

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly

Spring Break Week March 16 - 20

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.

Wednesday Evening - March 18

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
and Adult Choir Only
Meal - No Activities



Mission Trip Assistance

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.



2nd Annual Ladies Night Out Bloom Where You're Planted

Friday, March 27th 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Two more chances to get your FREE ticket will be this
Sunday, March 15th and the following Sunday, March 22nd

Tickets are required and childcare is provided for children 3
and under with a reservation.



Men's Retreat
April 24-25
at
Falls Creek



More Info:
Contact
Doug Hale

Rejoice!

The tragedy associated with the shooting death of the
pastor in Illinois this past Sunday was compounded by the fact
that many among the 150 in attendance thought some kind of skit
was taking place. The first round fired pierced the pastor's Bible
and created what some thought to be confetti. The gunman
continued firing and succeeded in killing the pastor. If people had
been more alert to what was going on someone could have
subdued the gunman before he actually started firing from directly
in front of the pulpit.

I promise you that in the midst of our use of creative
communication, we will never have someone enter the church and
"pretend" to pull a gun. Any worship service - youth or adult,
morning or evening, Wednesday or Sunday - will not include a skit
involving someone interrupting the speaker. So - if you see
someone approaching the pulpit during the sermon, and you are
trained to do so, please intercept them.

For a time, we will all be a little nervous - especially
me - when movement takes place during the sermon. If you know
you will be exiting as I preach, please sit near the back of the
worship center so your movement will not disturb others. As
emergencies arise it is certainly permissible to leave. It is best if
you do so through the rear doors and not through the side doors.

I am willing to die for the sake of Christ. I made that
decision many, many years ago. I would rather not die as the
victim of some crazed individual who fires at will while the
congregants enjoy the show. I remember the days when we left
churches open all week so people could stop by and pray. Those
days are gone. We will adapt accordingly.

I love you,
Earl

Word Games

When our children were younger and we were traveling, we
used to play games in the car like the one where you have to find each
letter of the alphabet on a sign. I could always get everything but the
"x," until I found the letter in the word "exit." Then it was clear that
every so many miles there would be an exit sign. Today we still try to
figure out what people are trying to say with their car tags like
"I12SING," or "COUWIN." One of my favorite things is to see how
long it takes people to figure out statements like, "When the smog
lifts, U.C.L.A." Once during my teaching career, as we were waiting
for the bell to ring, I asked one of my students to put her arms over
her head, spell the word "image," and then say "light bulb." The
student proceeded to place her arms over her head and say "I, M, A,
G, E, light bulb. She did it again, "I, M, A, G, E, light bulb. She
repeated it over and over. Slowly some of the other students started to
get the point and started laughing. However, some never got the
point and the bell rang.

I'm so glad that God doesn't play word games with us. His
truths are spelled out clearly in His Word. Jesus even spoke in
parables so the people could better understand His message. When I
am not in God's Word, nothing goes as it should. It's like I'm just
playing games without a purpose. I can still remember the pledge to
the Bible that we said in Vacation Bible School. "I pledge allegiance
to the Bible, God's Holy Word, and will make it a lamp unto my feet,
a light unto my path, and will hide its words in my heart that I may
not sin against God."

In Christ,
John

Save the Dates

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

Upcoming Events

Mar. 15	Preschool Committee Meeting (Earl's Outer Office)	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 17-20	Church/Youth Mission Project	
Mar. 18	Spring Break Week - NO WEDNESDAY MEAL	
Mar. 20	First Day of Spring	
Mar. 25	Meal: BBQ Sandwich	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 27	Ladies Night Out (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Lillian Byer's 90th Birthday Reception (FH)	2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Mar. 29	Mission's Service (FLC)	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Dessert Auction (FLC - immediately following evening worship)	

Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for March - Canned Meat, Stew, & Chili
Please leave items in the North Foyer



New First Family



Niki Strauch



Ashly Meget

Expanding His Reach Building Campaign

Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,529,851.13



Sunday School Attendance

March 8

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