

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly

Save the Dates

Ladies' Night Out - March 27th
Men's Steak Night - April 17th
All Church Revival - April 26-29

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning in March

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Rejoice!

She first noticed the snake when she glanced over her shoulder into the utility room. The midmorning sunshine streaming through the window spotlighted the slithery reptile as he monitored my mother's every move. By the time she reluctantly made her way over to look for it, it had vanished. She carried out the rest of her morning chores with a bit of uneasiness in her stomach. While passing near the same utility room she again saw the snake slightly raise his head and peer in her direction.

She again searched in vain to find it. When she walked outside to empty the trash, again she saw a snake pointed in her direction. "It was almost like a creepy movie" she explained to me later. Enough was enough, so she called her brother from down the road to come up at noon and check out the situation. Momma has been a widow for less than a year. Her brother declared "all clear" in the utility room and shored up some openings near the hot water tank. Momma felt much better about having the house all to herself. Apparently the snake had exited the premises and now was blocked from reentry.

The day ground on. Saturdays can last a long time. About mid-afternoon she did her best to repair a cabinet drawer that had been hard to open. A little surgery with a screwdriver and it was fully functional. It was so good to be able to take care of some tasks alone. Eventually she needed something that was kept in the bottom drawer of the desk that sat under the wall mounted phone in the kitchen. When she pulled on the drawer it would not budge.

"What is the deal with these drawers that won't work?" she thought to herself. As she pulled a little harder she thought she may have seen something. But surely not! With racing heart she removed the top drawer and set it aside. It slid out easily. Then she removed the middle drawer. It, too, offered no resistance. From up above she could see the obstruction in the bottom drawer.

The snake had not been blocked from reentry. The snake had been blocked from exiting. It had made itself at home in the bottom desk drawer. Remember how I said that Momma was alone? For over fifty-two years she had not been. For fifty-two years whenever snakes were involved she just hollered at Daddy. In the last year of his life she had summoned him to the garage, where he used a rifle to eliminate a large rattlesnake.

This was no rattlesnake – but it was a snake. It was a big snake, nearly five feet long. With nerves of steel and a determination to get that thing out of her house, Momma reached down, pulled out the drawer and grabbed the snake by the tail before marching it out the back door. She dropped it on the grass before retrieving a hoe, with which she eliminated the intruder.

"Sometimes you just do what you have to do." I agreed, while holding my legs in the air as she explained her day over the phone. Daddy wasn't there. Neither was I. The snake had to be gotten out of the house immediately or it may have ended up who knows where. So she did what she had to do. She didn't like it. She had never done it before – but she did it. An old dog can learn new tricks and a widowed mother can grab snakes by the tail. We are never too old to experience and accomplish new things. We truly can live until we die.

I love you,
Earl

Armenia Mission Trip

Dear Church Family,

On April 16 of this year, Phil and Daneille Schmidt, Midge and I, along with 200 other members of the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma and their traveling companions will be traveling to Armenia. We will be presenting the gospel in song as well as ministering to the people of that country in other ways. Bibles will be distributed, clinics will be given in local churches on ways to improve their worship and reach more people, and numerous possibilities for personal evangelism will exist.

Armenia is supposedly a Christian country, but less than one percent of the population claim any religious affiliation. It sits in the middle of the Moslem world and borders Turkey, Iran, and Iraq. We will be traveling through Israel both coming and going to and from Armenia.

You may ask what you can do to help. Three main things you can do are:

1. Pray! Pray for our safety and for God's will to be accomplished. Pray for the people with whom we will be coming in contact. Pray for our director, Dr. Bill Green, and the other leaders in our group.
2. If you feel led, give toward the cost of the trip. The cost of the trip is over \$4,000 per person. All of the Singing Churchmen and the traveling companions are responsible for the cost of the trip. Donations can be made through the church office.
3. Pray! With the instability in that area of the world, especially in Israel, there are a number of factors that are of concern. Please pray for this trip and the eternal significance it will have on the people with whom we come in contact.

I can't tell you enough how much I love and appreciate my church family. It's a pleasure to serve with all of you. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Phil. 1:3.

In Christ,
John

Facing the Giants

Sunday Evening - February 22nd
6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Bring snacks to share after the movie. Use this as an outreach and fellowship opportunity for your Sunday School Class.
Childcare provided through 4 years old.

55 & Up Winter Banquet

Tuesday - February 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$5.00



Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for February - Cold or Hot Cereal
Please leave items in the North Foyer



Insurance

Requesting proposal to insure 3 buildings and liability. Respondent must meet or exceed current coverage. For further information on current coverage contact Christi Duvall @ 772-2771. Proposals are due no later than March 31st in the church office. If you have any questions contact Jerry Allen @ 774-9816

Expanding His Reach Building Campaign



Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,492,945.96

Sunday School Attendance

February 8

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