

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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



**This Sunday - July 3rd**



**God and Country Day  
and  
Together Again Sunday**

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.      Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Dress in Red, White, and Blue



**HAVE a SAFE and HAPPY  
4th of JULY**



Friday - July 1st and Monday - July 4th  
Church Office and Family Life Center will be closed

**Crowder Lake Baptism in the Sanctuary**

Sunday, July 31st  
6:00 p.m.

Due to repairs on the dam, Crowder Lake is unavailable for use this year. Our annual special baptism emphasis will take place in the sanctuary. Contact a staff member or the church office if you would like to be baptized during this celebration.

## Rejoice

David remained on the move in order to escape the murderous intent of King Saul. As a man after God's own heart, David knew closeness of fellowship with the Lord and remained confident that God would take care of him. Still, life proved quite challenging as David's loyalty and courage were met with Saul's hatred and vengeance. I don't know that David was depressed. I do know that David needed a friend.

Enter Jonathan. "And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God." I Samuel 23:16. When Jonathan showed up, his very presence helped David find what had been there all along - God's strength. The fact that Jonathan showed up triggered renewed courage in the heart of David.

You have a ministry of presence. When you show up, you encourage others simply by being there. This is true at church. This is true at funerals. This is true at all significant events. The overwhelming challenges of life become less threatening when others are with us.

Even though you cannot attend everything, you need to attend many things. Select those things of greatest importance and participate regularly in them. Allow enough free time in your schedule to go to others when they need you. Delete from your vocabulary the following excuses: "I won't know what to say"; "I don't have time"; "I'll just be in the way."

Organize your life in such a way as to be there for others. They need you more than you think. They need you to be in Sunday school with them. They need you to greet them at church. They need you to stop by and say "hello!" They need you to be where they are so you can help them find strength in the Lord. When we detach ourselves from others, we become useless to others.

Accept encouragement and pass it on. Plenty of Sauls invade our worlds on a regular basis. Thank God for the Jonathans who do the same.

Be a Jonathan!  
Earl

<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>
<b>June Avg.</b>
<b>546</b>

## Painting the Patio Furniture

I do not mean to brag, but I have extremely good taste when it comes to furniture and things of that nature. Unfortunately, my budget and my wife do not allow me the luxury of purchasing everything I feel the need to buy. We have been looking at new patio furniture for a few months and have come up with nothing.

I'm not sure who came up with the brilliant idea of painting our old green wrought iron patio furniture with black spray paint, but whoever it was, wasn't thinking clearly. Problem number one: How much paint? We have a table and four chairs, a reclining lounge chair, and a small swinging love seat. With my great talent for estimating quantities I said "I think probably, six or seven cans of paint would do the trick." We have now purchased 23 cans of paint and have yet to paint the table.

Problem number two: Where and when to paint? Not wanting to mess up the garage floor, I set a tarp out in the backyard which immediately blew against the house because the wind was so strong. I said to myself, "self, you need to wait till the wind dies down to do this." I'm still waiting. However, there were a couple of hours last Saturday evening when everything got very calm. I stretched out the tarp, and it stayed in place. I was able to paint all of the chairs. Or at least I thought I did. The sun went down when the wind died down, and I couldn't see very well. There was a lot of green still showing.

Problem number three: Overspray. I did not realize how much paint results in overspray. The tarp that was spread protected the lawn, but the overspray went places I never imagined. I purposely didn't wear shoes so I wouldn't accidentally get paint on them. My feet looked like Lucille Ball's in the episode of "I Love Lucy" where she stomped grapes in France, only mine were black instead of purple. When I tried to get it off, plain water would not do. Midge brought out something called "Goo Off" which is supposed to remove paint. The only problem was it didn't it say it would remove it from skin. When I sprayed it on my feet, the paint started to run, but it was a gooey mess because I had no way to remove the "Goo Off." It was not water soluble. I stood on the patio rubbing one foot on top of the other trying to get the goo off with no results, which led to another problem - I was standing on the patio. We now have a portion of the patio that is fashionably stained black, with foot prints all over it. The overspray even got in the swimming pool. The filter was clogged with black goo, and there was a film on the water.

When sin enters our lives, it comes so innocently to begin with. But over time, if we allow it free run, it permeates every aspect of our lives. Like the black spray paint, it can sneak up on you when you are not paying attention. The Bible says in Psalm 110:11 "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I may not sin against God." Like the "Goo Off" when you try to hide your sins they just make a bigger mess. Even when you think you have everything cleaned up, you find more problems like I found with the pool filter. The moral is: Remember the words of the Psalmist and don't let sin creep in to your life.

I keep a sticky note on my bulletin board that reminds me to keep my thoughts where they should be. It says "My worth to God in public is measured by what I am in private." What is your worth to God?

John

## Supper 6 Plus

Must sign up this Sunday.



**New First Family**



Brandon Nabors