

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly

Don't Be Late For Church !!!



Daylight Saving Time Begins This Sunday

Remember to move your clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday evening.



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.

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.

Save the Dates

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

Previous Pastor, David Hardage

will be present in Bible Study on Wednesday night, March 11th.

Rejoice!

The wheat field on my left once served as the location of the Mt. Tee Pee Baptist Church. I was cutting through from Nancy's dad's cabin at Lugert Lake to my mother's home south of Hobart. For some wonderful reason I was very conscious of the presence of God. As I drove past the church site from years gone by, I could almost hear the small congregation belting out the refrain of "When the Morning Comes." That hymn was always my favorite because it seemed to have more pep than the others.

It was inside that now absent building that I sat next to daddy and held his pocket knife during the preaching of the Word. He always had treasures in his pockets that enabled me to sit quietly. It was outside that absent building that we children played chase and freeze tag while the adults visited after evening worship. The room at the back of the church had a window that served us well if we needed to crawl outside for class on an exceptionally pretty day. The wheat that was still in the early stages of development paralleled my own experience during those spiritually formative years.

From that white frame building standing near the Wichita Mountains came missionaries and pastors and staff members and life-long servants of the Lord Jesus. I am one of them. God has spent a lifetime preparing me to be who I am, where I am. Whereas many people might view an assignment in Western Oklahoma as a sentence to serve time in isolation, I see it as an opportunity orchestrated in heaven.

The erupting joy that filled my soul came from knowing God's purpose was being fulfilled in me. How blessed I am to get to serve as a pastor of His people in Western Oklahoma. God's people are wonderful, wherever they are. I have dear friends who have never driven a tractor or tied up a barbed wire fence or seen a combine run. Still, the omniscience of God means that we must embrace our heritage, not ignore it. God rarely wastes experience. He is always preparing us for the future by giving us a past. Never apologize for who you are and where you are. Bloom where you are planted for the glory of God.

It is a joy to be your pastor,
Earl

Raising A Modern Day Knight

We have just finished our 4th class of RAISING A MODERN DAY KNIGHT. This is a Bible study for dads about raising their sons to be Godly young men, or "modern day knights." A total of 27 dads have been thru the study. Together they have 32 sons. Each week the dads take their sons and do something with them. It may be an interview, an outing, or maybe just spending time together. Above all else, it is deepening the relationship between father and son. The dads have all said that they have benefited from being together in the class. If you are a dad and you think your son is ready to be interviewed and to ask you some tough questions or you would just like more information, contact Doug Pond or me and let us know. Another class is scheduled to start the week after spring break. Many have accepted the challenge. Are you ready?

See you Sunday,
Pete

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 2nd 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 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

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



New First Family



Summer Bass



Lexi Sheperd

Expanding His Reach Building Campaign



Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,523,068.46

Sunday School Attendance

March 1

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