

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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"Nothing Is Impossible With God"

2012 Budget Approved

Yes 137 - No 1



Church Office & FLC will be closed
Wednesday, November 23 - Friday, November 25

TRIMMING THE TREE SERVICE

December 4th 6:00 p.m.

This year we are asking participants to bring favorite ornaments to hang on the tree. The ornaments will be taken home after the service. Your family will read assigned verses and then hang the ornament(s) on the tree. If you wish, you may hang more than one ornament, allowing each of your children to participate.

Needed: Use of a Vehicle

Chris and Monica and their three girls will be stateside for six months. They need the use of a vehicle that will hold three car seats. If you can help with this need, contact the church office.

Rejoice

Irresponsible people will remain irresponsible as long as they are rewarded for being irresponsible. The apostle Paul seemed to be quite cold-hearted in II Thessalonians 3:10 when he reminded the church of a standing rule that he lived by: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." Paul knew that when negative behavior is positively reinforced it will never change. Able-bodied, hungry people are grateful for opportunities to work – unless they are given food anyway.

Paul is not nearly as cold-hearted as you might think. He is more than willing to share with anyone who is not able to work or who has no opportunity to work. However, if a person "will not" work, he should not be compensated for doing so. Hunger will push that person to live responsibly and work consistently.

The Bible teaches us to compassionately share with those who are legitimately in need. The Bible expects no such response to lazy people. Positive reinforcement of negative behavior helps no one. The longer you do so, the more consistent the negative behavior will become.

America contains a large number of people who have been made to feel entitled to free everything. "Who's going to take care of me?" is asked by countless individuals who have been rewarded through the years for being irresponsible. Those same people know how to use the system and receive as many benefits as possible. Often times, those who have the greatest valid needs are unaware of where they can receive help. It bothers me that mine is often one of the oldest vehicle in the parking lot when I help distribute food to the "needy."

What can you do? Glad you asked. Begin at home by withholding benefits from disobedient children. I am not suggesting that you not feed them. I am suggesting that you do whatever is necessary to let them feel the consequences of their bad choices. Give to organizations that help people in other countries who need medicine and food and the gospel. People around the world starve to death daily. The world is our responsibility because Jesus said it is.

Give specifically to those near you whom you know to be struggling. Those who have the most valid needs often make the least requests. Send some money to a young couple with small children who are doing their best to live for Christ. Help out a college student. Just don't provide cigarettes for someone who needs to quit smoking.

Practice responsible giving,
Earl



Thankful Kids

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on so many blessings and express that thankfulness. My family is very thankful for this church and the people in it who have blessed our lives! Every parent dreams of having children that are thankful for God's blessings and have a desire to help others. Here are some ideas that might help encourage thankfulness. Hopefully, your family could begin some new traditions this holiday season. 1. Help with a community dinner. 2. Make new friends. Invite someone into your home for a holiday meal. 3. Share a musical treat, sing songs at a nursing home, or with an elderly neighbor. 4. Take food to a shut-in or neighbor. 5. Help provide gifts for the needy. 6. Adopt a grandparent, help them with their holiday activities. There are many ways to teach children to help others and to be thankful. Hopefully, your family will start a tradition that will bond you together and together your children will learn valuable lessons that last a lifetime.

Happy Holidays,
Andrea

The Tree is Coming!!!!

December 9, 10, and 11

7:00 p.m.



Tickets Are Required

Tickets are required but free. A limited number of tickets will be available at the Welcome Centers from 10 to 10:30 a.m. (between services) on Sunday, November 27. Additional tickets will be available in the church office during the week.

FBC Recreation/Fellowship Area

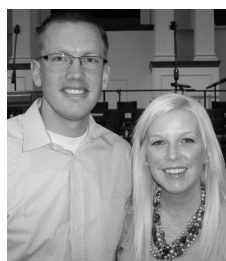
During the October business meeting, the Building & Grounds Committee made a recommendation/proposal to convert the east side of the church (area not parking lot) into a recreation/fellowship area.

This proposal includes the following:

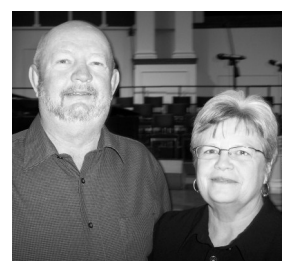
1. Build a transportation building (approved several years ago and funds have been set aside for construction).
2. Build a fellowship pavilion connected to transportation building.
3. Construct a dual sand volleyball court.
4. Cover all ground area with grass.
5. Install a water sprinkler system for grass.
6. Approximate cost for this area is \$55,000.
7. Cost will be paid through special offering taken now until April 2012.



New First Family



Erik & Heather
Hudson



Phillip & Judy
Payne



Bill & Minnie
Simmons



Taylor, Aimee, Caden,
& Cydnee Henderson



Perry, Deb, & Gracie
Mooney