

THE MESSAGE



This past month, we had three great Q&A sessions about the merge. Some great questions were asked of both Pastor Jeremy and myself. Moving through this whole process, we have both tried to be transparent and answer the questions to the best of our abilities. If one did not have the answer to a question, hopefully the other was able to step up and provide the information requested.

While going though this process has been eye opening in many ways, treading the waters of curiosity has not always been easy. There are things that we might have an answer to, but honestly, some things will just be working through each step as they come, and dealing with the different personalities of both churches.

I have been blessed by the different comments and questions asked, as people have a genuine sense of ownership in the idea of a merge. At times, you can see the emotions involved with shutting down a work that has been alive and active for many years, but also, the fears of the unknown. People have not only been engaging, but cordial and open.

It is hard to believe that this idea has been kicked around for over six months. How time flies. But at the same time, we know that we still have a way to go before any decision is made, one way or another. I do appreciate your patience through this process as it affects the future of both churches. Pastor Jeremy and I will be meeting with some of the leaders of our church on May 4th ("May the fourth be with us." Just kidding, Star Wars fans), then Pastor Jeremy will preach on May 5th and May 26th to give any in our church who have not heard Jeremy, the chance to hear him speak.

In June, Pastor Jeremy and I will present a vision statement to our respective church councils, then schedule a church vote on the merge a few weeks after. The councils will bring recommendations to merge or not, at which time it will be determined if it will happen or not. Again, both churches will have to vote in the affirmative for this merge to happen.

Again, I thank you not only for your patience, but the diligence you have put into praying about this decision, as well as participating in the Q&A's. I am just like many of you and the idea of change is not easy, but at times, change is inevitable. I am so excited about this possibility and to know that God will be the one directing our futures. I trust God knows what is best and He will direct our hearts to follow His will.

Continue to pray for the wisdom we all need in making the right choices for the future of FBC and NMC. I so appreciate our church and am blessed by the way God continues to bless us with visitors, new members and different opportunities for fellowship. Our Family Fun Day is just one example of the blessings we are receiving as we open our doors and our hearts to new people. Thank you for all the love you have been sharing.

I Love You,

Pastor Bob





Summer Camp - June 17th - 20th

Completion of 3rd - Completion of 8th Grade

Cost is \$200 per Camper (\$100 Scholarships are available)

Please let me know, as soon as you can, if your kiddo or teen plans to attend Summer Camp. We will start to register all those attending during the first half of May.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!





Youth Event! Bowling! Saturday, May 18th

More detailed information will be texted out to our teens' parents by the end of this first weekend in May.

We will plan to start picking up everyone between 3:30 and 3:45.

Have a question, comment, or concern? Contact me!

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This & That

Tidbits of information for you.

The Merge

What you need to know now!

Dates and Times

 We have completed all of our Q&A sessions at both churches and they seem to have gone well.

NEXT STEPS

- On Saturday, May 4th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm our leaders will be coming together with Pastor Bob and Pastor Jeremy. They are the ones who have been coming up with the guidelines for both churches. During this meeting we will review all the information and discuss it with them.
- Pastor Jeremy will be preaching at FBC of Los Osos on the following Sundays:
 - May 5th and May 26th
 - This gives our church members at FBC of Los Osos two chances to hear his preaching and see what his style is like.
- Please be in prayer for the above dates.
- One of the next steps is for both pastors to meet and come up with the next steps to present to each church council. Each council will have to go through the steps and come back with what the council believes God wants us to do and prepare to make a motion where to go from there.
- At our last Q&A meeting one of our church member asked the NMC members how they were handling the thought of closing down NMC and merging with FBC. Their answers were open, honest and encouraging. They have a positive outlook on the future.
- After we accomplish these few steps, I am sure there will be more.
- Pray, pray and pray even more for us to seek God in this decision about the merge.



The brunch for both churches was a huge hit. We had twenty one women and their children as well.

The idea behind the gathering was so the two churches' women could come together and get to know names and faces, plus learn interesting facts about each other.



Our Mission Goal was \$1,000.00

You gave \$1,566.00 Thank you

Do you remember Loraine Rider?

Loraine Rider was a member at our church for many years until she was placed in a home. She held Bible studies in her home, taught deaf children's classes and always had a warm smile. She is with our Lord now and we would like to invite you to her memorial service.

Saturday, May 18th at 11:00 am

This & That

Tidbits of information for you.





You are invited to Pastor Bob's appual Mother's Day Breakfast!

Yes, it is the time of year for you to enjoy Mother's Day at our church. All women are invited whether you have children or if you just have fur babies.

Please Sign Up Today!

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH • NOON



Every **BUSINESS MEETING** is Important!

This upcoming business meeting is packed full of important business. Let me give you some examples:

- 1. Donna Tubbs will present two bids regarding blinds for both buildings. Please take the time to walk through both buildings so, when the information is presented, you will have an idea what we need and the areas she will be talking about.
- 2. You will notice the full drum set has been placed back into the worship center for many reasons. Our church needs to understand the difference between the two types of drums we have been using. We also need to understand the impact each type of drum has on worship and the building.
- 3. Donna Tubbs knows if we do go ahead with the merge, there will be additional audio equipment we will need to buy to accommodate all the required changes.
- 4. We have all of our normal reports to go over as well, plus, any other new business that might come



Bob Ward 4th
Kim Pruitt 5th
John Boitel 7th
David Mann 10th
Brittany Tubbs 12th

Linda Silva 19th
Eva Grotte 20th
Owen Grotte 21st
Lucy Haydu 22nd
Dick Sargent 23rd

Randy Ubay 25th



Tuesday ~ Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Wednesday ~ Kids' and Youth programs 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Thursday ~ Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Sunday ~ Sunday School for all ages 9:30 am
~ Worship 11:00 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Men's Breakfast at church at 8:30 am Women's Break- fast at Garden Café at 9:00 am
Pastor Jeremy will be preaching	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mother's Day Break- fast 8:30am	13	14	15	16	17	Loraine Rider's Memorial Service 11 am Youth Bowling Event see Kim Pruitt for more information.
Church Business Meeting at noon	20	21 No Church Council	22	23	24	25
Pastor Jeremy will be preaching	27	28	29	30	31	