

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## of Weatherford

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

### Dessert Auction for Mission Trip Assistance

The Missions Committee has scheduled a dessert auction Sunday March 29th, following the evening service. You can help by bringing a dessert or purchasing a dessert.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ladies Night Out *Bloom Where You're Planted*

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall  
One more chance to get your FREE ticket will be this Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

The featured speaker is Lisa Dunaway. She is a single mother of two children. Her ex-husband was on staff with Earl at Holdenville. Lisa and her children now live in Choctaw where Lisa is a school teacher. Come hear Lisa's story of God's grace in her life.

Tickets are required and childcare is provided for children 3

### Upcoming Events

- 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)

### Rejoice!

Jesus defended the right of children to come near Him without fear. When the apostles tried to send children away, Jesus told them to let the children come to Him and be blessed. To this day, churches everywhere intentionally seek to continue the blessing of children. We certainly do so here at First Baptist Church.

Our commitment to children includes a recently renovated, top notch, secure preschool wing, as well as updated, elevator accessible second and third floors for children. When it comes to children, we have shown our belief by what we have spent. All areas are secure and safe, as well as updated and attractive.

More important, however, than the facility in providing a safe, secure environment for children are the workers who interact with them. Our world includes individuals who abuse children in many ways. We as a church must do everything we can to insure that no person who abuses children ever interacts with children here at First Baptist Church.

We will have a massive informational meeting for the entire church family on Sunday night, April 5<sup>th</sup>, during evening worship at 6 p.m. During the meeting, policies we follow will be explained and a release form will be made available to sign so that we can do a background check on every person who works with preschool, children or youth. We are required by insurance to have these release forms on file.

Please attend the meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Worship Center. Even if you have signed a form before, you need to hear updated information and sign another form. We are starting over fresh. This is required of all who help with Sunday school, Wednesday night activities, summer activities and camps, Vacation Bible School helpers, and others. Anyone who works with children from birth through 18 years of age needs to sign a release form so we can do a background check and keep it on file in a secure place. Even if you do not currently work with children, it would be good to have the form on file so you will be able to do so in the future.

If you miss the meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>, the staff will have to seek you out personally to have you sign a form or you will not be able to continue working with children. This minor inconvenience for us takes seriously Jesus' commandment to let the children come to Him without fear.

I love you,  
Earl

### Headed to Falls Creek....

As I write this note we are packing to head to Falls Creek to do some minor work on our cabin. Please be in prayer for our students as we travel and work during spring break. I am always amazed that students would give up their spring break to paint, work and clean. I am blessed to have such wonderful students here at FBC. Also for all parents we have recently updated our youth website. If you go to [www.fbcweatherford.com](http://www.fbcweatherford.com) and click on the Youth link you can read up on all things Youth. Also you will be able to download forms and other information that you may need. I pray that this site will keep you informed on all the different events going on throughout the year! Have a blessed and awesome spring break. See ya Sunday!

Youth Pastor,  
Jeremy Worm Johnson

### A SCHOOL OF PRAYER "Developing an Effective Prayer Life"

Few of us are satisfied with our prayer life. Perhaps that should not even be our goal. But a failure to recognize our need to grow and enlarge our horizons in prayer is not acceptable. If God desires our fellowship and if there is truly resurrection power available, ready to be unleashed through prayer, then we sin against God and man by settling into a routine of simplistic and shallow prayer. Beginning March 25, a group of seekers will be coming together on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:00 p.m., asking God to "Teach us to Pray." The group will meet in the Fellowship Hall of the Main Building. We will meet for 8 weeks. We will develop a notebook of pass-on-able material and also learn to pray by praying together for our spiritual needs. We are all beginners in the school of prayer but we don't have to stay there. Would you prayerfully consider joining us?



Ladies' Retreat  
April 3 - 4 at Falls Creek  
More Info:  
Contact - Allison Kendall

Men's Retreat  
April 24 - 25 at Falls Creek  
More Info:  
Contact - Doug Hale



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

### New First Family

Emsley  
Cox



Marven & Vera  
Janzen



### Expanding His Reach Building Campaign



Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,532,581.13

### Sunday School Attendance

March 15

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