

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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"Nothing Is Impossible With God"

Caring and Sharing

December 10 at WHS Performing Arts Center

Our responsibility: Girls: age 8-12

Now through Wednesday, December 7, you may either donate an item or give a cash donation in the church office.

NEEDED:

Volunteers to help set up our table on Thursday - December 8

Volunteers to help distribute gifts on Saturday - December 10
from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Contact the church office if you can help.

Prayer For The Tree

Time has been scheduled every Wednesday from 6:35 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. in the Parlor to pray for The Living Christmas Tree.

Rejoice

Pheasant hunting is a team sport. I recently returned from my tenth Pheasant hunting trip in southwest Kansas. What I have experienced during the past decade has not even remotely resembled the shows I watched on the American Sportsman, hosted by Curt Gowdy, when I was a youth. The footage they showed was of hunters gingerly approaching dogs on point just before flushing the beautiful birds and having them retrieved by the same dogs. The time spent walking was minimal. Few hunters were required.

One of the men I hunt with affectionately refers to our method of operation as "combat hunting." Each of us methodically walks in a zig - zag pattern across fields that go on and on. They don't even have fences in Kansas. As we walk together across the fields, eventually a rooster will flush and someone will get a shot. There are no guarantees that anyone will be privileged to shoot. The location of the flush cannot be predicted.

What can be predicted is that if one person were by himself, he would rarely, if ever, be able to make a pheasant fly. The birds would run away and never be noticed. However, when six men march in formation and two men wait on the other end of the field, the chances of flushing a bird are drastically increased. What we could not do by ourselves we were able to do together. The actual number of birds taken by a man had more to do with the team than the individual. I walked one whole day and got only one bird. However, our team count was high, and I considered myself a part of that success.

We, as a church, operate as a team. We have different responsibilities but the same goal - the reaching of people for the glory of God. There will be times when you don't see many personal results. However, when we all do our part, people will be reached. Those people are reached because of the joint efforts of the entire church, not because of one individual. We are all unique, yet we are all necessary.

Never doubt your significance as a part of the team of believers at First Baptist Church. We see people reached because of the combined efforts of the entire church: old and young; male and female; rich and poor; singers and teachers; ushers and hostesses; etc. Never depreciate the value of others who are a part of the team of believers at First Baptist Church. Just because they aren't as passionate as you are about certain things doesn't make them wrong, it just makes them different than you. If we were all the same, we wouldn't be a healthy body and we wouldn't be a successful church.

All Christians have obtained a faith of equal standing with all other Christians by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. (II Peter 1:2)

I love you,
Earl

Underneath the Tree

There is a beautiful song in this year's production of "The Living Christmas Tree" called "Underneath the Tree." I can't help but think of it when I look underneath our tree. Underneath our tree you will find wires, extension cords, and millions of zip ties. A couple of years ago I made an appeal to the church about the need for these convenient little items and was amazed at the response. We are still using the zip ties that were brought two years ago. These wonderful little gadgets are essential in holding much of the greenery and decorations in place.

It has been an enlightening experience to hear what people call zip ties. As you already know, I call them zip ties. George Bryan calls them "tie backs." Robert Mingus calls them "cable ties." My favorite comes from John Webb who calls them "chicken bands." When he first referred to them by this name, I had visions of a chicken plucking away at a toy piano and another chicken pecking at a drum. I have a very vivid imagination. Regardless of what they are called we have a "zip tie" grave yard underneath the tree. Every time I see this expanse of dead plastic connection devices I am reminded of how many people it takes to put this production together. To simply say thank you to them seems so inadequate. To mention all their names would be impossible. But every one of them came with an attitude of service. For this I say thank you.

The word to the song speaks of the "presents" under our trees, but it goes on to speak about the "presence" of Christ that is only found underneath the tree on which He died. It is my prayer, and the prayer of everyone who has had any part in putting on this production of the "Living Christmas Tree," that those who have not yet found the "presence" of Christ will do so.

In Christ,
John

The Tree is Coming!!!!

December 9, 10, and 11 7:00 p.m.

We have people needing tickets to see
The Living Christmas Tree.

If you have taken tickets and will not be needing them,
please bring them to the Church Office.

Please bring canned food item for the Food Pantry.



Thank You

TO all of our friends and family from near and far away

Here at this special time of year we just would like to say

All the cards and food and prayers and encouragement were felt

Not only through the last few weeks but the last six years as well

Kevin was such a special husband, dad, grandpa, son, brother, boss, and friend

From all the special memories our blessing will extend

Unto each of you who played a part in his life and are entwined

Let us just tell you we are thankful - you all have been so kind!

God Bless -

Korey, Linda

Kraig, Amie,

Kyle, Angela, Allie Bartel

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with childcare during the three performances of the Living Christmas Tree. If you can help one night or all three nights, give Andrea a call and let her know.

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**Sunday School
Attendance**

November Avg.

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