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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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"Nothing Is Impossible With God"

REVIVAL MEETING

Preaching
Andy Harrison

Music
Casey Gerber

March 11-14

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

Gradually we had grown weary during the extended, unproductive walk. We were hunting for quail on a half section of land that had been in the Crop Reduction Program for over 20 years. The plum thickets and tall grasses made for excellent cover. They also made walking difficult for both hunters and dogs. We found no birds. The wind was high as was the temperature. The primary sounds we heard were the pants of the dogs. We came across no creeks or ponds.

My dog Scout was dragging behind me. I couldn't bring myself to encourage her to "get out there and find us some birds." She sounded like I felt as she trudged onward with her mouth opened wide. Then it happened. She darted ahead of me at full speed and headed to the west. Somehow she had drawn on the energy reserves that seemed to have vanished.

I saw what she had seen before she arrived at her destination. Scout had spotted a round metal stock tank where she assumed she would find water. What she couldn't see from her perspective was that the tank was turned upside down. I watched as she arrived and hopped up on the side of the tank. I felt sorry for her. Where she hoped to find water she discovered only rust.

I am convinced that people often discover the same thing when they show up at some churches. Weary and discouraged by the world that will not satisfy, they show up at church looking for hope in some form. Rather than discovering the living water of God's Word, they find more of the world. Churches spend so much effort trying to relate to the world that they bypass offering the water of God's Word that will quench the thirst of desperate people.

We can and should and will invite others to come to Sunday school and worship at First Baptist Church in Weatherford. We cannot make them come. We can make sure that if they eventually do show up – maybe out of desperation – they and their families are offered what they need. What they need is the Word of God accurately explained and practically applied. No one should go away disappointed if they show up at church looking for some hope.

Eventually we made it back to the truck and had a lapping good time.

Rehydrated,
Earl

Thank You!

D-NOW 2012 was amazing! There were 117 students who showed up for the weekend. If you add in all the host families, leaders, encouragers, cooks at the church, the ones that took food to the homes, clean-up crew, and prayer warriors there were over 200 people involved for this event. There is no way one person can make something this big happen. It took everyone doing their part so no one had to do it all. THANK YOU is not nearly good enough, but I wanted to say it one more time to let you know how grateful I am for all the effort that was put in to make this Disciple Now so successful. And to say that our students are some of the best students on the planet would be a gross understatement. But you know they really are incredible. Please continue to pray for the students you know and their friends. Then get ready to be a part of D-Now 2013! It will be here before you know.

TWO RULES!
Pete

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.
Please designate donation to the Recreational Area.

"The Clubhouse"

Boys and Girls 1st - 5th grade
Join us Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
on 2nd and 3rd floor for
crafts, games, Bible activities, missions, and music

Leaders Needed / Wednesday Night
"The Clubhouse"

Be a part of the fun activities on Wednesday nights.
Men and women are needed to help.
Contact Andrea Unruh or Cindi Albrightson.

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.

Upcoming Events

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	