

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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"Nothing Is Impossible With God"

It's Close

**It's Only A Day or Two
It's Still Missions**

Workdays at Southwest Baptist Assembly
March 19th & 20th

Participate either or both days.

Help upgrade the camp our children attend each summer.

REVIVAL MEETING

Preaching
Andy Harrison

March 11-14

Music
Casey Gerber

Service Times

Sunday

9:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m. / 6:00 p.m.

Monday - Wednesday

11:45 a.m. / 6:30 p.m.

Remember in Prayer

Lord's
Supper



Sunday
February 19th
6:00 p.m.

Rejoice

Christmas fell on Sunday this year, which meant that I would be working a holiday. My excitement in doing so did not change the fact that our annual routine would have to be changed. Our schedule has always been to open presents on Christmas morning in an extended fashion. We don't aggressively grab and rip. We take our time and enjoy the opening of each gift. To do so on Sunday morning would require getting up early in order for me to get to church and get prepared for my monologue. Our family chose not to get up at the crack of dawn.

We chose to open presents on Christmas Eve after eating our major Christmas meal of Cornish hens and the trimmings - another change in our routine. Christmas still turned out to be an exceptional time for all of us. We took few pictures, but made many memories and enjoyed them to the fullest.

My favorite part of the time with our nuclear family was the opportunity to watch others open the gifts that I had given. One gift in particular brought a stunned look of gratitude to the faces of our children. As I watched them look up in amazement that we had given to them so abundantly, my heart warmed. Nancy and I were blessed beyond words that they were blessed beyond words.

God reminded me of something at that moment. God reminded me that He enjoys giving good gifts to His children, not to obligate them to do something for Him, but to see their gratitude. The sacrifice that blesses God most is the fruit of lips giving thanks to Him. He doesn't give with an agenda. He gives with genuine compassion. I want to always respond with unbridled gratitude.

Be sure to enjoy the gifts God gives you each day. He delights to see the joy you experience as you receive what He gives. God loves you and will provide for you. As He does, show and tell Him thank you. It is quite a privilege to be a child of the King! Rejoice in the Lord always as He gives to you generously.

Blessed beyond words,
Earl

Plans

I like to make plans for everything. In fact, I concoct back-up plans, just in case my original plans are thwarted. If I am not careful, I will have elaborate plans set for my life without consulting my wife or the Lord, which is a no-no. But even more consistent than my plan-making is God's way of changing my plans. For example, I never thought that I would be writing this article for the First Baptist Church Baptist messenger. It wasn't my plan to come back to Weatherford, Oklahoma, after I graduated from SWOSU. When I was younger, it was never my plan to become a student pastor. I'm sure many of you can relate to this sentiment. No one plans on experiencing major difficulty or hardship, but those seasons come. Most of us plan on having an easy life with good friends and not a care in the world, but for whatever reason, that plan never comes to fruition.

Proverbs 16:1-3 says:

"The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

If it wasn't for the truth found in these verses, we might find ourselves very frustrated with the way some things in our lives have turned out. I could go on and on with experiences from my own life that illustrate God's course correction. Yet, somehow, in His infinite wisdom and profound love for us, His ways and plans are higher and better than ours could ever be. The reality is that my plans aren't completely pure, but God's are perfect. My ways aren't always good, but His are always. This brings humility and confidence all at the same time. I am not in control, but I serve the One who is.

So with that thought, I am so grateful that the Lord has brought Jonna and me back to Weatherford. I am so grateful that the Lord has planned for us to be a part of this church and a part of your students' lives, and I must say, this church has welcomed us in an incredible way. We can truly say that we are at home here. Thank you so much church family. God's ways are higher and His plans are better.

In Christ Alone,
Stephen

Concord/Kiowa Association

Senior Adult Dinner

Thursday, February 23

First Baptist Church - Weatherford

6:30 p.m.

Call the church office if you plan to attend.

MUST RSVP BY February 20th

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

This is a big thank you to those in our church family who so generously gave toward the Mexico mission trip Feb. 3-11. We worked with a group from Minnesota called Net Menders, doing repair work on a church in Progreso, Mexico, and ministering to the people there. Approximately 2,000 lbs of flour, 2,000 lbs of pinto beans, 25 bicycles, plus items provided by our Baptist Women's group, were delivered. Thanks also for the prayers concerning our travel and safety in Mexico. What a blessing it is to be a part of a praying and giving church.

Loren Liebscher, Beth Schantz, Stanley Schantz,
Jim Morrison, and Bob Klaassen

Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for February - Cold or Hot Cereal

"Live so as to be missed."

Robert Murray McCheyne, 1813-1843, highly regarded Scottish Presbyterian pastor, poet, died at 29 while engaged to be married.

