



JULY 2018

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word for the day is “Segullah.” This is an interesting word that is used a handful of times in the Old Testament and is translated “peculiar treasure” “peculiar” “special” “jewel” “particular treasure”. I learned from a college professor that when an ancient conqueror would defeat an enemy, after all was said and done, the king would find a memento from those people that would symbolize the victory. He would then take that memento and place it in an honorary place that would serve as a reminder of his victory. The Segullah became a loved piece in the king’s life. That piece would cause him to remember the victory that he enjoyed.

The Lord calls you His Segullah. It is not so much that He has conquered you and you must serve Him, it is the fact that you are His most special possession. The love that He has for you is based on His character and not our conduct. The covenant that the Lord has with us centers on the fact that He desires a relationship with you. A unique characteristic of the covenant is that it is valid whether we do our part or not. The covenant will remain enforce because of the perfect character of God that will never do anything to invalidate the covenant. So, this day enjoy the fact that you are the pleasure of God – you are his Segullah.

**Glass Mission Offering** – You should have or will be receiving the information kit for the Glass Mission Offering. The GMO prayer focus is July 15 – July 22. I ask that you consider using the prayer guide through the week or even throughout the month as you ask the Lord to reveal what He desires in your life and as you pray for the Galveston Baptist Association. The Glass Mission Offering will fund the opportunities that will Advance God’s Kingdom.

Dennis’ Upcoming Schedule

July 1 – Preaching FBC Hitchcock and FBC La Marque

July 16 – Preaching @ San Leon Community Church

July 30 – Preaching @ New Hope, League City

August 5 – Preaching @ Northside Baptist, Texas City



## Mission Santa Fe is Here!

For several years in a row, Arcadia First Baptist Church of Santa Fe participated in mission trips to Memphis, Tennessee. After four years of seeing lives changed in inner city Memphis, this team of missionaries became burdened for their own community and desired to lead outreach efforts in Santa Fe similar to those led by Brinkley Heights Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. They knew that this would be a large-scale work, and to be successful it would require assistance by area churches who also had hearts for evangelism. The desire to see souls saved and lives changed birthed what we now know as Mission Santa Fe.

This year, on July 23-27, a group of volunteers from various Galveston county churches will meet at 8:00 in the morning at Arcadia First Baptist Church and have breakfast provided by the church. We will then join together for a large group meeting time where we will have a time of devotion and prayer and will talk about our plans and strategies for the day's work. Several teams will fan out into the neighborhoods surrounding Runge Park in Santa Fe, knock on doors, and invite any children ages 4-12 or youth ages 13-18 to meet us at Runge Park for a time of fun. A local daycare will join us as well. Our plan is to have exciting activities for the children which include: a bounce house, a giant water slide, a petting zoo, snow cones, hot dogs, popcorn and drinks along with other games and entertainment. After a time of enjoying these activities, we will have a "Backyard Bible Club" in which there will be four stations: crafts, recreation, Bible story, and music. We will have four different age-appropriate groups that will rotate through the stations. Any youth from the community that would like to participate will also have an opportunity to enjoy the bounce houses, water slide, and refreshments, but will do so at a different time than the children. Youth will additionally have rec time and a Bible story. This portion of our mission effort, titled "The Runge Project" will end at about 12:30pm at which point we will return the children and youth to their homes. Workers and their families can meet back at Arcadia First Baptist Church where a free lunch will be provided.

For those who would like to participate, we will have afternoon mission projects as well. We will schedule daily outreach/service efforts from 2:00-4:00pm which include, but are not limited to, helping at H.I.S. Ministry, participating in yard work/house work for disabled Santa Fe residents, paying for people's laundry to be done at the laundry mat, beach evangelism in Galveston, playing games with retirement home residents, cookie delivery to city offices and businesses, a time of prayer for all mission teams, smaller backyard Bible clubs in Santa Fe neighborhoods, visiting the home-bound, ministry to Harvey victims and families affected by the events at Santa Fe High School on May 18<sup>th</sup>, canned food drives, and more. Each of these projects will have the goal of engaging people with the gospel. Following these mission service projects, there will be free time from 4:00-5:00pm where people can go home, get cleaned up, and rest. Starting at 5:00, a free dinner will be provided at the church and we will have an opportunity to share what God did that day. Each day's schedule will be very similar.

This is a mission project for the Body of Christ. It does not target the involvement of strictly youth and younger adults. There is a place in this effort for anyone of any age to serve, and a large level of participation is very much needed. Not every participant will be able to join us for every activity during that week, but everyone can do something to help. Please start praying now about how you might help with this important outreach effort. Acts 1:8 says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Santa Fe is our Jerusalem, and it is our job to reach everyone we can with the good news of Jesus Christ. Will you join us in this work? Volunteer and child registration forms can be found in the Arcadia First Baptist Church office, or children can register online at [www.arcadiafbc.org](http://www.arcadiafbc.org). Feel free to call the church at 409-925-2825 ext. 1 with any questions you may have.

### Senior Adult Game Day Join us for Fun and Fellowship

Tuesday, July 10 @ 1:30 PM

Northside Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
(next to playground)  
2801 25<sup>th</sup> Street N  
Texas City

For more information call Betty Sumners  
@ 409-945-2081.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

2 Pastor/Staff Breakfast @ 7:30 AM, Kelley's La Marque  
Admin Team Meeting @ 2 PM, Family Unity

August  
4 WMU Leadership Breakfast, FBC LM  
6 Pastor/Staff Breakfast, Kelley's La Marque @ 7:30 AM

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