

# The Announcer

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## Church-Wide Fellowship to Welcome

*Kevin, Andrea and Karis Collison*

June 27 6:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite finger food to share.



## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

**5:30 p.m.**

### **Family Fellowship Supper**

Menu for Wednesday, June 30

**BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw, and dessert**

**6:15 p.m.**

### **Prayer Time**

**6:30 p.m.**

### **Bible Study**

*(and Choir Rehearsal in the Music Suite)*

## Baptists and Religious Liberty

George Bancroft, an American historian in the 1800s, wrote, "Freedom of conscience, unlimited freedom of mind, was, from the first, the trophy of the Baptists." Frank S. Mead, a Methodist historian, declared of Baptists, "They are God's patriots, putting allegiance to Him always above allegiance to Caesar. Freedom of conscience and complete divorce of Church and State! How they have suffered for that! They have faced mockery and mud, fines, whippings, and iron bars; they have been burned at the stake and pulled on the rack, but they have held to it."

As we look forward to another Fourth of July and celebrate our nation's independence, on Wednesday nights we will be studying the unique role of Baptists in spurring the United States towards upholding religious liberty for EVERYBODY. Even though keeping church and state separate continues to be a messy ordeal, Baptists believe it is a Biblical ideal which must be upheld in each generation.

Join us for a look back at the Scriptures which support religious liberty and the people who argued and even died to secure religious liberty. And bring your questions to the conversation! We'll see you in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.



## From the Pastor

*"The land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end."*

Deuteronomy 11:11-12 (NIV)

It is a time of beginnings and endings around Island View Baptist Church. Andrea and I have ended our ministry in Texas and started a new life of ministry here. Around our home, a few boxes still await our decisions and our sweat. Each day they remind us of this newness. The first of July will be another exciting beginning in our family as Karis turns one year old. Yet, I already miss those sweet days of rocking a swaddled infant to sleep.

Isn't it good to know that God cares for us from the beginning all the way to the end of things? We can celebrate 50 years of Island View's ministry and heritage even as we look forward to the next 50 years. We can (and should!) thank and honor Richard Phillips for his ministry among us even as we embrace a new season of pastoral leadership. I look forward to learning more about how God has guided Island View in its past, even while we dream together and lean into God's plans for our future.

Have you experienced God's care and grace in times of new beginnings? In times of momentous crossings? How about at the end of things? Give thanks to God that God's eyes are always upon us and this place of promise.

Grace and Peace,  
Kevin

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## Pennies for Haiti



— Women on Mission are once again encouraging members to participate in the summer project for the Cabaret Baptist Children's Home in Haiti. Due to the earthquake, the need for this project is greater than ever! Please collect your pennies and place them in the jar in the narthex.



## Ron's Notes

Last week was a special time in the life of IVBC. Not only did we have an outstanding VBS, we also welcomed our new Pastor, Kevin, and his wife, Andrea and their daughter, Karis. Our pastor's first appearance in VBS was as "Too Tall," our trail boss, for Saddle Ridge Ranch. You could tell by his walk that he knew what it meant to be a "real" cowboy, poking cows and putting shoes on horses. Of course, there was Calamity Holly and her group of ranch hands rounding up the little "doggies." Most importantly though were our children learning more about God and that, if they had questions, they could ask Him. We celebrated the week on Saturday morning eatin' old fashioned prairie dogs with chips and drinks.

If you're wondering what you missed, you can find out by joining us next year as we minister together



with our children. If I started naming all those that helped, I might miss someone. So instead, I will just say a big Yeehaw and thank you to each of you that had a part in making VBS a great time for all.

As I watched during VBS, I was reminded of the story I heard about the little boy walking on the beach who kept picking up starfish and throwing them into the surf. Finally a man asked him what he was doing. He replied, "If these starfish are still on the beach when the sun comes up, they will die. So I'm throwing them back into the ocean and saving their lives." The man told him there were millions of starfish lying up and down the beach and that they were all going to die. He said what you are doing is a waste of time. The little boy picked up another starfish and looked at it closely and then said, "Not to this one."

