

**SENIOR PASTOR**

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**YOU COUNT!**

If you don't have a Sunday School class, I am hosting a meet and greet class this Sunday, and I would love to visit with you. The class will meet in the classroom to the left of the auditorium stage.

**DEACON SURVEY**

As our Deacons worked on the Deacon Family Ministry plan, we encountered a good problem. We have more families than Deacons. Starting this Sunday, we will do a survey to determine which families would like to be included in the plan now, and which families would be willing to wait as the Deacons address this ministry opportunity.

**SUNDAY NIGHTS IN APRIL**

We have a high-octane schedule for April Sunday nights that you do not want to miss. On April 1, we will rejoice over our amazing growth, and then have a business meeting to approve the new offices.

Because we care about families (Core Value Number Two), we will dismiss our Sunday evening services for Easter Sunday, April 8.

On April 15, we have obtained the rights to show the Mel Gibson's movie, "The Passion" on our large auditorium screens. Make this movie a part of your Easter celebration.

The Kids Choirs will minister in song and program on April 22 as they delight and inspire us all.

Finally, we will have a good old fashion quartet singing to round out the month of April on the 29<sup>th</sup>.



*Dr. & Mrs. Allen Tilley along with the entire First Baptist Church family wish to express sympathy to Don & Shirley Ingram in the loss of their son & Brandon & Stephanie Monroe in their loss.*

**Deacons of the Week April 1-7**  
**Larry Allen 903-692-0748**  
**Rusty Shields 903-694-2275**  
*Please feel free to call on our deacons if you have a ministry or benevolence need.*

**SENIOR ADULT PASTOR**

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**SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY**

Even though it is still a little over a month away, it is not too early to make plans to attend this year's Special Bible Study. The JOY group has chosen the subject-"Heroes of the Faith" from Hebrews 11.

Our speakers this year are Pastor Merle Fulmer, Lake Ridge Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas and Pastor Tommy Hall, Davis Street Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs, Texas. These men bring years of experience and outstanding records of service to the conference. Their messages have always been filled with reverence for the Word, delightful humor and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. Trust me, you will truly enjoy both speakers!

Our plans are to invite our sister churches to participate. We will provide a light breakfast and lunch for those in attendance. There is no charge. Our plans are to start at 8:30 a.m. and finish by 2:00 p.m. Be sure and invite your friends and neighbors to attend. Oh, by the way, you don't have to be 60 years of age to attend!

**Attendance Report**

Sunday School Attendance.....	<b>386</b>
8:30 a.m. Early Worship .....	172
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship .....	453
Total Morning Worship.....	<b>625</b>

**Tithes & Offerings**

General Fund.....	\$17,608.20
Building Fund.....	225.00
Youth Fund.....	700.00
Total .....	<b>\$18,533.20</b>



**Called Business Meeting**

We will have a called business meeting following the evening service to approve our new administration office building. We will discuss our amazing growth and a time will be made available to answer any questions you may have.

**MUSIC NOTES**

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**JOY CHOIR.** The JOY Choir will sing at Briarcliff Monday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m. Choir members please arrive at Briarcliff by 1:30 p.m. We will wear our green shirts with khaki pants/skirts. Any JOY Choir member that would like to meet for lunch, several of us are planning to eat at BRAC's at 12:30 p.m.

**HANDBELL CHOIR.** The Handbell Choir will meet Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. for rehearsal. At 5:00 p.m. we are going to meet to clean the bells.

**EDUCATION NEWS**

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**FAMILY PICNIC AND EASTER EGG HUNT.**



Everyone is invited out to Bagley Park this Sunday, April 1 at noon. Each family bring a picnic lunch. Each child bring a dozen candied eggs for the egg hunt. Last year we all had a wonderful time. To get to Bagley Park take Hwy 79 N. towards Shreveport and then about 4 1/2 miles out you will turn left on CR 301. Watch for PR 7011 on your right and a sign that says "Bagley Park".

**YOU COUNT! HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY.** This Sunday is High Attendance Day! We are looking forward to a great day. Remember our goal is to "involve as many people as possible in Bible Study".

**On Sunday, April 15 we will recognize the classes that had the highest attendance and the highest percentage increase.**

**SPECIAL EVENT! Brunch & Devotional with Pastor Dr. Tilley.** Anyone not active in a Sunday School class is invited to meet this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with Dr. Tilley for brunch and devotional. This special event will take place in the southwest corner room of the Sanctuary.

**CHANGE FOR CHILDREN.** Change for Children money banks will be available this Sunday in the church foyers.

**FBC BROTHERHOOD.** The FBC Brotherhood will meet Monday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. All men are invited to this time of meal, fellowship and devotional.



**Nursery Workers Sunday, April 1**  
 Valerie Ratley/Stephanie Monroe/  
 Theresa Hull & Aubrey

**STUDENT MINISTRIES**

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**IMPRESSIONS**

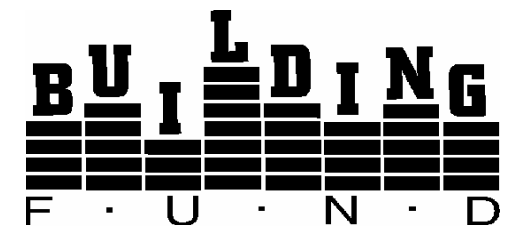
When someone you want to make a good impression on announces that he/she is coming to your house for a visit, what do you normally do? Chances are that all the members of your family (except your little brother or sister, of course) take part in a frantic attempt at making the house "presentable". The lawn has to be mowed, the dishes done, the floors vacuumed or mopped, etc. Why? Because the way your home looks is a reflection of your personal habits. Likewise, your life is a reflection upon Christ who lives in you. It is God's desire that others receive a favorable impression of who He is by what they see in you. In taking up residence in your body, He has entrusted you with His reputation. Does the world see a true reflection of our Lord when they look at you or, perhaps, do you need to do some cleaning?

**GRADUATION PICTURES NEEDED**

We will honor all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 20. Please turn in your picture by **APRIL 15** to the church office or to me. If you are a college graduate, I need your name and the degree you received. We will have a recognition ceremony at the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**DIABETES HEALTH DAY**

You are invited to attend a meeting on *How to Manage Your Diabetes* on Tuesday, April 3 at First United Methodist Church Carthage at 9:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.



**Sunday is Building Fund Sunday.** Unless otherwise designated your morning plate offering will go to the Building Fund.



**Thank you notes from Pam Westbrook & the family of Gladys Choate are posted on the back hall bulletin board.**