

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith

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From our Pastor

Beloved,

As Christians, we have experienced first hand the joy and happiness that Jesus Christ brings into our lives. When your life is committed to Christ, it is easier to smile throughout your life.

Several years ago, a psychologist at the University of California stated that those people who urge you to "smile your troubles away" may have some strong scientific research to back up their folk wisdom. According to an article in the New York Times, "Just the act of flexing facial muscles into characteristic expressions of joy or other emotions...can produce effects on the nervous system that normally go with those emotions." The principal researcher behind the new findings says, "It is going to be quite surprising both to the public and the scientific community."

I must say, however, that these findings do not surprise those who follow Christ and know the Scriptures. The writer of Proverbs penned these words centuries ago: "A joyful heart makes a cheerful face, but when the heart is sad, the spirit is broken." (Proverbs 15:13) Again we read, "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones." (Proverbs 17:2)

Don't become so busy and burdened that you miss the simplicity of the joy there is in Jesus.

In His Grace,

Pastor Russell



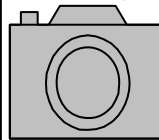
One Month to Live

Small discussion groups meet in our Fellowship Hall Sundays at 7 p.m. if you'd like to attend.

Nursery is provided.

Yard signs are \$4 and still available at the church office or S.S. office

If you didn't have a picture taken you may submit a photo for our church directory, it must be no larger than 4 x 6. If a professional photographer took the picture, you'll need to furnish a signed copyright release form. Olan Mills pictures are acceptable without a copyright release. Snapshots are the simplest way to submit a photo for the



Family Section. Photos must be submitted to the church office no later than Monday, March 22.

Coming Soon!!!
YOYO COLLINS In Concert
Sunday, March 21



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
MARCH 7-14, 2010

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OUR CHURCH GOAL :
\$16,000.00


Rec'd to Date: \$2,186.01

Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks for your convenience.




**Sunday,
March 14**
**Remember to
turn your clocks
forward
1 hour!!!**

S.I.S. will be stuffing hundreds of plastic eggs. They need our help. Individually wrapped starbursts & midget tootsie rolls - chocolate, grape & strawberry flavors are needed. Please bring the candy to the church office.



ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE
Gym Hours: March 15-18



Closed

THANK YOU's
Received from the following:
The Family of Loretta Jackson
Nancy Stephenson
Trena Clark Winbolt
Posted on the bulletin board near the chapel.

Doc's Notes



Youth Choir & Bells [performance schedule]

1. Handbells - March 28 [Easter program -PM], April 18 [AM]
2. Youth Choir - April 18 & 25 [PM]
WELCOME to Youth choir and bells - Libby & Dakota Unruh. Welcome to youth choir Spencer Davies.

Adult Choir

We have "2" Wednesday rehearsals remaining before our performance on Sunday evening, March 28th. We SING this Sunday and I look forward to seeing each of you at 10:30 a.m. Please be make every effort to be on time!

Adult Handbells

We are scheduled to play on Easter Sunday morning, April 4.

60+ Ministry

"Surveys" have been mailed to all those who missed the luncheon from Adult 3 & 4. Please fill out the forms and return mail them to FBC, leave in you S.S. Box or bring by the church office. Also, help us name this new group. The following is not on the form but write names for President, V-Pres and Social Chairman on the bottom of the last page. THANKS!

Doc

Coming Events

- Mar 14 Spring Forward!!!
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
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/Choir; FPU, AD7
5:00 p.m. Building Team Meeting, Conf Rm
Spring Break Trip Mtg, Youth Rm
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
7:00 p.m. 1 Month to Live, FH
Mar 15 NO C.A.R.E. Outreach this week
Mar 16 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
Mar 17 No Graded Choirs or Weds Meal
6:30 p.m. AWANA Rec Only; Weds Worship

Extended Session:

Babies:
Helen Chester/Delilah Weatherly
Creepers:
NEED HELP!!!
1 year olds:
Michael & Katy Womack
2 year olds:
Nathan & Amanda Friesen
3 year olds:
NEED HELP!!!
4 year olds:
Kathy Simmons/Erma Taylor



Weekly Report

March 7, 2010

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	299
Youth.....	74
Children.....	85
Preschool.....	71
Fellowship.....	7
Total.....	536
Hispanic Mission.....	57
Total *incl. mission.....	593
New S.S. Members.....	2
Enrollment:.....	1428

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$30,117.00
Received.....	\$33,496.73
Above.....	\$3,379.48
Bldg Received.....	\$1,673.50

And the Lord Added...

By Letter.....	1
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	0
Professions of Faith.....	3

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	19
By Statement.....	1
By Baptism.....	27
Total.....	47

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$301,170.00
Received.....	\$326,840.39
Above.....	\$25,670.39
Total Bldg Rec'd	\$151,600.83