

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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

Together Again

This Sunday - May 29th

One Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
One Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
with Observance of The Lord's Supper



Vacation Bible School



**** Kindergarten thru 5th grade ****
**** Must have completed Kindergarten ****

June 6 - 10 9:00 a.m. - Noon
(transportation available upon request, call 772-2771)

**** We need several people to bring teacher snacks****
Contact Sue Mingus @ 772-5038

Rejoice

Peace eluded me for months. Actually, let me be more specific. Peace eluded me for months during invitation time at the Washington Street Baptist Church in Hobart, Oklahoma. God was stirring my heart, and I didn't know what He was saying. I sincerely wanted to follow God's will but had no clue as to what it was.

At the conclusion of many worship services, I would make my way to the front of the church and talk with Brother Perkey about rededicating my life to the Lord. He never questioned the validity of my salvation, nor did I. I knew I had been saved for several years, but as a fourteen year old youth, I knew that God was telling me something. My parents remained extremely supportive and helpful. One Sunday Daddy even explained to me that I didn't have to go to the front of the church every time I needed to pray. He wasn't trying to discourage. He was simply trying to understand.

So was I. My parents had me in church almost every time the doors were opened. I enjoyed being there but had no clue what God was planning for my life. I told Him over and over that I would do anything He asked. For most of the time I was fine. During invitation time I grew anxious. I came to dread hearing "Softly and Tenderly."

The Spring revival came and my uncle, Alvin Funkhouser, was doing the preaching. I always liked to hear Alvin preach. I still do. He can make passages of Scripture come to life in ways I never considered before. I anticipated an enjoyable week of revival - if I could just enjoy those invitations.

When the singing concluded on one evening of the revival, Alvin informed the singer that he still was not sure what God wanted him to preach. He requested that we sing another song or two. We did. Alvin stood and preached a sermon that was half testimony and half challenge as he shed insight on being called and serving as a pastor. I have never felt more certain that God was speaking to me.

When the invitation started, I went forward and told Alvin: "I think God wants me to be a preacher." He handed me off to Brother Perkey, who prayed with me and smiled at me and informed the congregation of my decision. Before I had left the building he told me he would arrange for me to preach - soon! And he did.

That was four decades ago. As I remember God's call to preach, I am reminded of God's faithfulness to equip. God doesn't call the equipped - God equips the called. The "becoming a preacher" is still in process. The peace in my heart came immediately and stayed. There is no better place in the world than in the center of God's will.

Joyfully your pastor!
Earl



Summertime Fun

School is almost over! I am excited about the plans for summer! Three upcoming events are VBS, Pre-teen Camp, and Cross-timbers Missions Camp. Please put these on your prayer list and pray for plans and preparation for all events. June 6-10 is the week of VBS and "Big Apple Adventure" is the VBS theme. Children will have the chance to discover how faith and life connect. They will discover that living a life of faith means sharing the message of Christ with their world. VBS is one of the greatest weeks in churches to reach families. Pray - please begin praying for VBS, that lives will be changed during this week at FBC. Plan - plan now to participate in VBS in some way. Prepare - let's prepare to do our best to show the boys and girls they need Jesus in their lives. June 20-23, "Gone Fishing" is the theme for Pre-teen Camp at SW Baptist Assembly. Boys and girls who have completed 3rd-5th grade will spend time having fun and learning the plans God has for their lives. July 5-8 is Cross-timbers Missions Camp, and we have some GA girls attending this camp. They are looking forward to a great time also! Thank you for your prayers for everyone participating in these three great summer events!

Looking forward to a great summer!
Andrea

Christianity, Cults, and Religions

Beginning on June 15th at 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Six Sessions:

- Definitions, Discernment, and Defending the Faith
Six key elements
- Essential Christian Doctrine
Key beliefs of Christianity
- Jehovah's Witnesses
History, founder, practices, beliefs, & do's and don'ts
- Mormonism
History, founder, practices, beliefs, & do's and don'ts
- Eastern Spirituality: Hinduism, Buddhism, & New Age
- Islam
History, founder, practices, beliefs, & do's and don'ts

Falls Creek Cabin Cleaning

Saturday, June 4th

Will leave the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

Help get our cabin ready for this summer. Repairs have already been made. This trip involves cleaning only. Contact the church office if you will be able to help.

Summer Dates of Interest

Vacation Bible School	June 6 - 10
Super Summer	June 13 - 17
Pre-Teen Camp	June 20 - 23
GA Camp	July 5 - July 8
Falls Creek (Jr. High)	July 11 - July 16
Falls Creek (Sr. High)	July 18 - July 23



New First Family



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