

# First Baptist Church to host Bible School

Do your children enjoy adventure?

Have they spent time studying clues and solving mysteries?

Do they need a break from the boredom of summer vacation?

Would they like to join a caravan and journey through the Middle East in search of the secret of the stone tablets?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we have a great opportunity for your children!

First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake will be conducting Truth Trackers and the Secret of the Stone Tablets™, and we'd love for your children to join us for the fun.

We'll dig into Bible Stories, experience a Recreation and Snacks Bazaar, discover treasures at the Crafts Kiosk and much more!

Truth Trackers is an action adventure that will take youngsters through the deserts of Egypt and the Middle East on a thrilling expedition in search of the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments.

As they investigate God's timeless commands each day, an exciting Bible story will illustrate how to obey the commands studied.

Exploration and discovery will not only reveal the principles by which God wants us to live, but also that Jesus is the power by which we live. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the

Life.

We're enthusiastic about offering this exotic expedition to you and your family.

An excellent group of archaeologists (teachers) have been trained for

this journey of discovery.

Truth Trackers and Secret of the Stone Tablets™ will be an adventure that your children won't want to miss.

Mark your calendars and plan to have your children join the caravan in

search of the stone tablets.

Be at First Baptist Church, 527 N. Lake, July 23-27 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Daily missions offering and a canned food drive will be held daily.

## Health Dept. urges lead screenings

Corral any group of 25 pre-schoolers and at least one child probably will have a level of lead in his or her body high enough to cause concern.

That's the general idea about the problem in this state.

But the Texas Department of Health (TDH) wants to have a more comprehensive picture of the extent of lead poisoning in children for prevention and treatment purposes.

So, this year, TDH began asking all health care providers to give a blood lead test to every child at 12 months and 24 months of age and report the results to TDH.

"In 1998, about 6% of Texas children under the age of 15 had a blood lead test, with about 4% of those tested showing elevated blood lead levels," said Teresa Willis, administrator of the Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at TDH. "That means as many as 191,000 children in the state may have elevated blood lead levels."

Poisoning occurs when there is too much lead in the body. Lead is especially bad for children six and younger because it's absorbed so easily by their small bodies. Youngsters may eat or breathe in lead from such things as paint, dust, drinking water, soil, toys or eating and drinking utensils. Many people may not realize that lead is around them because they cannot see it, taste it or smell it.

"We want health care providers and parents to understand how important we think this screening is for children," she said. "Even small amounts can harm a child's body. Lead poisoning can slow a child's development, leading to learning disabilities, hyperactivity and impaired hearing."

If caught early, these harmful effects can be limited by reducing exposure or by medical treatment.

A 1996, state law mandated the reporting of blood lead results to the TDH Child Lead Registry, but even that doesn't provide enough data to spot which children are at risk for lead poisoning or where they live. So TDH, along with an advisory group, put together a two-year plan which includes the screening recommendations.

TDH will provide feedback to health care providers during the two-year period. "At the end of that time, we'll have put together a summary of the data and recommend final guidelines," Willis said. Data from screenings also will be used to identify communities where people are at high risk.

"A child may have lead poisoning and not feel sick," Willis said. "Or a child may have general symptoms such as stomachaches, headaches, a poor appetite, trouble sleeping or be cranky, tired and restless."

Among the sources of lead are peeling or chipping paint in homes built before 1978 and dust from sanding or removing old paint and wallpaper and soil near a major highway that may be contaminated from years of leaded fuels.

Other sources are industries that use lead; old water pipes made of lead or newer fixtures with lead solder; food grown in lead-contaminated soil; food stored in some glazed pottery, open cans or leaded glass; bullets and fishing sinkers; hobbies that use lead; and some folk remedies.

In addition, a pregnant woman can pass lead on to her developing baby.

To protect from exposure:

•Have children wash their hands and face after playing outside and before eating or sleeping.

•Clean bottle and pacifier nipples each time they fall on the ground.

