

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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**Attending Regularly    Serving Willingly    Giving Generously    Living Uprightly**

### TOGETHER AGAIN

Two More Weeks

August 2nd & August 9th

One Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.

One worship service at 10:30 a.m.

To Strengthen Unity - To Enjoy Diversity

### Falls Creek Service

This Sunday Night - August 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Come and hear what God has done.

### This Sunday's Sermon

will be a Dramatic Monologue in Biblical Costume.



### 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)

### 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.

### Rejoice!

The anticipated feast turned out to be no more than a snack. Kendall had taken advantage of a unique opportunity offered by one of the small food shacks near downtown Juneau, Alaska. The special of the day was reindeer kabobs and a beverage. Who could resist the large sign with the special offer? As he waited with growling stomach, he envisioned large chunks of grilled meat and vegetables.

What he held in his hand looked more like a wiener on a stick. The kind attendant had delivered the creation to where Kendall was seated. Otherwise he probably would not have recognized what he ordered. "Is this reindeer?" He specifically questioned the advertisement on the front window. The girl smiled as she explained, "As much as allowed by law - thirty percent." The once-in-a-lifetime dining experience turned out very similar to eating a hotdog.

The sign had over promised and under delivered. That's the way the world operates as it uses us for its own purposes. Use smoke and mirrors to lure them in and shake them down by offering the least possible return for their investment. Do the minimum required even if it is much less than expected. "How can I meet your needs?" has been replaced by "How can I rip you off?"

Not so with Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ over delivers. What we expect is far surpassed by all that He provides for us over the course of a lifetime of surrender to Him. We sign on expecting that one day we will go to heaven, only to discover that the abundance of life begins immediately. Each stage of life uncovers more portions of grace from our wonderful Savior. Every trial that arises proves to be another opportunity for experiencing Christ's love in a fresh manner. The longer we serve Him, the sweeter He grows. We discover that He really loves us and we can trust Him completely.

I almost felt sorry for Kendall - but not enough to share my pulled pork sandwich. What I thought of was the multiplied individuals who are staring in disbelief at the under delivered promises from the world. The world does a fantastic job of selling possibilities and a poor job of delivering satisfaction.

Jesus satisfies completely (not just 30%) all who surrender to Him.

Earl

### Why Are You Crying, Poppa?

What's wrong Poppa? Why are you crying? These are the questions that my three year old granddaughter kept asking last week. We were in Memphis at McDonald's, (where else do you eat with a three year old.) As we pulled in my phone rang. It was a dear friend and choir member whose wife had just had a baby. They were experiencing complications since the baby had come extremely early and only weighed a pound and a half.

After my friend had relayed the grim news about what was happening back here in Oklahoma and the difficult decisions that his young family was making, tears began to form, and I couldn't do anything to hold them back. We had two healthy children, and now we had three extremely healthy grandchildren. As I listened to Logann ask what was wrong and saw her concern, it only made matters worse. To think, that my friends might not ever get to have the joy of seeing their child run, and laugh, and play, and ask "Why are you crying, Poppa?"

I was reminded of just how fragile life is. As of this writing our friend's baby is still here, she is fighting and is giving her all to survive. As we wait, and pray, and hope for a miracle God is trying to teach us all something. To me He is trying to teach compassion. My friends with the precious new born are so easy to love and so easy to reach out to. But what about others that I don't know as well and am not as close to. Do they not hurt when they are stung as do my close friends? Are they not as worthy of my compassion? God loves us all equally. He has used this life lesson to try to instill in me just how much everyone needs to be loved. I know that I disappoint Him, hopefully not to the point where I need to ask "Why are you crying, Poppa?"

John

### Fund established at BancFirst

To help with medical and transportation costs, a fund has been set up at BancFirst for Keith, Kristy, and Kaitlyn Elizabeth Talley. Checks made out to Keith/Kristy Talley Medical Fund can be left at the church office or BancFirst.

### New Beginnings in Sunday School

Begins September 6th

### Wednesday Fall Schedule begins August 19th

Yes - the meal also starts again 😊

### 55 & Up Annual Fish Fry

August 10th - 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Cost - \$3.00 per person

Please RSVP in the Church Office



### 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 26

516

### Expanding His Reach Building Campaign

Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,674,720.96

