

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Seeking the Lord

MOVING DAY !

This Sunday morning, January 18th, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will move the children's classes from the south hallway to their new rooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Come prepared to help. Praise the Lord !

Agape Month Continues

Bible Study of Exodus in FLC
6:00 p.m. on Sunday
Bring snacks to share after the study
Background Reading: Exodus 15:22 - 23:33

Concord-Kiowa Senior Adult Dinner

Thursday - January 29th - 6:30 p.m.
Community Building in Arapaho
Hosted by: First Baptist Church - Arapaho

No Charge - Entertainment: David Petete

Prizes will be awarded to the churches with the largest attendance. (We will not be driving there as a group.)

Call the church office by January 23, if you are planning on attending. 772-2771

CDO Opening for Preschoolers

Monday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bed Babies and Toddlers
Contact Andrea Unruh @ 772-2771

Weatherford Food Panty

Items for January
Saltine Crackers, Graham Crackers, and Muffin Mix

Expanding His Reach Building Campaign



Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,232,130.97

Rejoice!

We made the last walk unassisted by even one Brittany. All four bird dogs opted to remain in their respective boxes in the back of my pickup while Kendall and I made one final field. The day had been long and the temperatures excessive - if you are wearing a fur coat. The shade and the breeze must have felt too good to leave.

Over the fence and onto the ridge we went. The sandy soil caused boot slippage. The heavy cover fought our forward progress. Nevertheless, we trudged onward in our pursuit of the elusive bobwhite quail that frequented the area. We found none. Evidently they, too, quit early for the day. By the time we loaded back up, we had fallen a bit short of our limit, yet had still managed a very successful hunt.

The key to our success? We did not quit walking. Even though the last excursion had proven unproductive, other journeys had turned out to be quite profitable. We succeeded one step at a time. We were not so much lucky as we were hard headed and persistent. How the Lord rewards persistent effort!

You, too, will succeed one step at a time. The guarantee of life is that you will fail if you quit. The principle holds true in marriage, on the job, on the field of play, in the service of the Lord, as well as in multiple other venues. When you cease supplying effort you will lose the opportunity for success. Walking a field does not mean quail will be found. Staying in the truck guarantees none will be discovered.

Galatians 6:9 says, "So we must not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up."

Make 2009 the year of not giving up!

Earl

Sharing the Lord

Serving the Lord

New Opportunities....

As we begin a new year there are many things to look forward to. We will be in our new addition, have some nice gathering areas, meet new people and some will have a baby or grandbaby join the family. (Gage is doing great, just in case you were curious.) Added to these, there will be new opportunities to serve and be involved in ministry here at FBC. If God has impressed upon you to become more included let someone know. There are areas where more help would be greatly appreciated. You are the best and I pray that 2009 will be the best year yet for you and for our church.

See you Sunday,
Pete

Weatherford First Baptist Church 2008 Missions Giving Totals

Budgeted:

Cooperative Program (10%) - \$133,070.00
Concord-Kiowa Association - \$20,000.00
Pregnancy Care Center - \$1,800.00
Baptist Collegiate Ministry - \$30,000.00
Volunteer & Misc. Missions (1%) - \$13,307.00

Total Budgeted - \$198,177.00

Non-Budgeted:

International Missions - \$54,660.32
North American Missions - \$7,481.53
State Missions - \$4,499.93
Baptist Homes For Children - \$433.83
Weatherford Food Pantry - \$7,133.38
Jail / Truckstop Ministry - \$646.00
Weatherford Ministerial Alliance - \$4,500.00
Pregnancy Care Center - \$3,000.00
Caring & Sharing - \$712.59
FBC Benevolence - \$2,806.00

Total Non-Budgeted - \$85,873.58

Grand Total: \$284,050.58

2009 Opportunities For Missions Giving

Budget Offering - all non-designated giving contributes to missions as shown above.

World Missions Offering - taken throughout the year, divided among all non-budgeted missions according to pre-determined percentages.

Designated Giving - give to a specific mission offering.

Individual Support - give to help an individual going on a mission trip.

Examples for 2009: John and Midge Gerber, Phil and Daneille Schmidt to Armenia and Israel with singing churchmen. Dani Merchant to Kenya. Asa Zosche in Germany. Check the church office for opportunities.

Dessert Auction: the Missions Committee has a dessert auction planned to raise funding for our Vol/Misc missions fund. The auction will be held on March 29th following the evening service.

Your generous giving makes much going possible. Thanks!

Sunday School
Attendance

January 11

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