

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly

Lord's
Supper



This Sunday
August 9th
6:00 p.m.

**TOGETHER AGAIN
One More Week**

August 9th

One Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.
One worship service at 10:30 a.m.

To Strengthen Unity - To Enjoy Diversity

Deacons Meeting

This Sunday Night - August 9th
7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Rejoice!

Most of us identify with Peter more than any of the other apostles. His imperfections offer hope that God can use crooked sticks to hit straight licks. Peter's honest, genuine faith impacted the world for Christ powerfully. Peter led with zeal and flexibility and surrender to the Holy Spirit. The church jump started because of the Holy Spirit's use of Peter.

If not for Andrew's efforts, Peter may have lived out his days obscurely as a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee. It was Andrew who introduced his brother Peter to Jesus. Andrew remained somewhat in the shadows – yet he contributed powerfully to the kingdom of God. Andrew was just as important in the scheme of God as was Peter.

Members of Sunday school classes play huge roles in the scheme of God. A healthy Sunday school cannot be dictated by leaders. A healthy Sunday school emerges when all participants put forth their best efforts. Let me give some practical suggestions to those of you who come to Sunday school but do not lead.

Be a disciple of Jesus. A disciple is a learner. Show up hungry to learn what the Lord wants to teach you on any given Sunday. Daily read the Bible in order to add to the knowledge you have of Jesus. Grow in your relationship with Jesus as a self-feeder who enjoys eating an occasional meal prepared by someone else - your teacher.

Be a servant of others. Any time a ministry need surfaces in your class, be quick to do your part to help. Be aware of new people and make them feel welcome. Show up on time so that when guests come (they are almost always a little early) you can visit with them. Be quick to give up your seat for someone else if space is tight. You be the one to go retrieve more chairs.

Be a help to your teacher. Show up having read over the Bible study for the day. Every person is given a lesson guide that proves very helpful – if you read it. Contribute to the conversation in the class. Ask relevant questions. Make practical observations. A Sunday school lesson works best as a dialogue, not a lecture. Volunteer to lead in prayer and read Scripture. Be willing to fill in when your teacher has to be absent.

Be a missionary in our church. Leave the comfortable surroundings of the class you have been in for years and go to the class that is starting down the hall. By doing so, you will contribute to reaching people in two ways. You will create space in the class you left and you provide stability in the class you join.

We are billing the new Sunday school year that begins on September 6th as a time of "New Beginnings." Won't you do your part to make the slogan a reality? Our Sunday school exists to accommodate those who are not yet here. Let's make room for them in our classes and in our hearts.

I love you,
Earl

Move-In Day

Saturday, August 15th, is MOVE-IN DAY at SWOSU. We as a church have the opportunity to impact the lives of students and their parents on the day the students arrive. There is still a need for a lot more help. If you can spare a couple of hours that morning please give me a call. You will be blessed and be a blessing to many. Thank you for helping.
Pete

**New Beginnings in Sunday School
Begins September 6th**

Wednesday Fall Schedule begins August 19th

Yes - the meal also starts again 😊

WE NEED YOU!

As summer draws to an end and we find ourselves heading back to school, that signals the beginning of our fall activities. The fall activities will kick-off on August 19th and we need you! The Children's Choir is looking for a few good people! We need leaders in all age areas. If you have thought in the past about helping in this area, please call Cindi Albrightson 302-3418 or contact Andrea at the church 772-2771 .

55 & Up Annual Fish Fry

August 10th - 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Cost - \$3.00 per person
Please RSVP in the Church Office



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)



New First Family



Matt, Gina, Kolton, Keaton, & Kinzie Kardokus

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**

August 2

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Expanding His Reach Building Campaign



Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,681,395.96