•Wash infant and toddler toys often. Be cautious. Toys, especially those made in another country, may use lead-based paints or dyes.

•Don't use hot water that may flow through leaded pipes or pipes soldered with lead for cooking, preparing drinks or infant formula.

•Check your home for chipping and peeling paint and paint dust.

•Place duct tape over loose paint or plaster for a temporary covering. Call your local health department or the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 1-800-588-1248 for information on safe ways to remove paint, plaster and wallpaper.

"You can't tell if your child has lead poisoning unless he or she takes a blood test," Willis said. "We encourage parents to have their children tested at 12 and 24 months, especially if they believe they are at risk for lead poisoning. It takes only 10 minutes but could make a lifetime of difference."

## Sun

loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts, pants or long skirts as much as possible when you are in the sun. Thickly woven cloth is best because most materials and colors absorb or reflect rays. If you can see light through a fabric, UV rays can get through it, too. Try not to wear wet clothes, such as a wet t-shirt, because wet clothes allow the sun's rays to pass through more easily.

**6. Avoid artificial tanning:** Many people believe that tanning beds are safe because they emit only UVA rays, once thought to be safe. Studies now report that UVA can cause serious skin damage and may be linked to the most serious form of skin cancer, melanoma. Experts advise avoiding any type of sunlamp for tanning.

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**7. Check skin regularly:** Check your skin regularly to improve your chances of finding precancerous skin conditions. The earlier you identify signs and see your health care provider, the better your chances are for successful treatment. The best time to examine your skin is after a bath or shower. Get to know your birthmarks, moles and blemishes so that you know what they usually look like and can identify any changes they undergo. Look for changes in size, texture, shape and color, or a sore that doesn't heal. Call a doctor if you notice any changes and ask your doctor to check for changes at your regular checkups.

For further information, contact the Colorado County Extension Office at 979-732-2530.

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Animals on hand: cattle, 2625.

Number of sellers: 375.

Packer cows: higher dressing utility and cutter cows, 42-47¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows,

37-41¢ per lb.; thin cows, 30-36¢. Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 54-59¢; utility cutter bulls, 48-53¢. Head tested: 350.

**Stocks/Feeder-Calves/Yearlings**  
Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.40-1.50; 300-400 lbs., \$1.25-1.35; 400-500 lbs., \$1.03-1.13; 500-600 lbs., 91¢-1.01; 600-700 lbs., 85-90¢; 700-800 lbs., 81-86¢.

Steers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.10-1.25; 300-400 lbs., \$1.05-1.15; 400-500 lbs., 90¢-1.00; 500-600 lbs., 82-89¢; 600-700 lbs., 78-83¢; 700-800 lbs., 72-80¢.

Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.10-1.20; 300-400 lbs., \$1.05-1.11; 400-500 lbs., 94¢-1.04; 500-600 lbs., 88-93¢; 600-700 lbs., 82-87¢; 700-800 lbs., 77-81¢.

Heifers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.00-1.09; 300-400 lbs., 95¢-1.00; 400-500 lbs., 83-89¢; 500-600 lbs., 78-84¢; 600-700, 74-79¢; 700-800 lbs., 68-76¢.

Good stocker cow/calf pairs, \$750-850 by the head; med. cow/calf pairs, \$675-730 by the head; common cow/calf pairs, \$600-665; good stocker cows & heifers, \$575-650; medium stocker cows & heifers, \$450-525.

## Chamber

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Program. A fundraiser is tentatively set for some time in Sept. or Oct. to pick up standard sized tires. If more interest is shown in the project in months to come, they may even broaden the pick up to larger tires as well. For more information, you may contact Venetta Seals at the Main Street Office.

The next Chamber meeting is Monday, Aug. 20, at 12 noon at Rice Medical Center.

If you plan to attend, please contact Roxanne at 234-5571 by Thursday, Aug. 16.

## Center

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hope, peace, serenity and a new way of life.