Being the presence of Christ is vital. We may never be able to help everyone we see that needs help, but it is never a waste of time to try. We can make a difference. See you Sunday for worship.

TGBTG



To our dear church family,

You have loved us, cared about us, prayed for us and made us family. We thank you with our whole hearts. We do not say good-bye, we will see you again!

We are very excited about the future for IVBC and have been privileged and blessed to be a part of the transition. May our Lord continue to bless you and keep you in unity.

Gary and Lee-Ann Wertz

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you so much for the calls, cards, visits, thoughts, and prayers during the recent passing of my mother. It has been a difficult time, but your care and concern have helped to ease that loss.

Elaine Townsend

Dear Friends,

I could never do better than Paul in sending greetings—"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel..."

Thank you so much for all your prayers, kind words, cards and beautiful flowers sent when my brother died. I am grateful too for your love and partnership, and for all your kind words, lovely flowers and generous love offering.

I shall always cherish and remember my time at Island View, and look forward to all God has planned for your future. You are special, and we pray God's very best for you!

Richard Phillips

## YOUR Faithfulness Makes A Difference!

	June 13	June 20
Worship Attendance	224	234
Sunday School Att.	129	106
Weekly Budget	\$8,669.06	\$8,669.06
Budget Receipts	\$6,499.00	\$6,793.45
Budget Receipts to Date	\$200,685.43	\$207,478.88
Expended to Date	\$187,502.91	\$190,740.41
Property Enhancement Receipts	\$310.00	\$95.00
Property Enhancement Balance	\$28,368.12	\$28,463.12

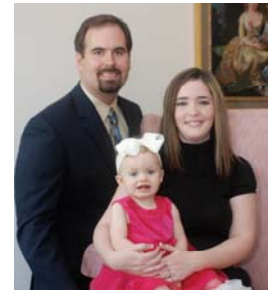


## Extended Session

June 27 10:15 a.m.	Dare Jones Barbara Miller Mae Anderson	Babies/Toddlers
	Elaine Townsend Glenda Raggins	2's and 3's
	Jennifer & Dustin Klich Kim Trelly	Children's Church
July 4 10:15 a.m.	Robin Van Camp Karon McDonald	Babies/Toddlers
	Bette Alexander	2's and 3's
	Stephanie Messman Lisa Cundiff Janis Klich	Children's Church



Bruce, Kim, Lily and  
Rose Trelly



Kevin, Andrea, and  
Karis Collison

### Orange Park Pantry Needs for July

Canned meats  
Canned vegetables  
Canned fruits



### Island View Shares God's Love with Chinese Exchange Students

The Chinese students will be studying English at Island View from July 20-August 7.

If you are able to host a student or chaperone, please call Lisa Cundiff at 278-5057.

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Sat. 26	8:30 a.m.	Chinese Exchange Student Mtg. FH
Sun. 27	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Trustees Meeting (Adult 2 Ladies)
	6:00 p.m.	Church-wide Fellowship to welcome the Collison Family
Mon. 28	6:00 p.m.	Exchange Student Meeting (FH)
	6:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
Tue. 29	6:30 a.m.	Coffee Outreach to Child Care Center Parents
Wed. 30	5:30 p.m.	Family Fellowship Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Adult/Youth Prayer Time
	6:30 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	TSC Rehearsal
Thu. 1	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group
Sun. 4	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
Mon. 5		Church Office Closed
Tue. 6	6:30 a.m.	Coffee Outreach to CCC Parents
	4:00 p.m.	Child Care Teacher Training

Wed. 7	5:30 p.m.	Family Fellowship Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Adult/Youth Prayer Time
	6:30 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	TSC Rehearsal
Thu. 8	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group
Sun. 11	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Church Council
Mon. 12	4:00 p.m.	Child Care Teacher Training
	7:00 p.m.	Adult II at Consulate Health Care
Tue. 13	6:30 a.m.	Coffee Outreach to Child Care Center Parents
Wed. 14	5:30 p.m.	Family Fellowship Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Adult/Youth Prayer Time
	6:30 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	TSC Rehearsal
Thu. 15	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group
Sun. 18	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
Tue. 20	6:30 a.m.	Coffee Outreach to Child Care Center Parents