

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith

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From our Pastor

Beloved,

If you were to ask most Christians what their favorite Bible verse is, most would probably choose John 3:16. It says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (NASB)

This verse reminds us of the *character* of God's love. This love is a decisive love. Notice the word "for." This is a love so great it caused God to do something. This love moved Him to give a gift. In His divine nature and central character, God is love.

This verse reminds us of the *scope* of God's love. For God so loved "the world" that He gave. What is meant by "the world?" I believe it means the "lost world" or as Charles Spurgeon called it, "sinful mankind." Ezekiel 33:11 says, "Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord God, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live.'" Scripture is clear that God loves sinful mankind, but all are under His wrath until they repent and believe.

This verse reminds us of the *gift* of God's love. For God so loved the world that "He gave His only begotten Son." God has demonstrated His love by doing something very profound. He gave the greatest gift He could possibly give—His Son! But notice the qualifier, "that whoever believes in Him." The real question is not "Does God love me?" The real question is "Have I believed in His Son?" And beyond that, do we love those who are perishing with the love of God?

Praising God for His great love toward us,

Pastor Russell



**VALENTINE'S
BANQUET**
Sunday, February 14
6:00 pm
FBC Gym
Tickets are required.

ONE
MONTH
TO
live

THIRTY DAYS
TO A
NO-REGRETS LIFE



Our One Month to Live Campaign Kicks Off Sunday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elk City High School Pioneer Center.

We will meet in small groups in our Fellowship Hall Sundays at 7 p.m. beginning February 28 for 4

weeks.

The books are \$12 and yard signs are available for \$4. Buy yours today!!!

**KEY MEN
INVITATIONAL 2010**

**...Make Disciples
of all Nations...
February 18-21, 2010**


The main speakers will be John Crawford, Jim White, John Re-pass, & Kirk Humphreys.

An array of workshops & small groups led by seasoned veterans will be offered.

Registration fees begin at \$156 & include meals, lodging and conference fees. Forms available at the church office.

**S.I.S Food Closet
requests
JELLY.**

**No glass jars please.
Thanks!!!**



ONE MORE CHANCE FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES!!!

Please call Cindy at the church office (225-7951) if you did not get to take a picture for the Directory. If 10 more of you are still interested, a photographer will come back to FBC Elk City on Monday, March 1.


Or maybe you'd just like to take pictures for Mother's Day or Easter - this would be a great time to schedule a photo date!

Call Soon!!!



We want to update all your new rural route 911 addresses in our church records. We'd like all addresses to be as current as possible when our new church directory is printed. To make the change, please call the church office@225-7951.

ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE



Gym Hours:

Feb 15	4:00-8:00 pm
Feb 16	4:00-8:00 pm
Feb 17	5:00-9:00 pm
Feb 18	4:00-8:00 pm

THANK YOU's
Received from the following:
The Family of J.T. Durland
Posted on the bulletin board near the chapel.

Doc's Notes



Youth Choir / Bells

We will be singing in church on Sunday evening, Feb. 28th. I look forward to seeing each of you next Sunday!

Adult Choir

We have "5" rehearsals remaining before our performance on Sunday evening, March 28th. Rehearsals will be extended the next few weeks until 8:45 p.m. Everyone needed!

Live Embers

The Russell family will be our special guests on Thursday, Feb. 11th. Bring a guest and have a great time with Live Embers.

60+ Lunch

All FBC adults who are 60+ are invited to a "special meeting" on Sunday, Feb. 28th immediately following the morning worship service. Announcements will be made in your S.S. classes the next few weeks! Please make plans to attend this luncheon!

Doc

Coming Events

- Feb 14 8:45 a.m. Deacon's Prayer Meeting, Parlor
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. ESL; Youth Bells
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- Feb 15 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Team R
- Feb 16 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
- Feb 17 4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs
- 5:00 p.m. Weds Meal
- 5:15 p.m. Preschool Choirs
- 5:30 p.m. Budget/Finance Meeting, Conf Rm
- 5:45 p.m. Wkly Teachers' Mtg, AD6
- 6:00 p.m. AWANA; Youth Teachers' Mtg
- 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate The Island
- Feb 18-21 Key Men's Invitational 2010- register by 2/11

We have immediate openings in Wee School 1's & 3's classes. For more info. call Katy Womack@225-0720.

Extended Session:

Babies:
Carolyn Comer & Linda Crow

Creepers:
NEED HELP!!!

1 year olds:
David & Wanda Thompson

2 year olds:
Dee Hargrove & Shirley Long

3 year olds:
Jerry & Stephanie Cloud

4 year olds:
Billy & Jamie Shaw



Weekly Report
February 7, 2010

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	316
Youth.....	126
Children.....	83
Preschool.....	76
Fellowship.....	0
Total.....	601
Hispanic Mission.....	41
Total *incl. mission.....	642
New S.S. Members.....	1
Enrollment:.....	1417

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$30,117.00
Received.....	\$44,227.53
Below.....	\$14,110.53
Bldg Received.....	\$2,742.66

And the Lord Added...

By Letter.....	0
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	0
Professions of Faith.....	5

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	12
By Statement.....	1
By Baptism.....	19
Total.....	32

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$180,702.00
Received.....	\$211,550.71
Above.....	\$30,848.71
Total Bldg Rec'd	\$143,735.92