

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## of Weatherford

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**Attending Regularly    Serving Willingly    Giving Generously    Living Uprightly**

### 55 & Up Trip to Eischen's March 3, 2009

Please RSVP as soon as possible in the church office @ 772-2771. We will leave from the church at 4:00 p.m.

### Mission Trip Assistance

Due to increased requests for assistance on mission trips, (a very good thing) more money is needed. The Missions Committee has scheduled a dessert auction for March 29th, following the evening service. You can help by bringing a dessert or purchasing a dessert. This will be a fun way to raise money for a significant purpose.

### NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

#### Beginning in March

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

Friday    8:00 a.m. - Noon

### Save the Dates

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



### Spring Break Week March 17 - 21



The FLC walking track will be open from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Gym and Game Room will be closed all week.

### Rejoice!

The wheels on the bottom of the mobile, man-sized trashcan seemed to almost moan beneath the weight of the final load as I navigated down the hallway toward the dumpster. In less than a week I had disposed of items I had accumulated for years. I found the experience to be somewhat refreshing.

The process began as an act of necessity. I needed room for a donated file cabinet in which to store ever-increasing hard copies of sermons. Something in the closet had to go – or I would have to set the file cabinet in the middle of my study. I opted to downsize. First to go were the dated magazines I had held on to for years. Then I tossed the shelf full of sermons on cassette I brought with me from Holdenville. I have never listened to them and demand seems minimal for a world-wide tape ministry.

Also finding their way into the trashcan were obsolete files and unnecessary clippings. Can you say "Google?" Old promotional DVD's joined their accompanying outdated guides as space was made for more important items. Last to go were the boxes of personal notes I had held on to for nearly the entirety of my ministry. They were the ones that seemed to groan the loudest on that final trip. I read a couple that fell onto the asphalt. Then I tossed them into the dumpster as well.

The boxes had not been opened since I placed them on the shelves. My expectation that I might need encouragement from the past never materialized. Daily, God supplies all I need through relationships that are current – with Him and with others. As the God of all hope, he supplies joy and peace in abundance as I trust in Him. He not only does so through His Word, but also through His people. Thanks.

The best days will be discovered in the future yet to be revealed, not in boxes on the shelves. I thank God for a phenomenally rich heritage. I thank God for the increasing blessings still to come.

I love you,  
Earl

### SAVE THE DATE!!

April 7 VBS Training  
April 19 Baby Dedication  
May 3 GA/RA Recognition  
May 17 Children's Choir Program  
June 1-5 VBS  
June 15-18 Preteen Camp

Please mark your calendar and pray for these exciting events!!!

Andrea

### Ladies:

Mark your calendar now for Friday, March 27, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as a time just for YOU. "Bloom Where You're Planted" is the theme and Psalm 1:1-3 is the scripture focus for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Ladies' Night Out.

We will

- ...# eat dinner,
- ...# enjoy a motivational guest speaker,
- ...# praise God with "Held" through music,
- ...# attend two breakout sessions,
- ...# AND win door prizes.



FREE tickets are required and childcare is provided for children 3 and under with a reservation. Pick up your FREE ticket in the south foyer by the parlor on Sunday, March 1, 8, 15, or 22.

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you. Why not bring a friend?

Midge Gerber	Nancy Stephenson	Donna Petree	Courtney Johnson	Andrea Unruh
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### Upcoming Events

Feb. 28	Bobby Barton/Sasha Kirkhart Shower (FH)	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Mar. 1	Chad & Julie Nabors Baby Shower (FH)	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	55 & Up Trip to Eischens in Okarche	Leaving at 4:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	55 & Up Council Meeting (Choir Room)	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	Meal: Beef Nachos	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 8	Daylight Saving Time Begins	
Mar. 8	Deacon's Meeting (FH)	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 10	Baptist Women (Midge Gerber's home)	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 11	Meal: Polish Hot Dog with chili & sauerkraut	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 11	Stewardship Meeting (Pastor's Outer Office)	5:15 p.m.



### Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for March - Canned Meat, Stew, & Chili  
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 - \$ 2,513,798.46

### Sunday School Attendance

February 22  
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