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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly

Revival Services

April 26th - 29th

Keith Wiginton - Preaching Rod Smith - Music

Service Times: **Sunday**
9:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m. / 6:00 p.m.
Monday - Wednesday
11:45 a.m. (lunch served) / 6:30 p.m.

Baby Dedication - May 3, 2009

Baby dedication is a special day in our church!
We invite you to participate on
Sunday - May 3rd
(Both Services)
Please contact Andrea Unruh 772-2771
by Friday - April 24th.

BBB IV "Bountiful Blessing Burn"

April 26th

Following the evening service we will watch a brief video of what God has done in the "Expanding His Reach" building project. We will then voice thanksgiving to God before dismissing to the parking lot east of the FLC where pieces of paper on which each of us have listed thanksgivings, requests, and commitments to God will be symbolically burned as an offering to God. A snack supper in the FLC will follow. Everyone bring something.

"May my prayer be set before you like incense." Psalm 141:2

Pray for John and Midge Gerber
and
Phil and Danielle Schmidt
as they are in Armenia on Mission until the end of April

Rejoice!

The backlog of pictures stored in our digital cameras needed to be printed, so as to make room for more. We now have two cameras. I inherited the camera I slightly damaged on a quail hunt. In spite of promising Nancy that I would exercise extreme caution, I couldn't resist when a bird flew by while I was snapping a picture. I shot the quail, but cracked the camera. It has never been the same. Many of the specialized functions no longer function. It is officially mine.

Nancy received a new one from our kindhearted children at Christmas. I opted to download the pictures and have them printed at a local store. I know I could send them from my computer, but have yet to develop necessary skills. My children are no longer home, which poses a major problem in my technical abilities. I requested a glossy finish and soon had the pictures in hand.

Do you want to see the one I took of Scout pointing a quail? You can actually see the quail. But, that is not the picture I am writing about. I am writing about the two or three pictures that showed me as solemn as a mortician. I was reminded of the times when my daddy told me to tell my face about my joyful heart. Maybe I had been deep in thought or deep in grief or deep in something. I didn't like the way I looked.

So I asked God to help me radiate with more of His joy. It does no good to hide good works under a basket where they cannot be seen. I long for the world to see in me the joy that Jesus brings. So, as long as God gives me breath I choose to rejoice in Him – and tell my face about it. The joy of the Lord is my strength. The joy of the Lord is my witness. The joy of the Lord is my possession. Where the Holy Spirit resides, the fruit of joy will develop. Praise the Lord for the joy He gives.

Rejoicing in Him!
Earl

Sunday School Attendance

April 12

613

Follow Me

"Follow me." Those two words have been running through my head for about a week. Every time Jesus spoke those words He wanted complete hearts. Jesus wanted people to drop what they were doing and to follow Him. These two simple words can be tough to grasp because you are expected to follow all of the time, not just when you feel like it.

In the book of John, Jesus conquered the grave and came to find Peter. He found Peter in the place where he felt most comfortable, out on the water fishing. Three times, He asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Each time, Peter answered, "Yes." Finally, by the third time, Peter actually understood what Jesus was saying. Jesus was telling him, you can't return to the comfortable things anymore. You are called to a higher purpose, and I want you to understand the cost. If you love me it will cost you your life. Peter, after all of his time walking with Jesus, finally understood the cost and said, "YES! I love you with a passionate kind of love, and yes I will go where you call me." Jesus said in John 21:19, "Follow me." Today, I wonder if we love Christ with that kind of love. If Jesus came to you and said, "Follow me," would you?

This challenge has been placed before our FBC student ministry, to follow Christ where he has placed each of them: baseball, softball, football, soccer, cheerleading, tennis, and so on. Jesus wants our students to follow Christ today. He does not want them to wait until they are older to serve Him but to be the person Christ has called them to be today! I am praying that God would send a revival and that it would start through our students! Would you begin to pray the same thing? Whenever you see the two words "Follow me" in God's word, ask yourself if you are ready to follow as well?
Have a great week!
Jeremy "Worm" Johnson

Men's Steak Night

May 1st - 6:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

~ ~ FREE STEAK DINNER ~ ~
Sign up at either Welcome Center
Our goal is to have at least 200 men present.
Guest Speaker: Keith Wiginton II

Deacon's Meeting

This Sunday - April 19th
7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Weatherford Food Pantry

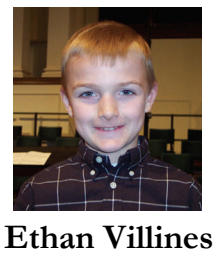
Items for April

Canned whole, crushed, & diced tomatoes
Spaghetti sauce and Tomato sauce

The Food Pantry has recently given more food out than what has been donated. Please help them restock by leaving items in the north foyer.

New First Family

Dane McPherson



Ethan Villines

Expanding His Reach Building Campaign

Amount Given to Date - $ 2,610,414.13