

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith

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From our Pastor

Beloved,

I have been thinking about the fact that we could not have Easter without a cross. There would be no resurrection to celebrate if the events of Good Friday had not taken place. I like the glory part, but I struggle with the cross and suffering part. However, the cross comes before the resurrection. Barbara Brown Taylor puts it like this:

“Lord, I believe, but help thou my unbelief, because I still do not want to die. I believe Jesus has power to raise the dead, only I do not want him practicing on me. I want a God who will cut my losses and cushion my failures, a God who will grant me a life free from pain. I want a God who will rescue me from death, who will delete it from the human experience and find another way to operate.

What I, what all of us, have instead is a God who resurrects us from the dead putting an end to it by working through it instead of around it—creating life in the midst of grief, creating love in the midst of loss, creating faith in the midst of despair—resurrecting us from our big and little deaths, showing us by His own example that the only road to Easter morning runs smack through Good Friday.”

Paul says in Romans 8:18, “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” It’s pretty simple. No suffering...no glory. No cross...no crown. No Good Friday...no Easter.

Pastor Russell

**DISASTER RELIEF
TRAINING**

Saturday, April 4

**First Baptist Church, Elk City
8:00-9:00 Registration
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Training**



**VBS CLINIC
Thursday, April 9
6:30 p.m.
FBC, Elk City**

**High Attendance Church
Scavenger Hunt!!!**

Random Ticket Drawings, also, for prizes from previous years including Sampler Bags, VBS Bibles, Refrigerator Magnets, etc. All VBS directors and workers are encouraged to attend!!!



NATIONAL GOAL:

\$65,000,000

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**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



**KICKS OFF
SUNDAY**

**OUR CHURCH
GOAL : \$11,000.00
To Date We
Have Received :
\$7,963.87
Offering envelopes
are
available in the pew**

**Lenten Services
Wednesdays
Through April 8
12:00-12:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian
Church**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

By Statement
Norris Corbitt
603 W. Broadway

By Letter
Jimmie Grace Corbitt




MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, APRIL 5
8:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall



LIVE EMBERS
Thursday, April 9
Noon
Fellowship Hall

ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE



Gym Hours:
April 6 4:00-8:00 p.m.
April 7 4:00-6:00 p.m.
April 8 5:00-9:00 p.m.
April 9 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Thank You's
have been received from the following:

The Family of Joan Staton
Willie Staton and Family
Brian & Laurie Staton and Family

Jerry & Mary Booth

Elwanda McComas
Donna & Arnold Lankford

Posted on the bulletin board near the chapel.

Doc's Notes



Sunday, April 5 [Easter program schedule]

Time	Group	Room
4:00 p.m.	Sound & lights	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Youth bells	same
4:45 p.m.	Adult/Youth bells	same
5:00 p.m.	Adult bells	same
5:15 p.m.	Adult/ Youth choirs	same
5:15 p.m.	1 st -3 rd Grade choir	upstairs choir rm
	4 th - 6 th Grade Choir	choir room
5:45 p.m.	ALL choirs together	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Easter program	

[Please be ON TIME! EAT "before" you come to rehearsal]

Mission opportunity

Erica Daniell will be going to London [June 27 – July 7] as part of the "Falls Creek Go Students" partnered with "I Witness Ministries. Erica still needs \$1,600 for the trip. Please make your check out to FBC [% Erica '09 Mission Trip].

Summer Mission Opportunities

We are beginning to "seek" opportunities for special mission projects in Elk City. Please pray for the mission committee as we meet and begin these plans.

Doc

Coming Events

- April 5 S.S. Spring Training Kicks Off!!!
8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, FH
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
Noon GriefShare Lunch Mtg, AD4
4:00 p.m. ESL
4:30 p.m. Youth Bells/Choir
5:00 p.m. *Vertically Inclined* Study Begins, AD6
Deacon's Meeting, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Easter Musical with All Choirs
6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E.. Outreach Team C
- April 6 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
- April 7 Noon Lenten Service, Presbyterian Church
- April 8 4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meals
5:15 p.m. Preschool Choirs
5:45 p.m. Weekly Teachers Mtg, AD6
6:00 p.m. AWANA; Yth Teachers Mtg, Yth Rm
6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate
7:00 p.m. Pillar Concert@The Pioneer Center
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- April 9 Noon Live Embers, Fellowship Hall
- April 10 Good Friday - Church Office Closed



Extended Session:

- Babies:**
Laura Barber-Jay/Sandra McClure
- Creepers:**
NEED HELP!!!
- 1 year olds:**
NEED HELP!!!
- 2 year olds:**
Wendell & Shellean Dunn
- 3 year olds:**
Donna Womack & Linda Beals
- 4 year olds:**
Kelli Freeman/Julie Glasscock



Weekly Report

March 29, 2009

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	297
Youth.....	77
Children.....	90
Preschool.....	73
Fellowship.....	10
Total.....	547
Hispanic Mission.....	38
Total *incl. mission.....	585
New S.S. Members.....	0
Enrollment:.....	1419

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$14,750.50
Below.....	\$14,629.50
Bldg Received.....	\$13,172.92

And the Lord Added...

By Letter	1
By Statement	1
By Baptism	0
Professions of Faith.....	0

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	48
By Statement.....	6
By Baptism.....	29
Total.....	83

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$381,940.00
Received.....	\$364,384.26
Below.....	\$17,555.74
Building Received.....	\$38,488.45
Balance on Note	\$168,046.57
Principal Paid.....	\$35,953.43