

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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“Nothing Is Impossible With God”

DNow Weekend is here !!!!

January 28 - January 30

TWO RULES

Please pray for the youth and the volunteers.

Participants will be coming to homes Saturday afternoon to collect canned fruit and vegetables for the food pantry.

Please help with this Mission Project if you can.

Ladies' Noon Bible Study

James: *Mercy Triumphs*

By Beth Moore

We will meet every Tuesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall
Beginning on January 24th / 8 Sessions

Please contact Kathy Severn if you're interested in attending this Bible study @ 405-663-2154

Rejoice

Time ticked away as I repeatedly failed to read the instructions in the section addressing the disengaging of the come-a-long that I had torqued out while trying in vain to open the sliding steel door on our new underground safe room. My eyes need all the light they can get. The glow from one cell phone frustrated me more than it helped me. I sat in the darkness with my lovely bride and two neighborhood girls as I calculated what to do next.

Several wrong decisions had contributed to our current predicament. First of all, I should have read all the instructions before descending into the flat safe. Secondly, it would have been a good idea if one of the four of us stayed above ground. There wasn't a tornado on the globe. We were just exploring. Thirdly, I shouldn't have shut the lid completely. Don't ask me. I don't know why I did it. Finally, I should never have attached the cable and began the ratcheting process. That was to be done only in case of emergency.

An emergency is exactly what I had created. The lid that could have been released with a simple push was now in a bind that had to be alleviated. The girls began to text their friends and inform them about their plight at the preacher's house. Nancy lobbied to call one of the girl's parents to ask for help. I continued to unsuccessfully try to read in the dark. What instructions I could make out made no sense to me. In the darkness I could not find the release spring referred to in the booklet.

The first attempt to call failed. Cell phones don't work well below ground. Time marched on toward the time when we had to be at church. Actually, we really would have a reason to be absent. I preferred to be set free. When we eventually reached one girls' parents, they soon arrived and helped us out. We passed the instructions up through a vent. They read them in the light and explained them simply. I felt for and found the release on the come-a-long. They popped the lid, and it slid open. I did crack my head on the way out. I didn't mind losing some scalp in exchange for my freedom. I really wasn't claustrophobic. I might be now.

In the dark, during the crisis, is not the time to read the instructions. Instructions read in advance prepare us to avoid or cope with most of the dangers in life. God's Word provides light for our path so we can detect and avoid the pitfalls in life. We can consult His Word after we have gotten ourselves into a bind, and it will help. It just makes things a lot more complicated than they need to be.

Ready for a tornado,
Earl



S.T.A.R.

Someone to Appreciate and Recognize

Who do I appreciate and want to recognize? The dedicated and terrific volunteer leaders in GAs/RAs! Last Wednesday evening we had a recognition service for the GA and RA participants. We saw and heard about the activities they have been involved in since August. They learned about missions and participated in missions and a variety of other activities. Without the wonderful women and men that give so much of themselves to minister to the children, this program would not be possible. I am so thankful they give their time and talents to plan and prepare to make a difference in the lives of children. Thank you; Rhonda Ray, Lisa Seitter, Daneille Schmidt, Deidre Hunt, Timmie Dee Swaim, Diana Hawkins, Tina Tuck, Danna Watson, Tangie Winn, Brad Bryant, Tony Louthan, Paul Mordi, Joe Victory, and Aaron Winters. Thank you Lord for leaders that love the children.

I appreciate you,
Andrea

Coming this spring...

FBC Recreation Area

- Sand Volleyball
- Picnic Pavilion
- Kids' Play Area
- Estimated cost \$50,000

The grass area on the east side of the church property will be utilized as a new recreation and family outdoor activity area.

Contact Doug Hale for more information.

Donations now being accepted.
Take part in this exciting addition to our facilities.

Upcoming Events

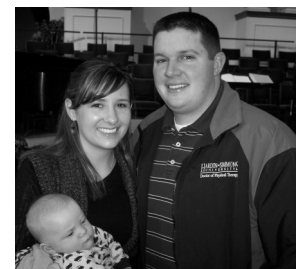
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| Jan. 24 | Ladies' Bible Study in Fellowship Hall | Noon |
| Jan. 25 | Meal: Potato Soup and Sandwich | 4:45 p.m. |
| Jan. 27-29 | DNow WEEKEND | |
| Jan. 31 | Ladies' Bible Study in Fellowship Hall | Noon |
| Feb. 1 | Meal: Honey Bite Chicken & Sweet Potato Fries | 4:45 p.m. |
| Feb. 7 | Ladies' Bible Study in Fellowship Hall | Noon |
| Feb. 8 | Meal: Ham and Beans & Fried Potatoes | 4:45 p.m. |
| Feb. 8 | Stewardship Meeting (Earl's Outer Office) | 5:15 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | Trevor & Erin Ridgeway Baby Shower | 10:00 a.m. |
| Feb. 11 | Kristin Evanto & Carson Linstead Wedding Shower | 6:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 12 | Deacons' Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 14 | Valentine's Day | |



New First Family



Doug, Shiloh, & Logan Sinclair



Cole, Colette, & Cade Cooper

Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for February
Cold or Hot Cereal