THE FIRST WORD for August 4, 2024



First Baptist Church Eden A Place of Grace to

Believe, Belong, and Become

101 Burleson Street (325) 869-3681

Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday Small Groups 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:45 am

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FBC Eden exists to bring glory to God by becoming a "3E community": Embracing God in worship, Encouraging one another in love to become fully-devoted disciples, and Engaging the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

August 10: 10-2 Operation Christmas Child Workday @ Nutrition Center

August 11: 3:00 pm Deacon Ordination

August 12: 6:00 pm MOC Meeting

August 13: 10:00 am Community Ladies Gathering @ Church of Christ

August 17: 9:00 am Church Work Day

August 18: Baptism and LORD's Supper

August 25: Old Fashioned Pot Luck

3:00 pm Nursing Home Ministry

3:45 pm Deacon Meeting

August 28: 5:30 pm Back to School Bash

September 4: 5:45 pm CFC and Youth Begins

Today's Message:

Counter Culture

Romans 12:1-2

Deacon of the Month

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FOR THE RECORD ...

Worship 95 Small Groups...... 69 Nursing Home...... 22 **IULY**

Budget REQUIRED:

\$19,966.67

Budget GIVING:

\$22,806.00



In the early morning hours of October 7, 2023, militants with the terrorist group Hamas launched a surprise, multi-pronged assault on Israel. Hamas ambushed and brutally executed scores of Israelis, including women, children and babies, according to reports and footage from communities all along the Israel-Gaza border.

As Israel has responded and things have escalated into all-out war, thousands are dead and injured on both sides, and Hamas is holding dozens of hostages. An estimated 200,000 people in Israel and 1.4 million people in Gaza are also reportedly displaced by the war, while the movement of aid is difficult throughout the region.

With the conflict expected to rage for some time to come, Send Relief is working with partners in Israel and the region to quickly respond to needs of the hundreds of thousands of people reeling from the effects of war and displacement.

Through decades-long partnerships with local Christians, churches and ministries in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank, Send Relief is providing urgently needed help to more than 20,400 of the most vulnerable survivors of the war, with aid including:

- Temporary housing
- Bomb shelters
- Medical supplies
- Food
- Water
- Trauma counseling from licensed professionals

With the fast-evolving nature of this crisis, and the growing needs our partners are identifying daily among all peoples in the affected area, this response requires a high level of resources and investment.

Among its ministry partners, Send Relief is working with Baptist Village, a non-profit organization in operation near Tel Aviv since the 1940s, to provide 400 individuals with urgently needed refuge.

Through gifts and prayers, Christians are caring for the most vulnerable in partnership with local churches and believers.