

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Seeking the Lord

Sharing the Lord

Serving the Lord

Wednesday Night Opportunities For Adults beginning on January 7th

Discovery Class

a class designed to help people understand who we are as Christians, who we are as Southern Baptists, and who we are as First Baptist, Weatherford.

Promise Keepers for Men

a class for men who meet to encourage one another and pray together.

Moms in Touch

a class for moms who meet to pray for children and the schools.

Health Class

a class designed to encourage healthy living by exploring nutritional values in different foods and by developing good exercise habits.

Raising a Modern Day Knight

is a Biblical approach for dads raising their sons to be godly men.

The Way of the Master

is an eight week video series that gives practical instruction in simply sharing the gospel and leaving the results to the Holy Spirit.

Adult Teacher's Meeting

leaders of Adult Sunday School meet to go over the coming week's lesson and share insights and ideas.

Sunday Sermon Discussion Groups

small groups meeting together to discuss the Sunday morning sermon and encourage each other to live the Biblical truths taught from the pulpit.

Pictorial Directory Sign-Up

You still have an opportunity to schedule your picture for our new church directory. You can schedule your picture during the week by calling the church office. 772-2771

Rejoice!

"He who ignores discipline despises himself..." Proverbs 15:32

Long term success in anything requires discipline.

Discipline means I make myself behave properly whether I feel like it or not. I intentionally take actions that allow for my greatest good. I quit flying by the seat of my pants and deliberately focus on doing what I know I must. Ignoring discipline injures self.

"He who ignores discipline despises himself..."

In 2009 discipline yourself to read God's Word every day.

Use a Bible you can understand. Put a marker at one spot, and read at least a chapter every day. You don't need to buy anything else. Use the Bible you have and read it because you know that doing so contributes to your spiritual welfare. Discipline bypasses excuses and takes action.

"He who ignores discipline despises himself..."

In 2009 discipline your family to attend God's house. At a minimum, you should participate consistently in Sunday school and Sunday morning worship. Make doing so a part of your week every week. You will benefit from the relationships you form and the worship you experience as you show up at church in 2009. If you wait until Sunday morning to make up your mind, you won't come very often. If you discipline yourself to do so as a part of your lifestyle - you will be present.

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In 2009 discipline yourself to keep your physical body in shape. Make wise choices on food intake and exercise output. The spiritual is much more important than the physical - but we cannot bypass the affect the physical body has on all that we do in this world. A preacher from years gone by observed: "God gave me a message and God gave me a horse. I've killed the horse and now I can't preach the message."

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In 2009 discipline yourself in a balanced manner. Take the tortoise approach. Read your Bible consistently - not obsessively. Same goes for church attendance and physical diet and exercise. We tend to be people of extremes. Discipline catches the balance of doable lifestyles in all spiritual and physical realms.

Whether you rust out or burn out - you're still out. Live in such a way as to remain in the thick of kingdom living until the day of your physical death.

Disciplining myself,
Earl

Resolutions II

Last year when it was my turn to write an article for the church newsletter I wrote about New Year's resolutions and how, though worthy of resolve, they are sometimes harder to keep than we think.

One of my New Year's resolutions is to always wear my seat belt. I always wear it on long trips out of town, but if I am just running to the church or to the store I sometimes forget to put it on. You have to admit, this is a worthy resolution. I've heard resolutions about losing weight and exercising more. I've also heard resolutions about being a nicer person and trying to be kind to others. These are all noble resolves.

How about resolving to be more faithful to the things to which you have already committed? Have you ever considered how many people we could have in Sunday school and church on any given Sunday if everyone who said they would be here actually came? Or consider the teacher who resolves to be better in preparation and outreach. What would happen if they actually did prepare more and reached out to their class?

During the past year I can't remember the number of people that I talked to about coming to choir and becoming a part of our music ministry. I think that it is a commitment problem more than it is a want to problem. For some people giving up an hour a week is nothing, for others it is a major commitment.

I hope and pray that as the New Year approaches you will make the resolution to be more committed to the ministries to which you are already involved. But, I also hope and pray that you will consider making the commitment to be involved in the music ministry of First Baptist Church in some way. Whether it be in the choir or in the instrumental ministry, both require commitment, but the rewards can be rich and wonderful.

In Christ,
John

Agape Month in the Family Life Center

During the month of January we will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We will study through the book of Exodus. Earl will lead the study on January 4th and January 18th. Jeremy will lead the study on January 11th and January 25th. The study will take place around tables which will be used for fellowship after the study is completed each Sunday night. We are asking everyone to bring some food to share each week. Leave all food in the FLC fellowship hall before the study begins. Study time will not exceed 45 minutes.

Reading schedule to be prepared for the study:

January 4th - Read Exodus 1:1 - 7:13

January 11th - Read Exodus 7:14 - 15:21

January 18th - Read Exodus 15:22 - 23:33

January 25th - Read Exodus 24: 1 - 40:38

Childcare Provided - Preschool & Children will meet in the Main Building and then join their parents for food and fellowship.

Winter Weather Policy

All cancellations of services due to dangerous road conditions will be announced on the local radio station KWEY at 95.5 and TV Channels 4, 5, and 9. If there is no school on Wednesdays due to weather, there will be NO ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH. The FLC & walking track will also be closed on days when school is cancelled.

OU Men's Basketball Game

January 5, 2009

Cost is \$20.00 (includes your ticket and charter bus ride)

Limited number of tickets available

1st Come - 1st Served

Let John Gerber know as soon as possible if you want to go!

