Our team of volunteer biblical counselors has seen the Word of God actively changing hearts and bearing fruit in the lives of others at BAFBC since the Living Water ministry launched in January. Throughout the summer, you're encouraged to experience Groups on Thursday nights as a safe place to struggle through a variety of issues in light of God's Word. One-on-one counseling appointments are also available. This fall, look for the start of our next 16-week Steps discipleship group as well as the launch of DivorceCare and GriefShare groups. We anticipate continuing to see lives and relationships transformed because of the power of God's grace.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LIVING WATER, CONTACT OUR DIRECTOR OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING, ASHLEY AT ASHLEY.WOLLAM@BAFBC.ORG.