

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith



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Beloved,

The journey to Easter continues with this coming Sunday being Palm Sunday. Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem amid great excitement from all of the people. The event was so important that all four gospels record it. What the people did not know was that Jesus came to Jerusalem, not to be crowned as a king, but to be crucified as a criminal. It was not what they were expecting.

I love how Gardner C. Taylor puts it. In one of his books he says this about the cross of Jesus: "Jesus took it all, paid it all and changed it all. He changed and changes curses to prayers. He changes hurt to healing. He changes the poison of sin into a medicine of grace. He changes the crown of thorns to that crown of life which He has and which He gives to all who love Him."

The apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 3:13 "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.'" The amazing thing is that the crucifixion was not an accident. It was planned by God. Peter in Acts 2:23-24 spoke this: "this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power."

I look forward to seeing you this Palm Sunday as we think about the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Pastor Russell

OUR MEN'S CHILI COOK-OFF and BAKE- OFF



Sunday, March 28th !!!

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 this Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. where the "winners" will be announced!!!



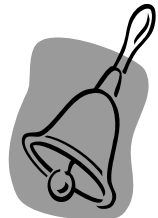
**Please have all baked items and/or chili to the gym*

WALKING WITH GOD

Sunday, March 28 6:00 pm

Featuring the Adult Choir, Men's Quartet and the Youth Handbell Choir!!!

Make plans to be here!!!



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EASTER OFFERING®
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OUR CHURCH GOAL :
\$16,000.00
Rec'd to Date: \$6,596.32

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



If you have a family member who is a First Baptist Church member and active in the military, please submit a picture for our military directory page by March 31.

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!**

By Letter & Baptism



Joey Bales (by letter)
Angie & Robyn Bales (by baptism)
200 Kylee

Doc's Notes



March 28th CHOIR schedules:

Handbells :

1. Young Musicians Choir & Handbells – AM service
2. Youth Choir “bells” – PM service
3. Adult Choir – This year’s Easter 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!

Graded Choir “Spring” Program

Date – May 2 Time – 6:00 pm
Parents – WE have “5” rehearsals remaining before our Spring Program. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children this year. The next FEW rehearsals are very important to make sure each choir is prepared for the performance! THANKS!

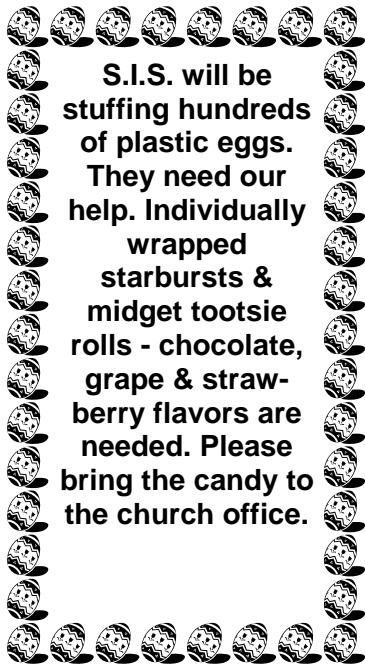
Youth Choir & Bells

I would like to welcome Blanca Zamora to youth choir. Parents, we have been asked to sing in “Steve Sims” church in Amarillo on Sunday evening May 23. I need to know if everyone assigned to handbells and attending youth choir can go! Thanks.

Doc

Extended Session:

- Babies:**
Lucy Rainey & Sara Cloud
- Creepers:**
NEED HELP!!!
- 1 year olds:**
NEED HELP!!!
- 2 year olds:**
Cody & Christian Callaway
- 3 year olds:**
John & Megan Thomas
- 4 year olds:**
Anita Ball & Sharon Hill



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:

- 3/29 4:00-7:00 pm
- 3/30 4:00-8:00 pm
- 3/31 5:00-9:00 pm
- 4/01 Closed/Men's



THANK-YOU's

Have been received from the following:

- David & Lynn Chen
- The High Family
- Kathryn McFarland

*Posted on the bulletin board near the Chapel.

Coming Events

- Mar 28 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. Choir Easter Program
 - 7:00 p.m. Men's Bake-Off/Chili Cook-Off, Gym; 1 Month to Live, FH
- Mar 29 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Team E
 - 7:00 p.m. Community Easter Service, Susan Powell Fine Arts Center
- Mar 30 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
- Mar 31 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



Weekly Report

March 21, 2010

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	221
Youth.....	62
Children.....	62
Preschool.....	78
Fellowship.....	25
Total.....	448
Hispanic Mission.....	54
Total *incl. mission.....	502
New S.S. Members.....	1
Enrollment:.....	1430

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$30,117.00
Received.....	\$21,755.04
Below.....	\$8,361.96
Bldg Received.....	\$534.05

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.....	31
Total.....	51

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$361,404.00
Received.....	\$370,739.27
Above.....	\$9,335.27
Total Bldg Rec'd	\$153,164.88