It is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals become productive, functioning members of society, not a money-making business, through its own contributions and donations. However, its budget is still only enough to keep the doors open.

Tae Kwon Do classes were set to begin, as well as other programs. There will be men, women, and children present, which is great, but what is not so great is that there will be no running water for rest room facilities.

Contributions, whether they be monetary, materials, ideas or information, are appreciated. Anyone interested in helping can call Troy Thomas at The Evolution Center at 979-758-4972.

## Queens

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receive both awards.

The Fair, Membership and Junior Fair Queens will participate in activities during the 23rd Annual Colorado County Fair at the Colorado County Ag Complex on the Hwy. 71 Bypass Sept. 13-16.

They will also represent the Fair Association by riding the official fair float in area parades throughout the coming year.

A complete set of rules, entry forms and season passes may be obtained by calling one of the following members of the queens contest committee: Pamela Potter, 979-732-2705; Deborah Hayward, 979-725-8603; and Diana Brunner, 979-234-5671.

The deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17; no exceptions.

## Donation

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ers should really help to encourage private donations."

Dr. James Gilley, head of the department of agricultural engineering at Texas A&M, said once the \$1 million goal is attained and matched, the endowment will provide visibility to Texas A&M water engineering programs.

"The chair will hopefully enable us to attract a distinguished scholar or world renowned scientist in the field of water engineering," Gilley said. "It will also increase federal aid to Texas A&M and attract more graduate students to the college."



### EMS Week

During EMS Week "Answering the Call", Department of Public Safety Trooper Gary Pflughaupt was at Eagle Lake Primary School to speak to the youngsters. Pflughaupt, with help from his "friends", stressed the importance of buckling up, wearing the correct colors when walking at night and saying no to strangers who try to pick you up.

The Eagle Lake Primary School students pictured below were named winners in the EMS Week "Answering the Call" art contest. From left, in back, are Cullen Wiese, kindergarten, 3rd place; Gabriel Garcia, third grade, 3rd; and Falin Braden, third grade, 2nd. In front are Kassie Herrera, first grade, 2nd; Gracie Navarro, second grade, 1st; and Cathryn Myres, kindergarten, 1st.

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### Protect Your Skin From the Sun With Sunscreen Products

Many persons know that too much sun is bad for the skin, but few people realize that even minimal but daily exposure can add up to unexpected health problems over time. Even persons with dark or even black skin can burn and increase their risk of skin cancer.

When individuals decide to spend prolonged time in the sun, quality, nonprescription sunscreen products with adequate sun protection factor (SPF) are a must — even if they already have a suntan. The higher the SPF, the greater the protection provided. However, SPF is a rough guide only. Opaque sunscreens such as zinc oxide or titanium oxide physically block the sun's rays; their protection begins immediately after application. Most nonopaque sunscreens contain PABA and/or a benzophenone and take around 30 minutes to bind strongly to the skin. They should be applied 30 to 60 minutes before sun exposure. When choosing a sunscreen attention must be paid to skin type, strength of the sun's rays, time of day, season, and distance from the equator. Individuals with fair skin and naturally blond or red hair should limit their overall time spent in the sun.

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## Views On Dental Health

### SHARK — A TOOTH FACTORY

When Mother Nature configured the shark, she must have spent a lot of time when it came to designing the teeth. The shark has teeth that continue to grow all its life. New teeth sprout out of the skin near the back of the shark's jaws, rather than being rooted in bone as ours are, and they gradually move forward as they grow larger. The old teeth in front become worn down and fall out, and the newer teeth move in to take their place.

Humans might envy the shark its replacement teeth (in fact it might even put dentists out of business). We humans get only two sets in a lifetime —

not a continually replacing lifetime supply.

A shark's teeth are adapted for just one function — ripping and tearing its prey into chunks that can be conveniently swallowed. All its teeth are shaped according to the same basic pattern: a large, sharp, pointed cone. Maybe that's why sharks have such unattractive smiles.

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