

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly

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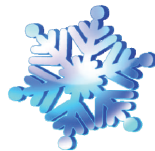
Offerings for Haiti can be given through the church and will be sent to the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma for Disaster Relief in Haiti.



55 & Up Winter Banquet

Tuesday - February 16th
6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$6.00



Please make reservations and pay in the church office by February 12th

Save the Date

REVIVAL

March 28-31

February Magazines Are Here !!!!

We purchase the following magazines and make them available in the northwest lobby, outside the church office. They are free and available as long as they last.
HomeLife, ParentLife, Mature Living, Living with Teenagers, Journey, Stand Firm, and Open Windows

Rejoice!

The older, retired military chaplain cornered me in the fellowship hall after the worship service. I had moderated the previous associational meeting and made reference to our worship area as a sanctuary. The visitor in question did not approve of my use of the term sanctuary. He compared my use of the term to churches in the past feeling they were the exclusive dispensers of grace. He intimidated me to the point that I ceased referring to the interior of a church as a sanctuary.

I have spent decades dodging the term when I should have embraced it. The gruff-speaking preacher sincerely drove me in the wrong direction. The term defines what should be true of a place of worship. Sanctuary means: a holy place; a place of refuge or protection. The location of our worship should be a holy (set apart to God) place; a place of refuge or protection.

Our sanctuary is set apart to God as a place to worship Him and be equipped to serve Him. Our sanctuary offers a refuge from the hurts and stresses of the world. God's truth, love, acceptance and help are consistently made available to all who come into the sanctuary.

God's sanctuary does not include assigned seating. I heard recently of a college student being asked to move because she was in someone's seat. No Christian in God's sanctuary should ever do such a thing. Rudeness abounds in the world we frequent day by day. In the sanctuary we should discover refuge and protection from such sinful behavior.

God's sanctuary should not include distractions that hinder hearing His voice. God does not yell. God whispers. When cell phones vibrate and text messages appear and interruptions abound, God will not be heard. Our behavior in God's sanctuary should not interfere with the opportunity of others to hear from God. God's sanctuary is not merely an auditorium. God's sanctuary is unique because of its purpose.

God will supply a message from His Word for His people on His day in His sanctuary. We must pay attention and allow others to do the same.

I love you,
Earl

Sunday School Attendance

January 24

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CDO

CDO?? We may have new members that see this and ask, "What is CDO?" Children's Day Out is a ministry to preschoolers and their families. I love CDO and everyone involved in it. Currently we have classes for 6 month - four year olds that meet on Monday and Thursday. We have 10 great Christian teachers that serve with a smile. Our goal is to offer a safe, secure place to play and learn all about God's big beautiful world. We emphasize social, physical and language development. Our teaching is done through age appropriate activities that provide hands on experiences and interactions for the children. We really have a great time in CDO! Please continue to pray for this ministry and all of our preschool/ children ministries. We are blessed in so many ways here at FBC and I continue to be blessed beyond words every Monday and Thursday in CDO!!!

Come see us at CDO,
Andrea

Workers Needed for Wednesday Night Activities

Children's Choir Helpers
5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Men or Women)

RA Helpers
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. (Men)

Substitutes are also needed.
Contact Andrea Unruh, Cindi Albrightson, or Joel Kendall



Church Library is Open North end of South Commons Area

New books are being purchased for all ages.
We promise to make it "user friendly."
If you would like to help, we welcome all volunteers.

Thank You

Just a note to let you know how much your service meant to our residents. When I came in Monday morning, everyone was talking about your Sunday service at the Center. It means a great deal to the residents for each of you to take the time and effort to make this fellowship possible.

Thank you,
Cindy Collier
Good Neighbor Care Activity Director

Winter Weather Policy

All cancellations of services due to dangerous road conditions will be announced on the local radio station KWEY at 95.5 and TV Channels 4, 5, and 9. If there is no school on Wednesday due to weather, there will be NO ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH.

The FLC & walking track will also be closed on days when school is cancelled.



New First Family



Kari and Lauren Jones

Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for February
Cold or Hot Cereal