

# The Hill Country Connection

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## Hello August

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If there is anything I enjoy more than preaching in pastoral ministry, it would have to be teaching. It's in my gene pool. My mom was an incredible teacher—she taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade for many years. The testimonies of former students continue to this day, calling her the best teacher they ever had. Her father (my grandfather) engaged in education all his adult life, as a teacher and a principal. He worked over 50 years and never missed a single day of work! They even named an elementary school in McKinney after him. Quite an honor.

Teachers made a huge impact on my life. My speech/drama teacher in high school was also a part-time Baptist preacher. After feeling called to ministry, I was invited to preach my first sermon at his church when I was only in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. He always was a huge encouragement to me and someone I knew believed in what I could become. My choir teacher was, and continues to this day to be, the greatest choral conductor I've ever seen, and we had a top-notch choir program. My senior year I was the student conductor. I'm not a music major and never had a college-level music course, and yet, I learned how to conduct a choir and have used the skill in church work and even have taught choral music in high school. I love to direct a choir—a passion given to me through this man's influence.

I could go on, but my main point is the importance of teachers in our lives. As kids, teachers, and other school workers return to classrooms, let's remember them in our prayers. Let's pray for safety. Let's pray for knowledge

and skills to be learned. Let's pray for good attitudes. But most of all, let's pray for those special connections and relationships that can be life changing.

At the end of the children's moment in the worship service on August 17<sup>th</sup>, I will be leading us in a special prayer for our schools—the children and any adults who work in education. This will be a special, concentrated prayer time, so parents, please make every effort to be here with your children that Sunday as they get ready to start a new, exciting year of learning!

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

**\*New Sermon Series: MAKING BETTER CHOICES**

**\*August 31<sup>st</sup>—Fifth Sunday Singing Service**—The entire worship service will be focused on songs of praise, special music, and short testimonies praising God for all He has done in our lives! (And a wonderful Potluck Luncheon after the service. Invite others to come!)

And then in September, please join us for a Family Movie Night on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. A light meal and refreshments (including popcorn) will be offered. The movie will be "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." It's new—just came out last year. I've seen it and highly recommend it. It will be a lot of fun. See you there.

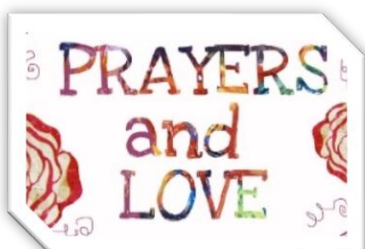
"Every day may  
not be good. . .  
but there is  
something good  
in every day."

ALICE MORSE EARL



ACCEPT  
WHAT IS,  
LET GO  
OF WHAT WAS, AND  
HAVE FAITH  
IN WHAT WILL BE.

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Please continue prayers for Ernie & Melanie  
Fishlock as Ernie remains in rehab at  
The Heights.



# Good Bye Summer

# Back to School

**SPECIAL DAY—SUNDAY AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**

There will be a special prayer of blessing for all children and youth (and school workers) during the morning worship service as a new school year begins!

## A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,  
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF  
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.  
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR  
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,  
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND  
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.  
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE  
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM  
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.  
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY  
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER  
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,  
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.

AMEN



**SHOW ME WHERE THE BULLIES ARE**





**BIRTHDAYS:**

Melissa Bates - 10  
Scott Shackelford - 11  
Sam Rodriguez - 15  
Smitty Smith - 16  
Gene Curtis - 21  
Hayden Davila - 30  
Terry Miller - 30  
Chuck Wilkes - 30

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Dan & Jenny Sawyer - 01  
Mel & Sam Rodriguez - 16  
Scott & Marilyn Shackelford - 23  
Frank & Sandy Walsh - 23  
Juan & Mary Ramirez - 30

**August just happens to have a fifth Sunday,  
so that means a.....**



**Sunday, August 31st**

The church will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs so we will need help with appetizers, salads, side dishes, and desserts.

Always good company - always good food - can't wait!



