

SENIOR PASTOR

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FROM MY HEART

Next week, my daughter, Grace, turns 18 years of age. It seems like yesterday that she was a frightened third grader as we moved to Carthage. Now, she is a graduating senior who is about to embark on college. Her transformation from a shy adolescent to a beautiful young woman has been amazing.

Over this past weekend, we watched her, along with her classmates, in the senior play. My mind flooded over with 18 years worth of memories: her first step, her first tooth, her first day at school, her first fish, her first day at school in Carthage, her first time to drive, and then her first time to drive alone.

Of course, the greatest day in her life (and mine) was the day she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. When it came time to baptize her, I remember her little blue eyes shining like diamonds and her face like that of an angel.

They say time passes by quickly when you are having fun. I guess that's true. In a few short months, her goal is to enroll at Texas A&M University in Galveston so that she can major in marine biology. To be honest, I dread the coming of August. While I am proud of her, it is tough to let her go.

I feel like there have been too many things left unsaid and undone. There never seems to be enough time. I feel like I have done a poor job. Honestly, I have done the best I could do, but it seems so inadequate. I have come to realize that she is in the safest place she can be, and the place she has always been, she is in the hands of God.

I love you, Princess. Happy 18th Birthday! Love, Dad



Dr. & Mrs. Allen Tilley along with the entire First Baptist Church family wishes to express sympathy to Dan Bruner in the loss of his father.

Tithes & Offerings

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Includes General Fund (\$25,366.34), Building Fund (70.00), Youth Fund (1,540.00), Total (\$26,976.34)

Attendance Report

Table with 2 columns: Service, Attendance. Includes Sunday School (464), 8:30 a.m. Early Worship (157), 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (529), Total Morning Worship (686)

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

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A CHANGE IS REQUIRED

It is my understanding that the restaurant the FBC Brotherhood used as a meeting place has closed. Sometime between now and March 1, we will need to find another location. Every other month the Brotherhood meets at 8 a.m. for breakfast before going to the Activity Center to set up for the "42" tournament. The next Brotherhood breakfast and "42" tournament is scheduled for March 1. If you have any suggestions, please contact Brother Pat McMillan.

ORDINATION SERVICE

The First Baptist Church of Beckville will be ordaining Mike Johnson as deacon on Sunday, February 24, at 2:00 pm. We have been invited to assist in this very special service.

JOY FELLOWSHIP

Our next JOY meal & games time will be Thursday, February 21, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We had 28 in attendance last month. That was the largest attendance we have had in some time. Let's go for 30!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Wayland, Elaine, Casey, Jill & Shane McLemore



Robert & Dee Parten

Wedding shower invitation for Amber Lightfoot and Steven Montana, Saturday, February 16, 10:00-12:00 at First Baptist Fellowship Hall. Registered at Wal-Mart, Dillards & Target.

MUSIC NOTES

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2008 GOAL

Involve as many people as possible in the music ministry of First Baptist Church.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Did you know Valentine's Day is named after Saint Valentine? About 300 years after Christ gave His life on the cross, Valentine lost his life because of his Christian witness. As we express our love to our family and friends this week, let us be reminded to pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith.

HEAVEN'S ANGELS (Pre K Choir)

Attention Parents! Rehearsal for Heaven's Angels has been cancelled for this Sunday, February 17.

LADIES CHOIR

Ladies, mark your calendars. By popular request we will have an all ladies choir on Sunday, March 2 in the 10:30 a.m. service. Rehearsal will be Sunday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

NURSING HOME SERVICE

Members of the Sanctuary Choir will sing next Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m. at Carthage Healthcare, just down the street from the Church. Several of our members are residents at this Nursing Home. You are invited to come visit with the residents and enjoy the service.

EDUCATION NEWS

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NEW LITERATURE

New Sunday School material should arrive this week. It will be placed in class rooms. If you need additional material, please check with the Sunday School Office.

GREAT ATTENDANCE

What great Sunday Morning Bible Study attendance we had this past Sunday, 464! You really responded to Dr. Tilley's sermon about getting plugged in to Bible Study!

A Sunday Morning class is the best place to get plugged in to: Bible Study, Outreach, Community Ministry

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped make our annual Youth Valentine Banquet this past Sunday a huge success. As always our youth & sponsors worked so hard to set up and serve the meal quickly & efficiently. Thank you to all of our church families who gave so generously to help us raise over \$3,400 which will go towards our summer mission trips. I would also like to express my appreciation to Bill & Pam Kniepp for donating the wonderful brisket & sausage from Bill's Meat Market that we all enjoyed so much.

MISSION MEXICO

For all those who may be interested and for those already signed up please plan to join us on Sunday, February 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our Mission Mexico trip will be the week of March 16-22. Please remember you will need a passport.



A thank you note from E.V. & Jimmie Cureton is posted on the back hall bulletin board.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

All those planning to go on the Alaskan Cruise need to fill out the ADVANCE GUEST REGISTRATION online. If you are thinking about going with us there is still time to sign up. Also, those who have not done so need to turn in the shore excursion requests & your \$250 per person February payment to Pat at HRS Travel ASAP.

We invite you to be with us as we begin our new life together

on Saturday, February 23 4:00 p.m. First Baptist Church 230 S. Market



Amy LeBlanc & John Warren