

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith



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From our Pastor

Beloved,

We are off to a great start for 2010 as a church family. We have had people saved and many guests attend our services recently. In fact, during the fall of 2009, 878 people visited our Sunday School at least once. That is cause for rejoicing. It is also a reminder of our responsibility to reach out to the people in our city with the good news of Jesus.

A recent survey revealed that 70% of non-churchgoers said they would attend church if a friend or family member invited them. Ernest Southcott put it like this: "The holiest moment of the church service is the moment when God's people go out of the church door into the world to be the church. We don't go to church; we are the church."

Jesus tells us in Matthew 16 that He will build His church and the gates of hell will not overpower it. Erwin Lutzer said, "The church represents the highest priority on God's agenda and is His blueprint for completing His plans on earth." Rick Warren writes "the only true world 'superpower' is the church. It will last forever."

The apostle Paul writes in 1 Timothy 3:15 that the church is "the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth." It must be said that there is a vast difference between a church and an audience. Charles Jefferson said, "An audience is a crowd. A church is a family. An audience is a gathering. A church is a fellowship. An audience is a heap of stones. A church is a temple."

God is building His church, a redeemed humanity, one heart at a time. It will last forever. Where is your church on your priority scale?

Pastor Russell

The Kingdom Parables and the Gospel of Matthew

Winter Bible Study
January 24-27, 2010



Dr. Hance Dilbeck, Jr. Pastor at
Quail Springs Baptist Church,
OKC since 2003, will lead our
study.

Make plans now to attend!!!

New Bible Studies begin this month. Nursery available for all classes.

For Ladies:

***Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories** - an 11 Week Beth Moore study based on Isaiah - Sundays at 4:30 pm beginning *January 17th* in Adult 6

***W.O.W. (Women of the Word) How to Study the Bible** offering simple steps the Bible study or new ways to study your Bible - a 5-week study starting *January 17th* at 4:30 pm in Adult 3

***Called to be a Keeper** - an 11-week study that encourages women to see their role in light of God's Word begins *January 17th* at 4:30 pm in Adult 4.

For Men:

***A Man God Uses** is a 7-week study by Tom & Henry Blackaby. The study is designed to provide spiritual direction & encouragement for men - Sundays at 4:30 pm in Adult 3.

For Anyone: Dave Ramsey's **Financial Peace** 13-week study begins *January 31st* at 4:30 p.m. in Adult 7.



We want
to update
all your
new
rural route
911 ad-

dresses in our church records. We would like all our 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.

Weekly Deacon's Prayer
Meetings
Sunday
mornings
at 8:45 a.m.
in the Parlor.




D-NOW
February 5.6.7
Cost \$50
 *includes t-shirt

Sign-Up
Deadline
January 27
 *after deadline
 no t-shirt

We gave away a lot of food in December!!!
 The S.I.S. Food Pantry needs macaroni & cheese, spaghetti, and crackers.



ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE



Gym Hours:

Jan 18	4:00-8:00 pm
Jan 19	6:00-8:00 pm
Jan 20	5:00-9:00 pm
Jan 21	4:00-8:00 pm

THANK YOU'S
 Received from the following:

The Family of Lorena Taylor

The Family of Gary Osborne
 Evelyn, Tom, Tim,
 Kate, Dennis & Jada

Custer County DHS Children

Posted on the bulletin board near the chapel.

Doc's Notes



JOIN a CHOIR!

What a great time for YOU and YOUR FAMILY to be part of the music ministry at FBC. Our Graded Choirs and begun along with youth choir and handbells. Plans are being made for Easter, spring program & July 4th. See YOU this week!

Youth Choir & Bells

- 4:00 p.m. Bells
- 4:40 p.m. Snack Supper
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir

YOUTH! Thank you for the great attendance in bells and choir last Sunday evening. I look forward to what you will be doing in the "spring".

Adult Choir

Our rehearsals have begun for Easter! Easter music is early with "10" rehearsals before our performance on Sunday evening, March 28th. Please invite a friend to come to rehearsal with you!

Doc

Coming Events

- Jan 17 8:45 a.m. Deacon's Prayer Meeting, Parlor
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Elkwood
- 4:00 p.m. ESL; Youth Bells & Choir
- 5:00 p.m. All Ministry Teams Meeting, FH
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting
- Jan 18 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Team R
- Jan 19 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
- Jan 20 4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs
- 5:00 p.m. Weds Meal
- 5:15 p.m. Preschool Choirs
- 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

Extended Session:

Babies:
 Jane Thomas/Mildred Nesser

Creepers:
 NEED HELP!!!

1 year olds:
 Ashley Laufer/Phylesha Tabor

2 year olds:
 LaDonna Farrell/Darlene James

3 year olds:
 Susan Potter/Jamie Shockley

4 year olds:
 Sandy Bledsoe/Sissy Burch



Weekly Report
 January 10, 2010

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance	
Adults.....	275
Youth.....	74
Children.....	91
Preschool.....	72
Fellowship.....	5
Total.....	517
Hispanic Mission.....	32
Total *incl. mission.....	532
New S.S. Members.....	0
Enrollment:.....	1432

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$30,117.00
Received.....	\$30,973.57
Above.....	\$856.57
Bldg Received.....	\$1,357.00

And the Lord Added...

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

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	7
By Statement.....	1
By Baptism.....	19
Total.....	27

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$60,234.00
Received.....	\$85,565.84
Above.....	\$25,331.84
Bldg Rec'd To Date....	\$3,693.00