

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith



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From our Pastor

Beloved,

Recently, I read about a conference hosted by the North American Christian Convention last summer. One of the speakers at the conference asked this question: "If your church disappeared today, would your community miss it?" I have been thinking about this for the last two weeks. When I look at our own church and its involvement in our community I honestly do believe that our church family would be missed if it were not here. In writing about the need for the Church, one anonymous author put it like this:

This Is My Church

A door

Into an opportunity for service
 Into the most useful life
 Into the best experience
 Into the most hopeful future--
 My church gives me a start.

An armory

To get power to fight evil
 To get inspiration to keep going right
 To get an uplifting influence,
 To learn how to use spiritual weapons
 To get a vision of Christ--
 My church keeps me moving.

An anchor

To steady me in the storm
 To keep me from the breakers
 To guide me in the strenuous life
 To hold me lest I drift away from God
 To save me in the hour of temptation—
 And lead me into the harbor.

I am so thankful for our church family. May all we do bring glory to our great God!

Pastor Russell

**OUR MEN'S
CHILI COOK-OFF
and BAKE-OFF
Sunday, January 31st!!!**



If you'd like to fix us a pot of your best chili or put your "creative" talents to the test, this is the day!!! Bake cakes, cookies, pies, or any other dessert or "creation" and we'll enjoy the bake-off goodies along with the chili Sunday evening, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. where

"winners" in each category will be announced!!!



**Please have all baked items and/or chili to the gym by 5:30 p.m.*


**VALENTINE'S
BANQUET**
February 14
6:00 pm
FBC Gym
\$5.00 per ticket
Tickets sold Sundays or any
weekday at the church office.
February 7th is the last day to buy
tickets. *Tickets are required.*

**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.
 Register by February 11.

**NEW CHURCH OFFICE
HOURS**
Monday- Thursday
8 AM - 5 PM
Friday 8 AM - Noon

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!!!**

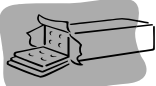
By Letter



Shannon Reney Pittman
513 W. Avenue A

We want to update all your new rural route 911 addresses in our church records. We'd 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.

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



**ACTIVITIES
BUILDING
SCHEDULE**



Gym Hours:

Feb 1	4:00-8:00 pm
Feb 2	6:00-8:00 pm
Feb 3	5:00-9:00 pm
Feb 4	4:00-8:00 pm

THANK YOU'S

Received from the following:

Denise Davis

Posted on the bulletin board near the chapel.

Doc's Notes



Youth Choir & Bells

Welcome to youth bells [Kelsi and Whitley Land, Luis Valdez]. Luis also joined youth choir! I would like to THANK Janet Cromer and Linda Nix for their help with the youth snack supper between bells and choir!

Adult Choir

Welcome to choir Ellen Martin! Our rehearsals have begun for Easter! Easter music is early with "7" rehearsals before our performance on Sunday evening, March 28th. Rehearsals will be extended the next few weeks until 8:45 p.m. Good to see each of you last Sunday morning!

Live Embers

Our next luncheon will feature the Russell family from Arapaho on Thursday, Feb. 11th.

Doc

Coming Events

- Jan 31 5th Sunday Building fund Offering
- 8:45 a.m. Deacon's Prayer Meeting, Parlor
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
- Noon New Christians Lunch & Class for Children, FH
- 4:00 p.m. ESL; Youth Bells & Choir
- 5:00 p.m. D-NOW Host Home Mtg, Yth Rm
- 5:30 p.m. Bake-Off/Cook-Off Entries Due
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 7:00 p.m. All Church Fellowship for Men's Chili Cook-Off/Bake-Off
- Feb 1 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Team C
- Feb 2 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
- Feb 3 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
- Feb 4 6:30 p.m. S.I.S., AD4
- 8:00 p.m. Girls Night Out, Parlor

LOOK FOR OUR FEBRUARY CALENDAR!!!

Extended Session:

- Babies:**
Sara Cloud/Lori Cloud
- Creepers:**
NEED HELP!!!
- 1 year olds:**
Josh & Terri Priddle
- 2 year olds:**
Randy & Patsy Pothorst
- 3 year olds:**
Josh & Christi Thomas
- 4 year olds:**
Jeff & Stacey Barker



Weekly Report

January 24, 2010

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	311
Youth.....	80
Children.....	86
Preschool.....	72
Fellowship.....	28
Total.....	577
Hispanic Mission.....	43
Total *incl. mission.....	620
New S.S. Members.....	4
Enrollment:.....	1431

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$30,117.00
Received.....	\$27,514.83
Below.....	\$2,602.17
Bldg Received.....	\$602.00

And the Lord Added...

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

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	8
By Statement.....	1
By Baptism.....	19
Total.....	28

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$120,468.00
Received.....	\$146,235.77
Above.....	\$25,767.77
Total Bldg Rec'd	\$134,562.76