

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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*Attending Regularly    Serving Willingly    Giving Generously    Living Uprightly*

### Remember To Pray . . .

for our youth and sponsors at Falls Creek  
July 13 - 18 (Jr. High Week)    July 20 - 25 (Sr. High Week)

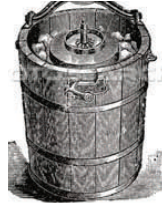
### July - Fellowship Month

July 18/19 - Entire class/department fellowship.

July 26 - All Church Fellowship at Means Park.

Pool will be open from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Homemade Ice Cream will be served at 6 p.m.  
(everyone who can - bring a freezer of ice cream)



### All Church Trip To Albuquerque

We still have spots available if you are interested  
in going to the Balloon Festival on  
October 8th, 9th, and 10th.  
(Contact John Gerber as soon as possible)

### TOGETHER AGAIN !!!

For three Sundays in a row we will have one Sunday school at  
9:00 a.m. and one worship service at 10:30 a.m.  
July 26th - August 2nd - August 9th

### Rejoice!

Our conversation took us throughout the world. Five of us were seated around a small table waiting while critical surgery was being performed in another part of the hospital. Backpacking in Paris was mentioned. Some adventurous children had arranged for the experience after finding a deal over the internet. Italy and eggs over easy were referred to in a humorous manner. China, with its duck tongue soup and chauffer driven cars took center stage for a time. Almost apologetically, one person mentioned that they ended up only ninety miles from where they were born.

Immediately I reminded them that they made it much further than Jesus did. Jesus never travelled over about thirty miles from His hometown. Still, He changed the world forever because He brought God glory on earth by completing the work God gave Him to do. (John 17:4) Jesus served God the Father where He was by obeying completely what He was asked to do.

You can do the same. Too many people criticize themselves for not being someone else or not being somewhere else. A lifetime can be wasted while downplaying the significance of the tasks that God has assigned. Learn to work at whatever you do with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. (Colossians 3:23-24)

The kingdom of heaven advances as born-again believers like you and me remain faithful to fulfill God's purpose in whom we become and what we do and where we go. God is no more pleased with me today than He was when I was delivering His Word to the congregation of twenty-five that occupied the white frame church where I preached during my college days. We will be rewarded for our labor, not our adventure.

How pleased God is with those of you who continue to seek His will, obey His Word and love His people - in the somewhat predictable routine of daily living. God uses you to impact the world from where you are as you abide in Christ and serve through His church. I thank God for you.

Earl

### Just thinking...

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> week of Falls Creek for this summer. Our junior high students are there now and our high school students will be there next week. I really hope you have these students and sponsors in your prayers. We are anticipating great things as we spend time at "the Creek" listening to what God has to say to each of us. How long has it been since you went to Falls Creek? Do you remember how God spoke to you while you were there? Did you make a life-changing decision for Christ while you were at camp? We must remember, the key is not being at Falls Creek. The key to a changed life is listening to what God is saying and then choosing to be obedient and do what He said. Please listen to that still small voice and then choose to follow Him.

See you Sunday,  
Pete

There will be no Deacon's meeting or business meeting this month. We will have the monthly Financial Statement available in the church office on Monday - July 20th.

### Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their generous support before, during, and after Rylan's heart surgery. We are so very thankful for all the flowers, cards, meals, visits, prayers, and support. This was a very difficult time for our family, but we feel so blessed to be a part of such a generous and caring church family that helped make the journey much easier. Rylan's surgery was a success and we praise God for watching over her and getting us through this. God bless you all.

Scott, Lindey, & Rylan Smith



### Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for July  
Peanut Butter



### Upcoming Events

July 16	55 & Up to Red Rock Canyon (Leave from the church at 5 p.m.)	
July 18	Kristi Wienecke/Ryan Klein Shower (Parlor)	10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
July 18	Doug Hale's 50's/ 60's Class Fellowship (FH)	5 p.m.
July 19	Fellowship Class/ 70's Dept. Fellowship (FH)	6 p.m.
July 25	Brandon Hinz/Lexi Sheperd Wedding	4 p.m.
July 26	Skye Simon/Ethan Sperle Shower (Parlor)	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Meals on Wheels

We are responsible to deliver Meals on Wheels during the month of August in Weatherford. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

### Save The Date



Annual Baptism at Crowder Lake  
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m. - August 16

Contact the Church Office  
or a staff member  
if you would like to be baptized.

### Sunday School Attendance

July 12

577

### Expanding His Reach Building Campaign

Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,668,590.83

