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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly

Revival Services
Begin This Sunday

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.

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

Rejoice!

Keith Wiginton met me when he came to serve as the pastor of the Mount Tee Pee Baptist church nearly fifty years ago. I don't remember meeting him – I was the burr headed boy not yet in school. Keith was a seminary student beginning in the ministry where one of my grandfathers led the singing and the other generously contributed to many of the building projects. In the words of my daddy, "Keith was a good preacher from the time he started." Some in Kiowa County compare preaching to cultivating cotton – you either can or you can't. Keith could and can.

Keith remained a friend of my family as he eventually ended up at the First Baptist Church in Altus, where he served as pastor for over thirty years. He preached my ordination service on March 19, 1978. Throughout my early years in ministry he guided me in the uncharted waters I found myself passing through. In spite of leading a church of mammoth size, he always made time to talk to me in an extremely positive, practically helpful manner. God used him to shape me in many ways.

Keith has preached many revival meetings in the churches where I have served. By my calculations, this will be the sixth week I have been privileged to hear Keith preach in a church where I am serving. I keep inviting him to come because of what Keith offers to the church.

Keith offers a positive word to the church. Oh - he won't fail to tell us the clear truth of God's Word, but he will do so in a manner that offers hope. Like a skilled surgeon, he uses God's Word to bring healing, not hurt.

Keith offers an enjoyable word to the church. He will use appropriate humor to illustrate his sermons in such a way that you will smile while the truth is declared. I have heard some of his stories multiple times, but I never cease to benefit from them.

Keith offers a seasoned word to the church. Keith has preached the Word of God for his entire adult life. He has lived the faith he declares. He has lived as a brittle diabetic for most of the time he has been preaching. The health issues he has faced have never been used as an excuse for offering less than his best for Christ.

Keith offers a practical word to the church. His college background in mathematics bent him toward problem solving in sermons. When he preaches, he outlines how to take action to make things better. He does not use guilt to motivate. He shows how life can change for the better when we do things God's way.

Plan to attend the revival services next week. Your life will be enriched by what you hear as one of God's choice messengers speaks from his heart to yours. What a great time we will have!

I love you,
Earl

P.S. You will also be inspired by Rod Smith, as he leads in music.

Sunday School Attendance

April 19

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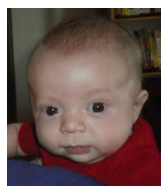
A Very Special Day!

Baby/Parent Dedication is a very special day in our church. It is exciting to see young families choose to dedicate their precious gift God has given them. We celebrate this opportunity for parents to dedicate themselves to accept biblical responsibility and instruction in nurturing the spiritual growth of their child. Each family will receive the following prayer. "I pray that the Lord will touch my child's heart at an early age and lead it unto salvation. I further pray that God will use me and caring believers within his church, to nurture the spiritual growth of my child. Yet, I ultimately pray, oh Father, that when my child has it's own child, my child will have become an even more Godly adult and parent than me." Please continue to support and pray for the families that participate in the dedication of their child to the Lord. Join us May 3rd for this very special day at FBC!

Andrea

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.



Thank You

Thank you church family for your support of missions through our church. In the March business meeting you approved a recommendation from the Stewardship Committee to increase funding for the Volunteers and Miscellaneous Missions by $10,000. On March 29th, the dessert auction provided an additional $26,000. The purpose of the church is to do missions; the Missions Committee is to recommend mission projects to do and/or to support; the Stewardship Committee is to make sure that we are good stewards of the financial resources which the Lord provides through our church members. Because of your faithful giving, God is honored and His Kingdom will continue to increase. May He continue to bless this church in the days to come.

The Missions Committee and The Stewardship Committee

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

Please sign up this Sunday
We need to know how many steaks to order!!

Vacation Bible School Need

Paper Towel Cardboard Tubes
Please bring them to the church office.

USHERS / GREETERS / WELCOME CENTER

Due to the expansion we have an increased need for men, women, and youth to help as ushers, greeters, and welcome center assistants. We want to bend over backwards to make people feel welcome and help them find classes, restrooms, etc. in the church. You are an ideal candidate if you do not have small children and do not sing in the choir. Please sign up this Sunday in your class or at the welcome center.

Expanding His Reach Building Campaign

Amount Given to Date - $ 2,613,091.63