

## BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

*Family of Faith*



**From our Pastor**

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### Beloved,

In his autobiographical book, *My Faith and Message*, Herschel Hobbs tells a story that reminds us of the importance of doctrine. One day in seminary class Hobbs was stressing the need for more doctrinal preaching. One student asked, "But isn't doctrinal preaching dry?" Hobbs responded, "The preacher may be dry, but the doctrine isn't."

Today, it seems that doctrine has become a four-letter word. Many people, even in the church, want to emphasize unity rather than truth. However, there is no unity unless it is centered around the truth of Scripture. Three verses in the New Testament help us to understand the emphasis that should be placed on biblical doctrine.

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine." (Acts 2:42 NKJV) It is no accident that, after the birth of the church at Pentecost, doctrine is mentioned as the first thing the new believers focused on. It must always come first. Just as the apostles had been instructed by Jesus, they passed along that instruction to the new believers. Doctrine is to the church what the skeletal system is to the human body.

"Watch your life and doctrine closely." (1 Timothy 4:16 NIV) These two things cannot be separated. They belong together. It is why our church has both a confession of faith and a church covenant. Our confession (The Baptist Faith and Message) guides us in what believe, while our church covenant guides us in how we live.

"Contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints." (Jude 3) In this context, "the faith" is not referring to faith in Christ, but rather the deposit of faith, the core of Christian doctrine. This is the only time in the New Testament that this word "contend" is used. It means to contend as a soldier in battle, to defend strenuously, to fight with great strength.

Do not think that doctrine is unimportant. It is our attempt to develop a biblical worldview, stating clearly and simply our beliefs based upon the Word of God, which then should affect how we live.

**Pastor Russell**

YOYO COLLINS  
*In Concert*

**Sunday, March 21 10:45 a.m.**

A Love Offering will be received.  
Offering envelopes will be available in  
the pew racks for your convenience.

ONE MONTH TO *live*

THIRTY DAYS TO A HEALTHY LIFE

**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.

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**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!**

**By Baptism**

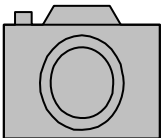


Mallory Luttrell  
1920 W 8th, #48



Dakota Unruh  
10230 HWY 34

**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 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.**



**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.**

**Gym Hours:**

3/22 4:00-7:00 pm  
3/23 4:00-6:00 pm  
3/24 5:00-9:00 pm  
3/25 Closed/Men's League



**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]

**Adult Choir**

The Adult Choir will present "Where Eyes Don't Cry" on Sunday evening, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The program will feature a Men's Quartet, Mixed Ensemble, Soloists & Youth Handbells.

**60+ Ministry**

"Surveys" have been mailed to all those who missed the luncheon from Adult 3 & 4. Please fill out the forms and return them to FBC or leave in you S.S. Box. 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!

**Young Musicians CHOIR**

The YM choir will be singing and playing bells Sunday, Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>. Parents, all the instructions are in the letter you received this week.

*Doc*

**Coming Events**

- Mar 21 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  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
7:00 p.m. Bus Mtg; 1 Month to Live, FH  
Mission Team Mtg to follow Bus Mtg, Conf Rm
- Mar 22 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Team R
- Mar 23 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
- Mar 24 4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs  
5:00 p.m. Weds Meal  
5:45 p.m. Wkly Teacher's Mtg, AD6  
6:00 p.m. AWANA; Yth Tch Mtg, Yth Rm  
6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate;  
The Island

**Extended Session:**

- Babies:**  
NEED HELP!!!
- Creepers:**  
NEED HELP!!!
- 1 year olds:**  
NEED HELP!!!
- 2 year olds:**  
Steve & Cathy Hooper
- 3 year olds:**  
Vicki Callaway/Tammy Allison
- 4 year olds:**  
Coy & Jennifer Jacks



**Weekly Report**

March 14, 2010

**The People Came...**

Sunday School Attendance	
Adults.....	270
Youth.....	37
Children.....	67
Preschool.....	62
Fellowship.....	5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>441</b>
Hispanic Mission.....	45
<b>Total *incl. mission.....</b>	<b>486</b>
New S.S. Members.....	4
Enrollment:.....	1426

**The People Gave...**

Budget Needs.....	\$30,117.00
Received.....	\$22,143.84
Below.....	\$7,973.16
Bldg Received.....	\$1,030.00

**And the Lord Added...**

By Letter.....	0
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	2
Professions of Faith.....	0

**Year to Date**

Additions	
By Letter.....	19
By Statement.....	1
By Baptism.....	29
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>49</b>

**Giving**

Budget Need.....	\$331,287.00
Received.....	\$348,984.23
Above.....	\$17,697.23
<b>Total Bldg Rec'd ....</b>	<b>\$152,630.83</b>