

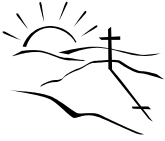
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly



New Beginnings in Sunday School
Begins September 6th

YoYo Collins
in Concert

First Baptist Church Weatherford
August 30th - 6:00 p.m.



May 14, 1977, YoYo Collins was involved in a diving accident which broke his neck and severed his spinal cord at the fifth and sixth cervical vertebrae, leaving him paralyzed from the collar bone down, or a quadriplegic. He has some gross motor movement with very little feeling in his arms and no control of his hands or fingers. YoYo began sharing in churches in April 1980; he and Sandi were married in October 1980. They have shared in churches throughout the United States.
(A Love Offering Will Be Received)

OUT WITH THE OLD/IN WITH THE NEW

The literature for the new Sunday school quarter is here. There will be a plastic tub in the records room in the FLC and in the area outside Pete's office to gather the old literature for recycling. Please put your summer quarter materials in one of these tubs. The 70's department will be taking it to the recycle bin as a mission project. Thank you.

Rejoice!

The warning was in bold print. Our designated leader read for all to hear. "At this point, if you do not have several hours and many people, do not proceed. An incomplete building can be severely damaged by even a light wind." We all laughed as we silently doubted the need for many hours. We would knock out the construction of the metal storage building well before supper time.

So we thought. Some Promise Keepers had blocked off the afternoon to put the building in the box together. Preliminary work had made for a solid, level foundation. All we had to do was attach the framework and sheet metal according to directions with the over 3,000 supplied bolts and screws. (Butch's estimate) The thick book of instructions wasn't composed by anyone from Western Oklahoma.

Initially we did more standing than working. We had willing hearts, but uninformed minds - zeal without wisdom. Slowly we settled into specific responsibilities. Some ran the cordless drills. Others placed the plastic washers on the stubby screws. Instructions were repeated for all to hear. Required parts were selected and placed according to assigned part numbers. A few minor mistakes were corrected along the way. Communication and effort continued until supper was warm in someone's kitchen.

The new structure proudly stood in the back yard of a wonderful lady because a group of men were willing to work together toward a common goal while following instructions. The long afternoon was laced with laughter. Relationships were strengthened by serving together to help someone else.

Next fall our goal as a church will be for every Sunday school class in our church to take on some mission project in our community. We want to make an impact on our community. Also - we want to make an impact on ourselves. It is when we serve others together that we discover fulfillment for ourselves. The most miserable people in the world are those who think only of themselves.

Serve one another!
Earl

Communication

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the stage. After the wedding when asked what he was doing, the child, then embarrassed by the whole procedure, sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

How many times have we said things that we didn't mean to say? I'm sure that you have heard the saying, "I know you think you heard what I said, but what you think you heard me say, is not what I meant." My wife is after me all the time trying to make a better communicator out of me. I find it strange that I can say what I mean in one sentence, and it takes her ten sentences to say the same thing. She talks to her mom every Sunday for over an hour on the phone. When I call my mom, it usually takes less than five minutes to find out what has been going on, to find out about their health, to tell her about the grand kids, to let her know that we are all OK, and to tell her my schedule for the next six months. Maybe I had better read "Men are From Mars, Women are From Venus," again.

All this is to say that as we grow as a church, communication is vital. It is vital for the staff to let the church know what and when things are being planned, but even more important are the feelings and wishes of the congregation. If you as a congregation don't communicate with us as a staff, a great divide will eventually occur. Please remember that too much communication can be filtered. Limited communication will cause problems that sometimes takes years to be corrected.

John

PARKING - PARKING - PARKING

The West grass will be made more accessible by this Sunday. Thanks to all who are parking in the grass - leaving the paved spaces for those who need them most. It's great to see servants in action.

August 23rd - 70 cars in East grass 37 cars in West grass

SCOOT - SCOOT - SCOOT

Increased crowds can only be seated if we fill the pews.

Pews are best filled from the middle, outward.

Let's not force guests to climb over us into a seat.

Reminder: The Church Council requests that no fundraising (individuals, schools, etc.) be done on church property.



Celebrate Christmas in August



When: This Sunday, August 30th at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall - FREE "Delicious Desserts"

Who: Ladies of all ages!

Call office for reservations and childcare reservations.



New First Family



Heidi and Maicie
Brown



Samuel and Sarah Schumpert
with Lettie and Hadley

Sunday
School

August 23

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Expanding His Reach Building Campaign



Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,694,681.54