**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**Saturday, September 27th**

**5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Light meal & Snacks/Refreshments  
showing**

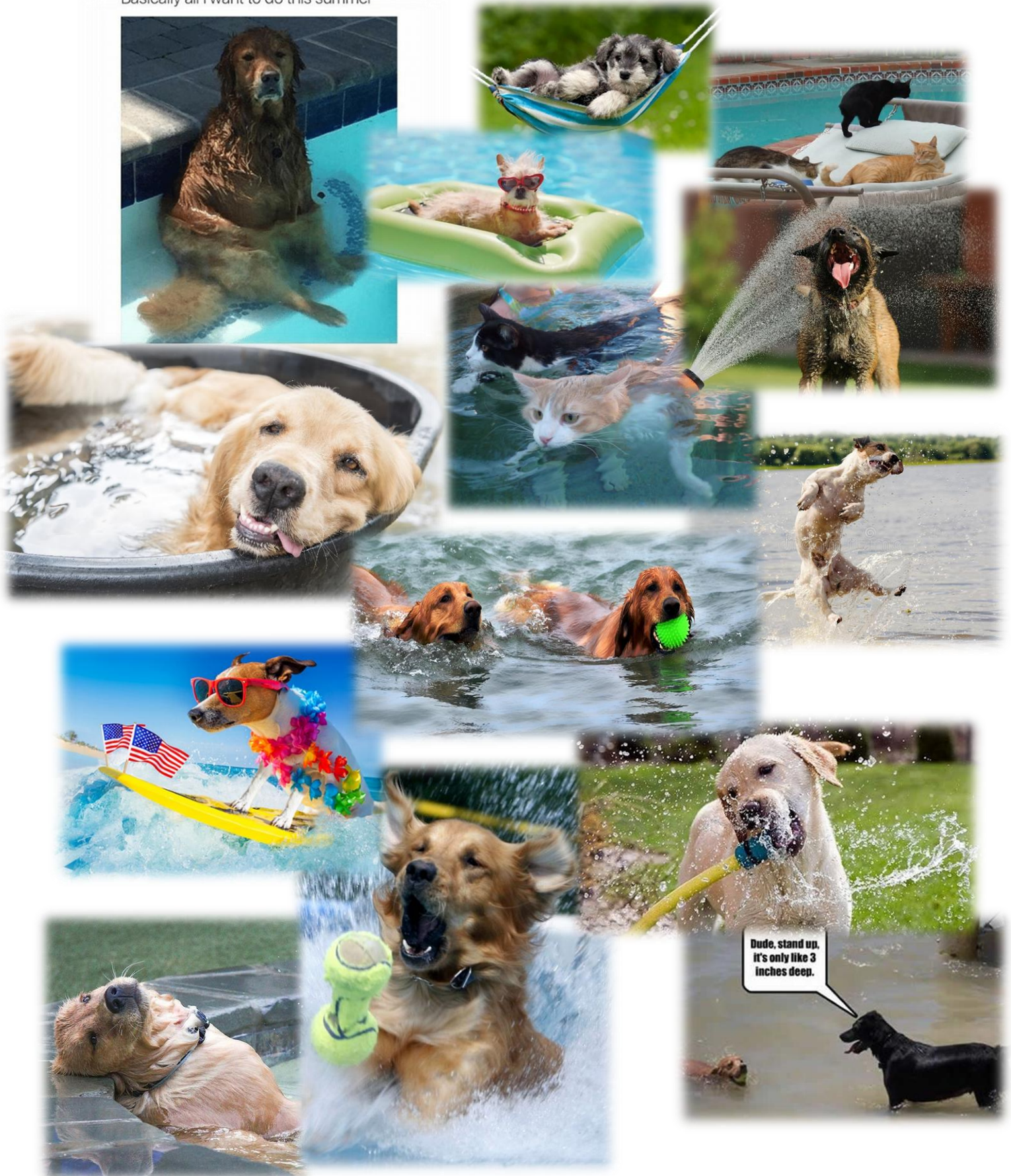
**"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"**

**Everyone is welcome - invite  
family & friends!!**



**School is starting but the summer is definitely not gone leaving our fur babies a few more dog days of summer to enjoy.....**

Basically all I want to do this summer









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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	4 	5	6 10:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	7	8 	9 8:30 am – Men's Breakfast
10 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	11		13 10:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	14		16 10:30 am – CWF Meeting & Luncheon
17 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	18	19	20 10:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	21	22	23 
24 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	25	26 	27 10:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Class	28 6:00 pm - General Board Meeting	29	
31 9:30 am – Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service  POTLUCK						

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