

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

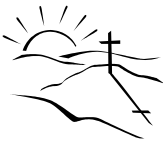
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*Attending Regularly    Serving Willingly    Giving Generously    Living Uprightly*

### Coming Sermon Series Beginning September 13th

A.M. - STAND!  
Remaining Prepared For The Devil's Schemes  
  
P.M. - 7 Churches  
A Study of Revelation 2-3



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

### The Baptist Messenger Online

Our weekly church newsletter is posted early in the week through our website - [www.fbcweatherford.com](http://www.fbcweatherford.com)  
If you are not reading your paper copy, contact the church office and we will remove your name from the Messenger mailing list.

### 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!

When Nancy volunteered to help me with the morning project, I immediately accepted her offer. I planned to re-paint some of the arrows and lines in the west parking lot of the church so as to enhance traffic flow. For months many of us had been discussing what could be done. The time for discussing had given way to a time for action. I was elated that I would not be rolling paint by myself.

After strategically setting up a few orange cones, she began to paint over some old lines that were in the way while I did my best to brighten up some faded arrows and lines. She was rolling gray paint on the south end of the lot while I was rolling white paint on the north. I heard voices and laughter from the area where Nancy was working. I assumed it was someone from the church stopping to speak with her.

She was still grinning when she came to share her story. "He wanted to hire us!" Evidently a man in a welding truck had a parking lot that needed to be striped and wondered if we might be interested in the job. Nancy explained that I was the pastor of the church and did not work - er, did not paint stripes for a living. We both were flattered that he thought enough of our work to offer us a job.

Actually, our work was far from perfect. Free handing with a roller results in a few bobbles and drips. Maybe he was not so much impressed with our production as he was with our action. He was seeking someone willing to work.

So is God. Just that morning I had read the parable Jesus told about the talents. Those who worked with what they had were given a share of their master's joy as well as increased responsibility. Good and faithful service earns the "well done" assessment of our Heavenly Father. He classifies refusing to try as wicked, lazy, behavior.

Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Earl

### Promotion Sunday

This Sunday will be an exciting day here at FBC. It is promotion day in Sunday school so there will be lots of children and youth (and maybe a few adults) going to new classes. There will be 4 new classes starting for the adults. (see advertisement below) This just means there is a place for everyone in our Sunday school structure. Why don't you invite a friend to come with you this week?

Also, don't forget about the recycle tubs for your summer Sunday school literature. One is in the records room in the FLC and the other is just outside my office door. Our 70s department is taking care of this as their mission project for the fall. We collected quite a bit this past Sunday but I know there is a lot more to be gathered. Please help us out and put yours in one of these tubs. Thank you for all you do to make this the best place it can be.

See you Sunday,  
Pete

### New Beginnings in Sunday School

New classes beginning this Sunday, September 6

Early 30s Nabors	9:00 FLC 101
Women's Dept. 1 (ages 30-45)	9:00 FLC 102
40s Hacker	10:30 FLC 101
50s Liebscher	10:30 FLC 205

If you don't attend Sunday School and would like to try one of these classes, please come. If you are in a class already and would like to help start one of the new ones, please come. Remember, the bigger we get, the smaller we have to become.

### The Church Office & Family Life Center



will be closed for  
Labor Day  
Monday - September 7th

### Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the pretty spray of roses you sent to Daddy's funeral. Thank you also for all the cards and sweet notes. Thank you most of all for your prayers during this sad time. We appreciate them so much.

Love,  
Nancy Stephenson and family



### Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for September  
Hot or Cold Cereal



### Baptist Women

September 8th - 7:00 p.m. - Church Parlor  
Come Join Us



### New First Family



Toby and Cari Trotter  
with Ainsley and Cade

Sunday  
School

August 30

630

### Expanding His Reach Building Campaign



Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,699,101.54