

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly



This Sunday - Silent Lord's Supper

Come and Go

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Come at your convenience - Stay as long as you like

Lord's Supper for Shut In's

The Lord's Supper will be delivered to shut-ins by the Deacons on Easter afternoon. Contact the church office to give names of those who would like to receive it.

Vacation Bible School Training

Tuesday - April 14 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

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Training for Directors and Teachers of
Bed Babies - K & 1st - 5th graders
Questions - contact Andrea @ 772-2771

Security Measures

In order to make our worship services more secure we are asking that everyone arriving after worship starts enter through the east (rear) doors. Thanks for your cooperation.

Rejoice!

The light quit shining. Changing the bulb did not help. Located just outside my mother's back door, the elevated flood light had been installed many years earlier by my daddy in order to illuminate the back patio. Simple in its design, the green-covered light jutted away from the gable, held in place by a piece of one inch pipe that housed the wires powering the fixture.

Over three months had passed since the blackout began. During Thanksgiving I replaced the switch, but to no avail. Many of us men looked at the wiring draped down the side of the house and offered opinions as to the many possibilities why the light quit burning. No action was taken.

Mom continued to operate in the dark after the sun went down. The gas grill was on the back porch, as were occasional critter visitors in the back yard. A flashlight aided her actions because the floodlight wouldn't burn. Another assessment was made by one of my cousins. Power was going to the fixture and coming from the fixture - but not making it's way to the bulb. The fixture must be faulty. The diagnosis prompted no action - until after quail season.

I visited Momma for the express purpose of helping with some odd jobs. I worked my way through a list, hoping that time would run out before I had to climb the ladder and work on the light. Don't get me wrong - I don't mind helping, but I just felt completely incompetent. Daddy served as an electrician in the Navy during the Korean conflict and always handled electrical issues. He always explained to my deaf ears the simplicity of electricity. "It runs just like water."

Plenty of time remained to work on the light, so I gave it a try. After removing the old fixture, I cleaned all connections with a wire bush. Corrosive rust deposits that had developed over the years exited under the pressure. I reattached and reinstalled. Before I made my way completely down the ladder, Momma stuck her head outside and asked, "Can I try it?" After I gave her the go ahead, I watched in amazement as the bulb glowed from above.

Opinions offered and a diagnosis given were no substitute for a cleansing administered. When the light ceases shining from our own lives, thinking and talking and planning accomplish nothing. Faulty connections prevent the power from flowing. Repenting within and accepting cleansing from above allows the light to shine again.

Don't live in the dark!

Earl

Packing for A Mission Trip

Last Thursday, Phil and Daneille Schmidt, Midge and I went to Quail Springs Baptist Church for orientation about our trip to Armenia and Israel. We left with our minds filled with information. I was glad that my personal secretary, (Midge) was there to take notes and highlight the itinerary as to when and where I was supposed to be, and what I was supposed to be doing during the trip. I sometimes have a problem listening, especially after more that eight hours of concentrating on the same topic.

Much was said about how to pack and what to pack. We have a luggage limit on the number of bags that we can take. Also the weight of each checked bag is limited. I was fine with all of this until I found out that my carry on has to be my tuxedo, and one of my checked bags has to be a piece of equipment, in my case it turned out to be a handbell case. Midge has a drum to take care of. We were also given all sorts of things to pack in our luggage to use as gifts for the Armenian people, clothes and hats, etc. Then to top it off, we were given a list of food items to pack that the missionaries need and can't get in Armenia. I think that I will have a place for a change of underwear and an extra pair of socks. I would really hate to be the person who picks us up at the airport when we return, because our clothes will probably be able to walk by themselves.

Aside from all that, we will rarely have time to do anything except what is on the itinerary and that is to minister to the Armenian people. God has given us a task, and with his help we won't have to worry about changes of clothes or how much luggage we can take on the plane. He tells us in Jeremiah 29:11 "He has a plan for us." Pray that we will listen when He speaks and will respond appropriately.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously toward this mission trip. Without your support, this trip would not be possible. The dessert auction was amazing. The Missions Committee can now fund the various projects for the rest of the year. FBC is such a great place. Thank you for your love and support.

In Christ,
John

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.

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

Men's Steak Night

May 1st

6:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

~ ~ FREE STEAK DINNER ~ ~

Our goal is to have at least 200 men present.

Guest Speaker: Keith Wiginton II



Happy Easter



**Sunday School
Attendance**

April 5

560

Expanding His Reach Building Campaign



Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,606,427.80