

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

of Weatherford

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## Focus On Marriage

Live Via Satellite  
hosted by  
Pleasant View Mennonite Church  
February 27<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

~ ~ Must PreRegister at 405-663-2301 ~ ~

FREE Registration/Admission  
FREE Lunch - FREE Childcare

Directions to the church:  
(5 miles North on Highway 54 and 2 miles East)

Lord's  
Supper



Sunday  
February 28<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

## *Rejoice!*

"I really didn't feel like reading my Bible this morning, but I read it anyway."

My friend Curtis was reviewing the hours that passed since his father died during the previous evening. In the midst of his grief he had continued the disciplines that he long ago wove into the fabric of his life. If ever he needed a word from God, today was the day.

"Guess what I read?"

He went on to explain over the phone the exact book and chapter where he was reading and how it specifically related to what he was going through.

"Amazing, isn't it?"

I agreed with him wholeheartedly and assured him of God's awareness and concern. We compared the ages of our fathers when they died and discussed some priorities of life. I asked about his family and he asked about mine.

I called him again that evening after his family had met with the funeral director. He was doing well. One thing led to another and we ended the conversation laughing so hard that our sides hurt. Many precious memories include a good amount of humor.

As I closed my phone I thanked God for the relationship He had given me with Curtis. I remembered the weekly meetings we had in which we discussed specifics in the Bible and generalities in life. I thought back to the last worship service at Harmony Baptist Church when I served him the Lord's Supper and we looked into one another's souls. There were the times when I asked him at the conclusion of our phone conversation if he was still reading his Bible every day. One of the reasons he could nearly always say "yes" is because he anticipated that I would ask. He asked me the same thing.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17

A knife without a stone becomes dull and useless over time. A person without a good friend becomes the same. Friends help us make it through times of trial. More importantly, friends shape us into the people God intends for us to be.

The most significant investments we make in life are in relationships with others. The guaranteed dividends pay for the rest of our lives. Money buys things. Relationships enrich lives. Love people and use things.

How thankful I am for the friends I have.

Earl

## *It's True, Mine Are the Best*

Have you ever watched new parents or new grandparents exchanging pictures of their children and grandchildren? Every parent or grandparent thinks that their children are the cutest and the smartest kids on the planet. How many times have you looked at a picture and forced a comment like, "isn't that the cutest thing," or "look at all the hair on that baby." All the while you were thinking "that child is ugly" or "that's the hairiest kid I've ever seen." I suppose it is natural for most parents and grandparents to think that their offspring are the best and brightest.

My children and grandchildren are the exception to the rule, however. You see I really do have the two best and brightest children on the planet. They in turn have given Midge and me three and soon to be four of the most beautiful and smartest grandchildren that have ever walked the earth. If you don't believe me, I will be glad to show you a picture and tell you about their latest achievements.

You will be able to see for yourself what one of my children is doing on February 21. My son, Dr. Casey Gerber, Assistant Professor of Music at Oklahoma Baptist University, will be bringing a group to our church to lead us in worship on that day. Casey directs a group called "David's Creed." They will be playing and singing in the morning service, and giving a concert in the evening service.

Am I a proud parent? Yes I am. I am extremely proud of my child's accomplishments. But even more proud of the fact that my children have chosen to serve the Lord. We raised both of our children here at FBC. It was then and still is a place that nurtures children and young people in the ways of God. Are you striving to raise your children on your own strength or are you leaning on the only One who can give you everything you will ever need?

My children really aren't perfect. (Now my grandchildren, that's another story.)

In Christ,  
John



## 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.

## *Thank You*

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the cards, food, and prayers we received during the loss of Doug. Our families are blessed to have such a supportive and caring church family. God bless everyone.

Sammie Villines  
Dan Villines Family  
Ben Villines Family  
Steve Villines Family  
Melanie Davis Family

## REVIVAL SERVICES

March 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>

Sam Dyer - Preaching      Cody Dunbar - Music  
Service Times

Sunday

9:00 a.m. / 10:30 a.m. / 6:00 p.m.

Monday - Wednesday

Noon / 6:30 p.m.



## Weatherford Food Pantry

Items for February  
Cold or Hot Cereal

Sunday School  
Attendance

February 14

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