

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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It's Friday - But Sunday Is Coming !!!



Oklahoma Blood Institute Blood Drive

Saturday - April 30th
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Family Life Center

**GA and RA
Recognition Service**

Sunday - May 1st
6:00 p.m.

Reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall

“We Will Sing of Our Redeemer”

In honor of their Redeemer, Jesus Christ,
and the ones they love,
Kallie, Kaycie, and Kambrie
invite you to join them for an evening of worship
on Monday, May 9th, in the Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Rejoice

She will take his name when she becomes his wife. No longer will she be required to explain that a “ph” must be used instead of a “v” when filling out forms. Norwood can be spelled much easier than Stephenson. She will officially leave father and mother and cleave to the man who has become her best friend. She will always be our daughter. She will become one with Shane. I am thrilled for them.

Moving through the stages of life will produce some heartache when each stage is lived well. We regret change only if the past has been satisfying. Parents who can't wait for their children to get out of the house did not enjoy their child's teen years. Children who don't let the door hit them on the way out as they roar off to begin a new stage weren't very close to their parents. Widows who never hurt did not know the oneness that should have been theirs. Aggressively enjoying any stage of life means missing the stage when it's gone.

I do miss those years when Lynn was growing up in the shadow of our love in the security of our home. My how she could laugh! So many told us that she was the happiest baby and little girl they had ever seen. My how she could love! Her heart went out to others. My how she could adapt! Her world was turned upside down when she moved with us to Weatherford before starting her junior year in high school. The move was hard, but she did it. She went on to complete college, begin a career, fall in love and say “yes” to Shane.

We plan to celebrate the marriage of Shane and Lynn because we know that it is the beginning of yet another wonderful stage of life. Through the ups and downs of living we have learned to rest confidently in the faithfulness of God. The prayers we offered for Lynn's future mate since the day she was born are now being answered in the form of a hairy legged guy who promises to love and provide for her for the rest of her life. I know they cannot make it by themselves. I know they will make it just fine with God's help.

Life as I knew it has upgraded to life as I will know it. Change in life is inevitable. Enjoyment of change is optional. I choose to exercise that option. You do the same.

Father of the bride,
Earl

Sundays Are Special

Sunday was a special day in our church! We call it “Baby Dedication” and parents dedicate their children to the Lord. Also, it is a time for parents to dedicate themselves to making church a priority for their family. What a blessing it is to see our young families faithfully bringing their children to church. I love seeing their smiling faces! The children come in with a look of anticipation, “What will we be doing in our class today?” They are eager to learn about Jesus. I love seeing the rooms ready with activities for the children. Teachers give so much to make sure the children know they are loved by them and by Jesus. It is great to be a part of a church that continues to encourage and support families with children. Please continue to pray for the 14 children and their families who participated in Baby Dedication. Please pray for all the families who are faithfully bringing their children to church. Every Sunday is special when we have families together in church.

See ya Sunday,
Andrea

**National Day of Prayer
Thursday - May 5, 2011**

Participate By....

- Breakfast at The Mark Restaurant on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. (Free and open to the public)
- Prayer Vigil on Thursday at Centennial Park. Our assigned time is from 11:00 a.m. - Noon, but you may pray anytime after 8:00 a.m. Stay as long as you wish.

MAY 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



New First Family



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Hannah Badgett



Faith Sharry

Upcoming Events

April 30	OBI Blood Drive in Family Life Center	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
May 1	GA & RA Recognition Service	6:00 p.m.
May 4	Meal: Salisbury Steak	4:45 p.m.
May 8	Mother's Day	
May 9	Threefold Chord in Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.



**Weatherford Food Pantry
Items for April**



Canned whole, crushed, & diced tomatoes
Spaghetti sauce and Tomato sauce

The Food Pantry usually gives more food out than what has been donated. Please help them keep the shelves full by leaving items in the container by Pete's office.

Ministry Opportunity

Sunday School Teacher at Sterling House
9:30 on Sunday Mornings
Contact Pete if interested

**Sunday School
Attendance**

April Avg.

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