

Hello Everyone!

JULY 2018

My family and I are excited to be here in Wichita and we can't wait to meet all of you! We have had a busy month preparing our trip to Kansas and visiting family in Texas. I have been praying for you all and I'm looking forward to being in ministry together.

My favorite verse is Proverbs 3:5-6 and I truly believe that if you trust God with all your heart that He will lead you and guide you in everything! My family and I believe that God wants us here in Wichita and we are excited for this time in our life. Here are four things that you should know about me!

1. My wife's name is Bequi and she will also be serving at a church in Wichita (Woodland UMC). We have a three-year-old daughter (almost 4) named Hannah and she loves to watch Doc McStuffins, sing, and dance.
2. I love to meet new people so be sure to introduce yourself to me when you get a chance!
3. I am excited for all the opportunities that we will have to grow together as a church, and I'm also looking forward to working with our community. I have a passion for teaching and I love to share what I have learned with others.
4. I love sports! Some of my favorite teams are the Houston Rockets, Houston Astros, Texas Longhorns, and Dallas Cowboys. Don't be shocked if you see me wearing a lot of my team's shirts and caps. Please, tell me what teams I should start to root for now that we live in Kansas!

Pastor Joey Flores



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July Events

Every Sunday

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

Every Monday

All Scouts - 7 PM

Special Worship Services

July 1 - 1st worship with ..

Pastor Joey Flores

Other Events & Meetings

July 4 - Independence Day

July 18 - Light supper & bingo

July 30 - Aug 10 noon - 1 PM

Filling The Gap Lunch Program

Aug 8th - Ice Cream Social and

fun summer water games

Aug 22nd - Back to school skate party

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

Proverbs
3:5-6

In all your ways acknowledge him, and
he will make straight your paths.



Light Supper and Bingo

July 18th @ 5:30 PM
fun for the whole
family.



The July
change for change offering
will go to help purchase
summer items for the
blessing boxes.



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AUGUST
Two great events



August 22nd
6 - 8 PM @ Skate South

**ICE
Cream
Social
&**



August 8th
@ 5:30 PM



Pancake Feeds will start again in September ...

"Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids" is feeding children at more locations this summer

Partners for Wichita, through its "Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids" program, will serve lunches to children and youth ages 18 and under before school starts. The lunches are available at no charge and will be served Monday through Friday, July 30-August 10, from noon until 1:00 p.m., at 19 locations in Wichita, Haysville, and Oaklawn. (See list below.)

"Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids," in partnership with Kansas Food Bank and hundreds of volunteers, serves a nutritious sack lunch along with milk, fresh fruit, and healthy snacks to over 800 children a day during the gap between the end of the school summer lunch program and the beginning of school.

This year, there are two new sites, Dawson United Methodist Church (2741 S. Laura) and Mt. Olive Tabernacle of Praise (909 N. St. Paul St.) and a returning site, Grant Chapel AME (2750 N. Hillside) to better serve those at risk of hunger.

Your help is needed to gather individually packaged healthy snacks to supplement the lunches. Partners for Wichita will hold its "snack donation day" for Filling the Gap on July 13 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Kansas Food Bank, 1919 E. Douglas. Please bring healthy, single-serving, packaged snack items such as fruit cups, peanut butter or cheese crackers, pretzels, healthy snack or cereal bars, raisins or dried fruit packets, etc.

Grants and donations from individuals, congregations, businesses, and organizations make the Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids program possible, along with the over 200 volunteers who staff the sites. Meals will be offered again during spring break.

Donations may be sent to Partners for Wichita, 925 N Waco, Wichita, KS 67203, and designated for "Filling the Gap." Secure online donations may also be made via the Partners for Wichita website at www.partnersforwichtia.org.

Partners for Wichita is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is the pursuit of peace and well-being in Wichita and beyond through partnerships, by connecting individuals, faith communities, and community organizations.

"Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids" sites for Summer 2018:
July 30-August 10 (Monday-Friday 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.)

South/Southwest Locations

Cross Point Church (1515 E. Harry) 8/6-10

Dawson UMC (2741 S. Laura)

Salvation Army West Orchard Corps (1910 S. Everett)



Neighboring Tip of the Month from Our Ministry Partners at SoCe Life

Share produce or flowers from your garden.

As summer hits full steam, gardens can reach their pinnacle of production. Whether you grow produce or flowers, consider using your abundance as an opportunity to neighbor. Clip whatever you have extra of - cucumbers, coriander, or catmint - and head to a neighbor's house! Be ready for your neighbor to return the favor and offer something to share with you.

When we share out of our own abundance, it opens a space for kindness and trust to be established – two neighboring essentials.

Most of our garden is in the front yard and nightly watering gives me an excuse to be outside every day. Most nights I've been able to connect with other neighbors out walking, watering, or coming and going at the end of the day. Be strategic about where you plant and you'll be able to grow neighborly relationships along with your favorite veggie or flowers!

Happy Neighboring!

Remember when about a year-and-a-half ago we as a church committed to a three-year Journey. Decisions were made that would allow us a three-year Financial cushion while we the church made a commitment to "the church" and each other to be "All In". Committed to being the church and reaching our neighbors to join us on this journey. To "be" the vital heart of the community that our mission states. We are at the halfway point. Perhaps it is time to take a serious look at where we were, where we are, and where we want to be. Perhaps we each should reevaluate our personal "all in". Since this has been on my heart and I'm contemplating all this I thought it a good idea to look at the definition of "all in".....

So imagine my chagrin when the first definition that pops up is tired and exhausted. So I thought some of us might think that defines us, but I don't think that pertains to us so I searched further and found more definitions. Surely the meaning that pertains to us as people of faith is the one that means to give our all, to hold nothing back, to go above and beyond what is called for.....

I think God demands our "all in".

The future of our church depends on it.

Dulcie Guinty



And I will *give you* pastors
according to *mine heart*,
which shall *feed you* with
knowledge and understanding...

Jeremiah 3:15