

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

The WorldChangers momentum is picking up. We are trying to complete the application process as soon as possible. I know that many of our church members have picked up applications to take to a prospective neighbor or relative (or fill out on their behalf). Time is running out. If you have taken a jobsite application (for getting someone's home worked on) they need to be turned in as soon as possible.

Also, if you are thinking of a family or friend that needs assistance please get a form picked up from the office and get it completed quickly. We need to have the homes identified in March so that we can meet the home owners and begin the preparation of investigating the scope of the work and ordering materials.

As the deadline draws nearer, we will also consider work on homes for those who have the ability to purchase the materials, but cannot do the labor on their own. If you fit into this category or know someone who does please visit with me soon about your project.



God bless,
Stephen

THANK YOU

Dear First Baptist Church,
Thank you for your generous donation to the Class of 2012 Project Graduation. We appreciate the support you have for our kids.
Thanks again. Carol Brittain
Class of 2012



Church-Wide Reception In Honor Of Guy Earle's 5th Church Anniversary

Join us Sunday, February 26th, immediately following the 11am service, as we celebrate Guy's 5th Church Anniversary! We will honor Guy with a "Money Tree" and have a basket available for cards! Come by and show your love and support for Guy and his family!!

Mark Your Calendar



April 15, 6pm
FBC Sanctuary Choir
presents
"East To West"

CALENDAR

February 26 - March 3, 2012

SUNDAY:
8:30 Early Worship
9:45 Bible Study
11:00 Late Worship
Noon Church-Wide Reception for Guy Earle's 5th Church Anniversary
4:00 Children's Bible Drill
4:30 Ladies' Bible Study Me, Myself & Lies
5:00 Youth Bible Drill
5:00 PreSchool/Children's Choirs
6:00 Colossians 2:7 Groups Meet
6:00 Evening Worship

MONDAY:
9:00 Sr. Adults' Tone & Stretch
6:00 Handbells Rehearsal
9:15 Ranger College Bible Study

TUESDAY:
7:00 "Men of Honor"
9:00 "Son Light" School
5:30 Weight Watchers
5:30 Church-Wide Visitation

WEDNESDAY:
5:45 Gideon's Ring
8:00 CBS Leadership Meets
10:15 Community Bible Study
5:00 Wednesday Supper
5:00 Team Kids
5:45 Prayer Meeting
6:15 Adult Ensemble
6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
6:45 All Youth Meet For "Collision"

THURSDAY:
9:00 "Son Light" School
5:30 Sr. Adults' Game Night
5:30 Youth Fundraiser Little Dribblers' Tournament
6:00 Colossians 2:7 Evans' Group Meets @ Lee & Joy's

FRIDAY:
9:00 Sr. Adults' Tone & Stretch
5:30 Little Dribblers' Tournament

SATURDAY:
8:00 Youth Fundraiser Little Dribblers' Tournament

EVANGEL



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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55+ Appreciation Dinner "An Evening In Venice"

Saturday, February 25th
6:00 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Center

D-NOW 2012 "I Am Second" March 16 - 18

Guest Speaker: Ray McElroy
(Chaplain of the Chicago Bears -
Played 6 years in the NFL)



Make plans for your students to attend! D-Now is an opportunity for our students to experience a retreat-like setting in the homes of church members. They are led in small group discipleship by college students, a speaker, and worship band. We are in need of host homes and food donations. Consider how you might be able to help out that weekend!

Is Coming . . .Easter Sunday April 8th @ 10:30am Majestic Theater



We will have a Church-Wide
Breakfast @ 8:30am - Gym
Followed by Sunday School -
All Adults & Youth Will Meet Together

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Dr. Shawn Brewer, Pastor
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Guy Earle, Associate Pastor
Stephen Storm, Minister of Community Missions

A Real Place for Real People with Real Needs

PASTOR'S PEN

Dr. T Shawn Brewer, Pastor



What a great Sunday of worship! God blessed us with His presence and our fellowship was increased with Bailey Browning making her profession of faith in our 11:00 service and coming for baptism that we will schedule in the next couple of weeks. It is also exciting to see many guests who are continuing to make this their choice on Sunday mornings. God is blessing and you are doing a great job of welcoming, inviting, and reaching out to those who are a part of our community.

As we think about outreach, there are two important endeavors that are coming up over the next several weeks. First, we are going to be hosting D-Now the weekend of March 16-18. We have a tremendous speaker, Ray McElroy, chaplain for the Chicago Bears coming to speak to our youth over that weekend and to our Church on Sunday morning and we have a great music team coming to lead in worship. The theme this year is "I am Second." It is a national campaign of ministry to teach how we go about putting Christ first in all that we do.

The second important outreach event is the *Thorn*. It is coming Easter Sunday. We are going to be hosting our morning worship service at the Majestic Theater on that Sunday. The service will involve many within our church family as we undertake various roles to help this outreach be successful. We are going to begin to put sign-up sheets in the Sunday School boxes over the next few weeks to fill our job slots. That Sunday is going to be a great time to reach out to our community in a powerful way to share the message of the Cross and the triumph of our Savior, Jesus Christ, over death, hell, and sin. You will want to have a part in what is going on and the most important part that we can all play is invite our friends to come. God is blessing. Keep being faithful right where God has planted you.

