

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## of Weatherford

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*Attending Regularly    Serving Willingly    Giving Generously    Living Uprightly*

### Churchwide Thanksgiving Meal

This Sunday, November 22 - 6:00 p.m. in FLC

The church will provide meat, rolls, drinks, and paper goods.

You are asked to bring two of the following dishes:  
vegetable, salad, or dessert.



Nursery provided for 3 and under.

Please feed your child before you bring them.

### BBB V OFFERING

A "Baptist Building Bailout" offering will be received this Sunday morning, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

All boxes must be at the church by  
**THIS SUNDAY MORNING**  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>



This program, established by Samaritan's Purse, delivers gift-filled shoe boxes or plastic containers the same size as a shoe box, to poor, sick, & suffering children all over the world. Operation Christmas Child is one special way you can make a difference in a child's life. Information available in the office.

### Rejoice!

The temperature inside my truck remained cool as we traveled. Nancy and I were on our way to a special Sunday afternoon outdoor ceremony on an unseasonably cold October day. I had the temperature set on bright red (hot) and the fan set on high. Still, the windshield fogged over and my feet grew numb. I twisted knobs and pushed buttons as we journeyed southward. By the time we arrived at our destination I had determined that a fuse must have been blown.

We stood on a hill and enjoyed the cool breeze and the special dedication. By the time we had visited and sang and prayed I longed for heat. A part of me hoped that somehow some disconnected thing would reconnect itself when I turned the engine off, then back on again. I've done that with my computer. Sometimes it works. It did not work with the heat. We did not freeze, but we were sure glad to make it back to our warm home.

I sprung into action, reading the manual and checking fuses in two locations. All connections were in tact. About the time I resigned myself to a major repair bill I turned the fan knob one last time. Nothing clicked while I turned it. Something clicked in my head. The knob was simply spinning on the post! The heater was not defective. The knob was. I pulled off the knob and used needle nosed pliers to twist the knob. Heat filled the cab. Mystery solved.

But the problem remained. I analyzed the cracked knob and assessed my options. I could buy a new knob - but not on Sunday. I could remove one from a friend's dashboard (just kidding). Or I could try out the crazy glue in the desk drawer. They advertise it to fix almost anything. I applied the glue multiple times. After I removed the excess from my fingers with Nancy's nail polish remover I waited for the glue to dry. On my way to evening church I positioned the knob on the square metal stud and turned. I was back in business!

I was again reminded of what I learned from Chad Chaplin's daddy many years ago. "Usually it's something simple." What is true with automobiles is often true in marriages. Major frustrations come from minor problems that can be easily repaired when effort is made to do so.

I love you,  
Earl

### Little Reminders

If you look very closely at the carpeting anywhere in the church, you probably won't have to look too long before you see the little "droppings" of artificial Christmas garland. The artificial greenery may be better for those who are allergic to the real thing, but it still sheds just as much if not more. They get on your shoes and travel to the various rooms and departments in the church. We have even found them at our house, and we have yet to bring out any of our own holiday decorations. I have tried to keep ahead of them, but it seems like it's a lost cause. They clog up vacuums, stick to your clothes, and are a general nuisance.

However, when you see one, do you not immediately know where it comes from and what it is associated with? Christmas comes to mind every time I find one. Even if it is in July, I know that little "dropping" came from a piece of Christmas garland. Over the next few weeks, we will be constantly reminded of just how close Christmas is. But, when it is over, those droppings will still be around, maybe not as many as the days and weeks pass, but they will still be there.

We have had a tremendous response from our church family in respect to putting on the Living Christmas Tree. This undertaking could not take place without the help of all of the volunteers, everything from stuffing greenery in chicken wire, to running the sound and lighting for the actual production. I have been amazed at the number of people who have volunteered to help. People of all ages, from all different areas of the church have given of their time to help with this project. It has truly been rewarding to watch.

So as you see the little "droppings" this Christmas, let them remind you of the holiday season. But also, be reminded of just what the season means and how much each of us need to do our part in fulfilling the ministry that our Lord gave us to do.

In Christ,  
John

### The Tree is Coming!!!!

The Wonders of Creation's King  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



Tickets Are Required

Free tickets are available in the church office.



**Church Office & Family Life Center**  
will be closed

Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27

### Trimming the Tree Service

Sunday, November 29 6:00 p.m.

Your family of one or more may participate by bringing an assigned ornament and reading an assigned Scripture. Sign up in the North Foyer. Be one of the 27 families.

### 2010 Budget

Voted on by the Church - November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
During both A.M. Services

Copies of the 2010 Budget are available at both  
Welcome Centers

### 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Jimmie and Bertie Walls

Sunday, November 29 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
(NO GIFTS PLEASE)

### Expanding His Reach Building Campaign



Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,744,989.56

Sunday  
School

November 15

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