

ASBC Monthly

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From the Pastor

June has been busy, but a great month concerning our church's ministry. We took the youth to Falls Creek and are now gearing up for Vacation Bible School!

As July begins, I think upon what we have seen in John's Gospel on Sunday mornings. Just what I have seen there in the text continues to shape my vision for ministry and how we do church at ASBC. Honestly, it is so different than what I have experienced in many churches today. As I preach each Sunday, I am driven by the Scriptures to remember that I don't have all the answers. I'm not better than the preacher down the street. In fact, I don't have much to offer at all. The same is true for us as a local church. We don't have more insight than the next local church. We can't get people closer to God. The reason is simple—human religion could never and will never get us to Heaven or increase our status before God. To think it ever could is part of the prideful,

Works-based religion of the world.

When we come to grips with this great truth in Scripture, that we must decrease as a local church and Christ must increase, I think it humbles us. This humility frees us to minister without placing heavy expectations on others. Only God can save. He is generous with salvation because of His work in the person of Christ. We can truly consider others to be more important than us. Instead of thinking we are better, we can serve all people and raise them up.

This revelation really changes our perception of the church and our attitudes while participating in church. No longer do we seek to have our preferences filled or ears tickled. No longer do we try to attract people into church by way of entertainment, music, programs, or dynamic preaching. Instead, we refuse to neglect the gathering together of ourselves because we gather together as a family to edify one another (see Hebrews 10:24-25). You don't come to church to hear me or

Regular Schedule

Sundays

Sunday School
9:30am
Worship 10:30am

Wednesdays

Meal 6:00pm
Bible Study for All
Ages 6:30pm

present yourself in worship as if God needed us. We participate in church because we are needed to lift others up by fulfilling our ministries in Christ. Others are needed to lift us up. I preach because that is my service for the purpose of edification. Church doesn't get us closer to God. We church because God has brought us close to Himself, and we are a family.



Upcoming Big Stuff

Vacation Bible School

Registration is open on the Church website.

When: July 12-14, 6:30-8:30 PM

Family Night: July 15 7-8 PM

Sign your children up to come enjoy a meal, Bible study, crafts, music, games, and a focus on missions.

Back to School Splash

Join us as we celebrate going back to school (or enjoy one last party before the school year starts).

When: July 29

Be at the church at 6:15 for a meal before leaving for the pool.



New Book!

Join us August 2, as we hear a special sermon and celebrate the release of Pastor Andrew's New Book about the nature of the church today. Sign up in the foyer to claim your limited edition book on release day.



Church Calendar

July 4 // Independence Day

July 15 // Food Pantry and Clothing Closet

July 18 // Men's Breakfast

July 19 // Business Meeting

July 26 // Children's Ministry Meeting

July 29 // Back to School Splash

August 2 // Book Release, Sunday Night Worship and Discipleship

Be Aware...

July 15 - VBS Family Night. No regular meetings. Food pantry and clothing closet still operating.

July 22 - Break before school resumes / No evening activities.

July 29 - Back to School Splash will alter on-campus schedule.