

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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"Nothing Is Impossible With God"

2012 Budget

Presented to Deacons - November 6 7:00 p.m.
Presented to Church - November 13 P.M. Service
Voted on by Church - November 20 A.M. Services



"Trunk or Treat Block Party"

Sunday - October 30, 2011
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



- Candy - Bring lots of candy to the church office.
- Cars - Sign up to give candy from your trunk as classes or individuals.
- Children - Dress-up and come to the church for treats !!

~ ~ JOB OPPORTUNITY ~ ~

First Baptist Church is currently accepting applications for the position of financial secretary.

If interested, please bring a resume' by the Church Office.

Rejoice

The conversation around the outdoor fireplace turned to close encounters with crazy cows. Don't ask. I don't remember how we got there. After somewhat frightening stories were shared, one lady asked why cows would become so enraged and aggressive. Most of her memories were of cows lowing in the pasture, not charging after people. Why would a cow go wild?

"If an old cow is hurt in some way they can become aggressive." The answer came from a man who had spent more than his fair share of time dealing with cattle. He knew what he was talking about. As the comments continued, my mind turned in another direction. I can look people in the eyes while thinking about something entirely different than they are talking about. I've seen people do the same thing while I am preaching.

I thought about how our aging dog Streak had recently growled at me while I was feeding him. I walked up beside him without his knowledge. He cannot hear and he can barely see. He periodically whines. Life as he knew it has passed him by. He hurts - therefore he growls. I can remember when he frolicked without a care in the world. Now he gravitates toward being cranky. Pain and handicaps have changed his outlook.

I thought about many individuals I have known through the years. When they hurt, they tend to be a bit sharp in their response to life in general and people in particular. Unfavorable lab results often become unpleasant encounters with others. Rebellious children have turned parents against one another since the beginning of time. Hurting people can and do become enraged and aggressive. Hurting people can and do take out their frustrations on innocent individuals who happen by.

Not always. I have met lots of Christians who seem to rise above their circumstances. They are a great encouragement. God's grace enables them to rejoice in all circumstances. They know and evidence God's power to thrive in all circumstances. All Christians can become gracious overcomers.

But not all Christians are there yet. I understand their pain. I do not question their faith. I do not judge them for being cranky. I will not scold them from the pulpit for looking sad. There are times when I feel just like them. My goal is to be more empathetic and less judgmental. Sometimes man's best friend growls at him. Pain does that.

I got up and put another log on the fire.

Hurt with those who hurt,

Earl



Help On All Fronts

Depending on when you receive this newsletter (Thursday or Friday) the Singing Churchwomen may or may not have presented their concert. The concert is slated to be presented on Thursday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the FBC auditorium.

Most people never understand what it takes to bring something like this to our church. The extended choir area took two days to complete. It would have taken much more time had it not been for the help of several people who cleared the choir loft of chairs after last Sunday morning's service. I was so preoccupied with moving the organ and keyboard to the floor and get them in playing order that I didn't see who moved the chairs nor did I actually take note of who was moving the instruments. But let it be said that I am so thankful for everyone who helped. I did take note of who helped with the choir risers on Tuesday morning: Earl, Pete, Syl Williams, Chris Gregston, and Doug Pond, who I called Brooks all morning. That sort of thing is to be expected when you are 60, that, and trying to unlock the choir room closet with my remote car door opener.

The GAs are also to be thanked. They put together 170 sacks filled with goodies to be given to the women when they leave. Speaking of food, Virginia Flaming is preparing to feed these women a meal and an afternoon snack. I'm sure she will have a kitchen full of volunteers to help serve. Bob Klaassen has recruited an army of people to assist in showing people where to go as well as where to park. Denise Hamburger, my right and left arm, is outdoing herself in preparing the technical side of the concert. I haven't mentioned the sound people, ushers, and greeters.

Brent Payne is the hero of the volunteers, however. Last Wednesday night I asked the choir if they would help return the chairs to the choir loft to get ready for Sunday morning. As Brent was carrying two chairs and trying to miss microphones, he tripped on the extremely large speaker that sits on the stage. I can truthfully say Brent shed his life's blood on the altar of our church. Sixteen stitches and a very sore face are the reminders of what happened.

In I Corinthians chapter 12 Paul teaches us that we are the body of Christ. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is in their life. My Bible says "All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful." It then goes on to list the gifts of the Spirit. God has given many gifts to the members of FBC. I am so thankful to be a part of such a wonderful church, in which people use the gifts that God has given them. Are you using your gifts?

In Christ,
John



New First Family



Kelli
Quimby



Dakota
Tyler



Briana
Klein



Jacob, Michelle,
& Ellie Sullivan

Thank You

To Our Church Family,

Thank you for the food, cards, visits, flowers, and prayers for our family at this difficult time. The service was beautiful and the dinner after the service was wonderful. You are a great bunch of friends.

Love you all,
Willie Eaton and family