Sunday, we began a look at the first part of the Sermon on the Mount. The first several verses are what we know as the Beatitudes. Sunday, we focused in on the first six verses of chapter five. Those first Beatitudes can be summed up in two ideas. Have the correct attitude about who you are in Christ. Jesus said that the "poor in spirit" are those who are blessed. It doesn't mean that we have no back bone or that we are some weak, mamby pamby Christian. It means that I take all that I am and I surrender it to the Lordship of my Savior. My attitude becomes that of "Christ who humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a Cross." I learn to have the opposite attitude of the world. The world says look at me and look at what I have done. While the attitude of the believer is look at my Savior and look at what He led me to accomplish for His glory.

Secondly, I learn to let go of my sin. When I get the mind of Christ about my sin, when I understand the grief that my sin brings to the heart of God, when I experience godly sorrow, then I come to the point of repentance and that repentance makes it possible for God to comfort me. Letting go of my sin means that I don't step on or over others to succeed in this life, but I give them their place of honor in this world.

Doing that allows me to then become a person of the pursuit. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness..." Pursue the things of God with all you are worth and you will be successful in the eyes of the one who counts. I am glad I am your pastor and I am looking forward to where God is leading us.



Youth Fundraiser Little Dribblers' Tourney

March 1 - 3 - EMS Gym
All proceeds go towards the
World Changers' Ministry
Event. We have the oppor-
tunity of hosting World
Changers' here in Eastland
June 25 - 29th, 2012.

We need volunteers to help
"referee," keep the clock &
book, take money at the
door, and work the conces-
sion stand. If you can help,
contact Stephen Storm!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

David & Lauren Hatton
Scott & Sandra Shahan

DEACONS ON CALL

Craig Bailey (629-8839)
Wilton Mabry (629-3820)
Glen Swift (629-1537)

SUNDAY REPORTS

February 19, 2012

Sunday School Attendance 367
Sunday Worship Attendance 405

General Budget \$16,602.25
Designated \$1,554.30

STUDENT MINISTRY



This Semester is in full swing as Spring is right around the corner! Our students are very busy with so many great things. If



February 22nd

All Youth Meet @ 6:45pm
for "Collision"

February 26th

Bible Study - 9:45am
Worship Service - 11:00am
Evening Worship -
6:00pm

February 29th

All Youth Meet @ 6:45pm
for "Collision"

you see them, give them a boost by encouraging them and let them know you are praying for them! We have many students involved with Spring sports and UIL events. There are many opportunities to support them in all they do.

I am still needing (2) host homes for D-Now, which is March 16 - 18. It will be a great time for our entire Church family! How you can help: help prep and deliver food, host a group of 10-20 students at your house, provide transportation to and from host homes, and most importantly . . . PRAY for God to move in a mighty way!



Matt Weaver

MUSIC MINISTRY

Larry Wesson, Minister of Music



The 55+ Appreciation Dinner is this Saturday, Feb. 25, at 6:00pm. We've gotten 130+ reservations and looking forward to a great evening for



everyone. The food will be delicious and the

fellowship and entertainment will be great! If you didn't make reservations because you had something else scheduled, but your schedule changes and you are available (even at the last minute), then call the office and plan on attending.

The Sanctuary Choir is hard at work preparing the worship musical, "East the West", to be presented on Sunday evening, April 15. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be a part of this wonderful evening of worship and praise to our Lord.

I'm excited to say that we will have a new piano on the platform before this coming Sunday morning. To everyone who has given to the fund to help provide this piano for our Worship Center, I say a Big THANK YOU! What a blessing it is to know that the Lord has met our need through the generosity of many of you in our church family. Thank you, First Baptist Church family, for your generous gifts. Singing as I go, Larry



EDUC. MINISTRY

Guy Earle, Associate Pastor



Pride blinds you from the truth: (Gen.3:5-7)

I. With false statements: (5) Satan tries to blind Eve with the false notion that she can be like God. Satan by now knows the truth...there's

only one God, but from the onset he's been trying to dupe man to think its all about him. This is the direct opposite of what Jesus tells us. (Lk.9:23)

II. With false desires: (6) In vs. 2 Eve said, "we may eat from the fruit of the trees..." We see here that pride blinds you to thinking that something else is more desirable. Gen.2:9 show's us that everything we needed, all that was pleasant and desirable was before us, but pride settled in and thumbed its nose to God. We had it all, but wanted more!

III. With false security: (7) The moment they allowed pride to blind them they became exposed to their own shame...and were now ashamed (2:25/Rm.1:16) With the presence of God before them pride led them to think they controlled their own cover up. Don't let pride blind you into thinking your in control.

Keep pressing on, Guy