

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly

CRACKS IN THE ARMOR

“Imperfect Soldiers of the Cross”

- Barnabas’s Hypocrisy
- Martha’s Criticism
- John Mark’s Desertion
- Naomi’s Bitterness
- Paul’s Anxiety
- Peter’s Prejudice
- Eunice’s Compromise

Sermon Series begins this Sunday A.M.

January Bible Study/Potluck Snack Supper in Family Life Center

Begins this Sunday night - 6:00 p.m.

“Stories for Life”

Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew

Bring finger foods and leave them in the FLC fellowship hall.
We will share the snacks when the Bible study is over.
Childcare provided - preschool and children will meet in the
Main Building and then join their parents when we eat.

Rejoice!

The dog count came to only three. I was making a quick calculation as I pushed through the brush along the small creek bank. All males were present and accounted for, but my female Brittany, Scout, was AWOL. Where could she be? She often ran ahead, but never ran away.

Maybe she is on point! I thought to myself.

Then I heard water splash from down below. Unless she had turned into a duck dog, she was not on point. I picked my way through the brush until I saw her submerged in a large body of ice covered water. She was lapping leisurely while steadying herself on the sandstone edge with her boot-covered paw. Breaking through the ice had been relatively easy. Crawling out proved to be much more challenging.

As I moved in closer to watch, she caught sight of my blaze orange vest. The boots on her front paws slid on the wet bank and provided no traction for her exit. After a couple of half-hearted tries, she looked at me hopefully. I really didn’t want to climb down through the trees to where she waited.

“Move back so she can’t see you.”

My hunting partner Kendall had come over to see what was going on. Less than a minute after I hid myself from her sight she found the energy to successfully get out of the water. She couldn’t stand the thought of being left behind. She became a better dog because I didn’t help her do what she needed to do for herself. I brought out the best in her by leaving her alone.

God does the same with us from time to time. When we expect Him to bail us out, He seems strangely silent and uncharacteristically absent.

What’s going on? We ask ourselves.

Time reveals that God knows exactly what we are capable of and allows us to learn the same for ourselves. He will not let us sink. He will enable us to succeed in becoming the best we can possibly be.

Scout couldn’t see me, but I could see her. She thought I left her, but I was there all the while. No way was I going to leave her behind, much less leave her to drown. Ditto for God.

He cares for you,
Earl

2010

As I write this it’s almost Christmas. And by the time you get to read it, we will have already started a new year. My daddy always said “The older you get, the faster it goes.” The older I get, the more I think he was exactly right. It seems like we just started 2009 and we were all looking forward to getting into our newly remodeled gathering areas. Now it’s 2010 and I’m wondering what will be next. There are a couple of things I know and count on each and every day:

- ..# God is still in control.
- ..# We will continue to follow Him.
- ..# We will do the best we can, with what we have, where we are, to obey Him.

I trust you are looking forward to a new year and that becoming an even greater witness for Christ is tops on your list for 2010.

See you Sunday,
Pete

Wednesday Schedule

Meal	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Adventure Zone	5:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Middle School Connection	6:00 p.m.
High School Connection	7:00 p.m.
Adult Discipleship Opportunities:	6:00 p.m.

Discovery Class	“Redemption: An In-depth Look”
Promise Keepers for Men	“The Lord Changed My Attitude”
Adult Teacher’s Meeting	Sunday School Visitation
Woman 2 Woman	Raising A Modern Day Knight
Pastor’s Bible Study	

DNow Weekend is almost here !!!!

January 22 - January 24

Please pray for the youth and the volunteers.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many delicious gifts that you provided during the Christmas season. We thank God for the joy of serving Him with you.

The Staff and Support Staff

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.



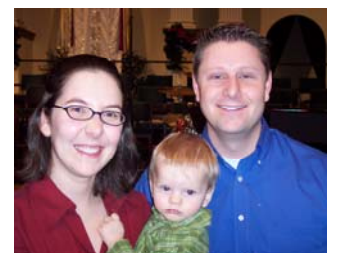
New First Family



Matthew Schwartz
McKenzie Schwartz



Kylie Thompson



Todd, Jeanna, &
Cade Smith

Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for January
Saltine Crackers, Graham Crackers, & Muffin Mix

Expanding His Reach Building Campaign



Amount Given to Date - \$ 2,945,064.64

Sunday School Attendance

Dec 27 - 372

Jan 3 - 527