



# Welcome

## **HIGH SCHOOL OVERFLOW**

This Wednesday, our high school students, instead of meeting at the church, are serving at Helping Hands in Belton from 6-8 pm! Helping Hands serves more than 3,000 people each week in our community. Meet at Helping Hands and come serve with us! They're located at 2210 Holland Road in Belton.

## **BACKPACK BUDDIES**

Thank you for your wonderful response to Backpack Buddies last Sunday! We only have 120 left of our 250 students that we are sponsoring so we look forward to seeing you at our table TODAY! TBC is joining 23 other churches across Temple to help over 1600 students and teachers from 11 schools. What a blessing each summer to join in this community wide outreach to help these children and support those who teach them every day.

## **BACKPACK BUDDIES BASH**

We are in need of volunteers for a festival we are hosting for all families receiving backpacks through Backpack Buddies. The Backpack Buddy Bash will be August 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fred Edwards Academy at 1414 W. Barton Ave (next to Temple High School). Sign up at the Backpack Buddies table in the lobby or contact Tim for more information at [timc@tbcweb.org](mailto:timc@tbcweb.org).

## **BAPTISM MEETING**

Our church-wide baptism will be Sunday, August 13. There are 2 opportunities to attend a required meeting for those wishing to be baptized. Those are happening on Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 6 immediately following the 11:00 service. Both will meet in the Creekside Center and only 1 meeting needs to be attended.

## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Christmas in July is a fundraising project to help meet the needs of nearly 600 children in the foster care system. These funds will be used to meet various needs and set up programs for kids in care, with specific interest on those aging out of care and in transitional living. There's a Christmas tree in the Creekside Center, as well as in other businesses and churches. Take a donation ornament off the tree and a tax deductible donation can be made online or mailed in. For questions or to learn more, visit Foster Love Bell County on Facebook, or email Candace Cartwright at [candycart@gmail.com](mailto:candycart@gmail.com).

**Pray for the family of Gloria Hinkle as she passed away last week.**



# QUESTIONS

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## Why Are There So Many Denominations? Why Can't the Church Be United?

In 1900, there were 1,880 "Christian" denominations in the world.

In 2000, there were 33,800 "Christian" denominations in the world.

There were a multitude of reasons for this astronomical increase in denominations and each was warranted in the minds of those that began a new group. Sadly, many of these groups came about because of contention, conflict, and splits. Would Jesus be pleased? What causes churches to splinter and how can we avoid the pain of a family feud?

### ➤ **DIVIDED and CONQUERED...what causes a church SPLIT?**

**S** \_\_\_\_\_ over non-essentials...I Cor 1:10

**P** \_\_\_\_\_ allegiance to specific leaders...I Cor 1:11-12

**L** \_\_\_\_\_ of perspective...I Cor 1:13

**I** \_\_\_\_\_ ...I Cor 1:14-16

**T** \_\_\_\_\_ ...I Cor 1:17

### ➤ **HOW to PRESERVE UNITY in a church?**

**U** \_\_\_\_\_ in the essentials...Acts 15; Gal 1

**N** \_\_\_\_\_ one another...Philippians 2:1-4

**I** \_\_\_\_\_ reconciliation...Matt 5:23-24

**T** he way of \_\_\_\_\_ ...I Cor 13; Eph 4:1-3

**Y** \_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit...Col 3:12-15

### ➤ **UNITY begins with " \_\_\_\_\_ "**

#### **CORE VALUES**

**SURRENDER**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**MISSION**



#### **GIVING IS A PART OF WORSHIP**

We do not pass the plate during the service. Boxes are located in the hallways for those who wish to worship by giving.