

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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

Lord's  
Supper



This Sunday  
September 11  
6:00 p.m.

## Volunteers Needed

If you would be interested in helping with nursing home services, (approximately once a quarter) or with PowerPoint during morning and evening services, please call the church office. 772-2771

## Rejoice

“The Lord loved him.”

What an unexpected, yet encouraging, statement to read amongst the massive fallout from sin. “The Lord loved him.” Not “The Lord ignored him” or “The Lord tolerated him” or “The Lord despised Him.” The Lord loved him so much that He even requested a name change for the newborn in order to declare that love to the world. His given name was Solomon, but God chose to call him Jedidiah. Jedidiah means “beloved of the Lord.”

The last couple of years had been uncharacteristically painful for “the man after God’s own heart.” Oh – David had been through more near death experiences than most by the time he had a full beard. Giants and lions and bears had threatened him to their own demise. King Saul had chased him all over the countryside with a sharp spear and a jealous heart. David’s life was threatened almost constantly. Still, he remained dependent upon God. Life was never better than when David was staring death in the face while doing the same with God.

The seeds of pain were sown innocently enough. Spring came and the Ammonites needed to be engaged in war. Rather than lead Israel out to fight, David stayed behind and sent Joab to take care of business. Maybe David was tired of fighting. Maybe David was stressed and needed a break. Maybe David wanted to hang around and watch some of his children play T ball. The Bible doesn’t tell us why – the Bible just tells us that when David should have been going to war he opted to stay at the palace.

A solitary walk on the roof - possibly for the purpose of prayer - opened up the line of sight to a bathing beauty who became David’s adulterous partner who became pregnant with his son. The attempt to cover up the immorality led to capital murder arranged by the king himself. Life spiraled out of control and David became familiar with a new kind of pain - the pain of being separated from God.

Repentance and forgiveness proved inadequate to eliminate the harvest of consequences. David wrote with pain instead of joy. David prayed in vain for the life of the son born as a result of his adulterous affair with the wife of one of his most loyal fighting men. God’s displeasure with David glows intensely on the pages of Scripture.

Then it happened. God’s grace moved to the forefront and embraced David and every other sinner who would take stupid paths. David and Bathsheba again conceived a son. God chose the son to be the next king of Israel, not to be fair, but to be gracious. God did not make the choice we expected, but He did make the choice that we needed.

We need to know what David needed to know. God’s grace is greater than our sin.

“The Lord loved him.”

The Lord loves you.

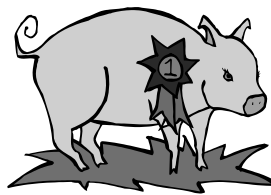
I love you,  
Earl



## People-watching

This past Sunday as I walked the halls of our church, I started “people-watching” because I noticed lots of people that I have never seen before. It is a blessing to see so many new faces. With all the new faces at our church we have to consciously take the time to introduce ourselves to new people. Every now and then, keep your eyes out for folks who look like they are searching for somewhere to go. Slow down and ask if they need help. As we all know, walking into a new place can create chaos and confusion as you try to navigate your way through. Having a friendly face that offers help can mean so much. So this next Sunday, search for new folks. Who knows? You may just meet a new friend! Have a great week!

Jeremy



## Come to the Fair

The 55 and Up group will be going to the State Fair on Wednesday, September 21. Admission to the fair will be free to those 55 and up with proof of ID. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. and should return around 4:00 p.m. Please let the church office know if you plan to go so proper transportation can be arranged. Reservations must be made by Friday, September 16. Please call 772-2771 to make your reservations.

In addition to the State Fair trip this month, we will be going on a picnic to Red Rock Canyon. The picnic will be held on September 22. Yes, that’s correct, one day after we go to the State Fair. If you would like to ride the church van that afternoon, we will leave at 4:30 p.m. We plan to eat around 5:30 p.m. for those of you who wish to drive your own cars. Reservations need to be made so we will know how much food to fix. Please call 772-2771 to make reservations.



## CDO Substitutes

Would you be interested in substituting in Children’s Day Out that meets on Monday and Thursday?

**WE NEED YOU!**

Contact Andrea Unruh for more information  
772-2771 OR 772-7210



## Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for September  
Hot or Cold Cereal

Please place items outside of Pete’s office



## Upcoming Events

Sept 11	Building & Grounds Meeting (Earl’s Outer Office)	5:00 p.m.
Sept 11	Observance of The Lord’s Supper	6:00 p.m.
Sept 11	Deacons’ Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sept 13	Women on Mission (South Commons Area)	7:00 p.m.
Sept 14	Meal: Lasagna	4:45 p.m.
Sept 14	Stewardship Meeting (Earl’s Outer Office)	5:15 p.m.
Sept 17	Alycia Wheeler/Joel Hawkins Wedding Shower	1:00 - 2:30p.m.
Sept 18	Nursing Home Service at Weatherwood	2:00 p.m.
Sept 18	Business Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sept 21	55 & Up to State Fair (We will leave at 8:30 a.m.)	
Sept 21	Meal: Soft Taco	4:45 p.m.
Sept 22	55 & Up to Red Rock Canyon (We will leave at 4:30 p.m.)	
Sept 24	Matt & Cadie (Helt) Doyal Baby Shower	9:00 - 10:30a.m.