

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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“Reaching the World . . . One person at a time”

It's A New Day On Sunday Nights

Beginning February 6th (this Sunday night)

- New start time - 6:00 p.m.
- Praise Team during singing
- Acts 29 Testimonies
- Youth Bible Study in FLC at the same time (beginning Feb. 13th)
- Earl teaching through the Parables of Jesus

ACTS 29 TESTIMONIES

Each Sunday evening, as part of worship, members of our church family will be sharing what God is doing in their lives. Acts 29 is not a chapter in the Bible, but is a way of referring to what God continues to do through the Holy Spirit in our world today.

Let Earl know if you would like to share a testimony.

Each evening is filled through May.

Rejoice

It will be a new day on Sunday nights here at First Baptist Church, beginning February 6th. Our start time will shift back to 6 p.m. from 5 p.m. A praise team will accompany John as we sing. Acts 29 testimonies of what Jesus is continuing to do in lives will be a part of the order of worship. I will begin teaching through the parables of Jesus. Youth Bible studies will concurrently take place in the FLC. The atmosphere will remain casual and quality will remain top notch. If you show up you will be blessed.

I understand that these changes will not please everyone. They don't necessarily please me. But - it's not about me. Let me explain.

We have tried having our evening service at 5 p.m. for an extended period of time. Attendance has not changed. Our goal was to make it easier for young families to come and then have time to get home and get their children in bed. That goal never became a reality. I know of people who enjoy the earlier start time – actually I am one of them. However, it seems there are more who feel this is an inconvenience as far as how short their afternoon is. Someone in jest suggested that we have a traditional service at 5 p.m. and a contemporary service at 6 p.m. His humor highlighted the futility of trying to please everyone. Still, with other meetings and responsibilities, 6 p.m. probably is the better choice.

We are adding a praise team on Sunday night to strengthen an already positive time of singing. The smiling faces of many rejoicing in the Lord will encourage us all in voicing our praise to God. We will not passively listen to them sing. They will invigorate us as we sing.

The Acts 29 testimonies will allow members of our church to share briefly with us about how God is teaching them, helping them, or changing them. As we hear the stories of others in their walk with God, we will be encouraged in our own walk.

The youth Bible studies running concurrently will allow families to all be in a Bible study at the same time. When the youth Bible study follows the evening service, families with youth are involved an extra hour. Besides – I am shifting my emphasis to more of a teaching time. We will be studying the parables of Jesus as the youth study other parts of the Bible.

You can be of great help to the overall health of our church by participating. Sunday night attendance can be very helpful for your Christian development. Also - when you come, please consider sitting in the front center where the youth sit on Sunday mornings. Those empty front pews can depress a preacher. I realize that our first evening back at 6 p.m. will be Super Bowl Sunday. That's why DVR's exist.

Providing opportunity and quality,
Earl

Look Out! Pete Has a Motorcycle

I haven't had the opportunity to visit with Donna about the new mode of transportation at the Petree home, but I have a feeling that there was quite a bit of discussion that went on before the purchase of the new Harley. I have to admit that no matter how old you get there is just something about the way you look and feel when you are riding a new Harley. The feel of wind blowing through your hair, it's exhilarating. (Sorry Pete, I guess you, like me, will never be able to experience wind blowing through your hair again.) But there is that certain debonair look that people have when they are riding.

I can truthfully say that I have never driven a motorcycle. The only time that I have even been on one was when I was hanging on for dear life with my arms wrapped around my brother-in-law. I never experienced the wind in my hair (when I had hair.) I did experience bugs in my teeth, a burn on my leg, and a deep felt gratitude to God Almighty for delivering me safely from my six block ride. You see, I'm terrified of motorcycles. I don't like to ride them and I don't feel safe when they are driving around me on the highway. I feel toward motorcycles like the family in the post office commercial feels toward a toy clown that was delivered as a gift at Christmas. You have to get rid of it NOW!

I have learned to keep my mouth shut about motorcycles and just shake my head and act like I know what people are talking about. I do that a lot!

I will never cease to be amazed at how God uses people and things. Pete's love of motorcycles will allow him opportunities to talk to people that have similar interests. It will open doors where he would otherwise never be able to go. What is your interest? Your passion? How can God use it to reach others? I will never like motorcycles, but I can see how they can be used to further God's kingdom. (Just don't do it at my house.)

In Christ,
John

Baptist Messenger

Our church page from the Baptist Messenger is available each week at fbcweatherford.com

Soon most non-resident members and non-members will be deleted from our mailing list. You can continue to access our church page at our web site.

Winter Weather Policy

All cancellations of services due to dangerous road conditions will be announced on the local radio station KWEY at 95.5 and TV Channels 4, 5, and 9. If there is no school on Wednesday due to weather, there will be **NO ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH.**

The FLC & walking track will also be closed on days when school is cancelled.

February Magazines are Here

We purchase the following magazines and make them available in the northwest lobby, outside the church office.

They are free and available as long as they last. HomeLife, ParentLife, Mature Living, Living with Teenagers, Journey, Stand Firm, and Open Windows

Leaders Needed / Wednesday Night “The Clubhouse”

Be a part of the fun activities on Wednesday nights.

Men and women are needed to help.

Contact Andrea Unruh or Cindi Albrightson.

Sunday School Attendance

January 30

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Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for February
Cold or Hot Cereal