

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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Attending Regularly Serving Willingly Giving Generously Living Uprightly



55 & Up Winter Banquet



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

Please RSVP and pay in the church office by February 12th.



Cost: \$6.00 per person



Thomas Maheur

Director of Church Renewal International
in India

will be our guest speaker
this Sunday - February 14th
6:00 p.m.

REVIVAL

March 28-31

Preaching
Sam Dyer

Music
Cody Dunbar

Rejoice!

When she raised her head, tears cascaded down her cheeks. I had inadvertently interrupted a grief-filled moment that appeared from nowhere. While Nancy was cleaning out the expired coupons from a cabinet drawer in the utility room, she came across two 2010 calendars she had kept after her dad died last August. Both had been sent to him in appreciation for money he had given. I paused, but said little, as I shared her pain. Grief, like a volcano, often erupts after an extended period of dormancy.

I thought of the time over a dozen years ago when Nancy was ironing clothes in the tiny utility room of our home in Holdenville. As she ironed, she sprinkled the clothes with her tears.

"What's wrong?" I asked as I passed by.

"Momma used to enjoy ironing," she explained.

The passing months since her mother's death had not healed her wound of grief. Thoughts of ironing paved the way for thoughts of chicken spaghetti and scarf-covered hair and pecan what-knots and oatmeal cookies and the best china. The thoughts flooded her mind and flowed out her tear ducts. Nancy had not anticipated the bursting of the dam inside her soul, but it happened anyway.

Only a few weeks after my daddy died I was headed back to Weatherford after visiting my mother. I pulled in to the Rose Cemetery on the east side of Hobart as a cold drizzle fell. I drove to the fresh mound of earth that covered the casket that held my daddy's body. I got out and retrieved a pine cone from the casket piece we had left on top of his grave. When I crawled back into my truck I was overwhelmed with grief.

Tears blinded me to the point that I could barely see to drive. In my solitude I cried aloud to God. The mud on my shoes was the same mud that covered my daddy's casket. Life as I had known it would never be again. I knew Daddy was with Christ and it was better by far - but I sure missed him.

Grief gets better, but it never goes away. As Christians we do not grieve as those who have no hope, but we still grieve. When grief hits, don't ignore it or suppress it. Genuine grief has a way of bringing cleansing and healing like blood flowing from a wound. It may seem scary at the time, but prevents infection in the future.

I love you,
Earl

Renew

Romans 12:1-2 "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

This past Wednesday night as a student ministry we walked through these scriptures. It was a great night looking at how we could live a life of sacrifice. The thing that I noticed as I was studying and getting ready to teach our students was the word "renew". For us to live a life of sacrifice, we would first have to learn to renew our minds daily. That is the key to walking with Christ and living a life of worship. We have to be in God's Word daily. When we begin to read His Word, we draw closer to Him. In those moments we begin to see that our life is not our own. We were bought with a price, so in turn, each day, we should sacrifice certain aspects of our life to seek after the will of God. His will for our life is good and acceptable and perfect! So start each day with one goal in mind: Dig into God's Word!

Have a great week,
Jeremy "Worm" Johnson



Spring Break Week

March 15 - 19



The FLC walking track will be open from
7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Gym and Game Room will be closed all week.

Haiti

Offerings for Haiti can be given through the church and will be sent to the BGCO for Disaster Relief in Haiti.

Preschool Teachers/Leaders Needed for both hours of Sunday School

Preschool/Children Sunday School substitutes are also needed. If you can help, contact Andrea Unruh.

Thank You

Our families would like to thank you for your loving concerns and prayers in the loss of Mattie. She will always be treasured as a wife, mother, and Granny. We also want to thank you for the many cards, the food, and flowers.

Sincerely,
Woodie Sylvester
Jana, Doug, Travis, and Kim Hale
Sue, Tom, Chad, and Julie Nabors

Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for February
Cold or Hot Cereal

Upcoming Events

Feb. 14	Valentine's Day	
Feb. 14	Deacon's Meeting (FH)	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	President's Day (No CDO)	
Feb. 16	55 & Up Winter Banquet (FH)	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	Meal: Fajitas	4:45 p.m.
Feb. 24	Meal: Salisbury Steak	4:45 p.m.
Feb. 28	Nursing Home Service at Corn Heritage of W'ford	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 28	Observance of The Lord's Supper	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	55 & Up Council Meeting (Choir Room)	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	Meal: Honey Bite Chicken	4:45 p.m.
Mar. 14	Daylight Saving Time Begins	
	March 15 - 19 Spring Break Week	

Sunday School Attendance

February 7

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