

SENIOR PASTOR

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THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Starting this Sunday morning, we begin a new sermon series called, *Jesus and the Cross*. Over the next five weeks, we will examine the final words of Jesus from the cross.

Final words are important, and the life-changing Christ has a word for you from the cross that will transform your spiritual life. Be here every Sunday morning for this exciting series. We will conclude on the best day to talk about final words – on Easter Sunday, Resurrection Morning.

THIS SUNDAY EVENING

We are blessed to have Dennis Smith and the Gideons with us. The Gideons deliver God's precious Word to untold millions every year. Come prepared to be blessed as we discover how we can help in this incredible endeavor. You will be glad you came.

BUSINESS MEETING

Following the evening services, we will have our regularly scheduled quarterly business meeting. Because God has been so good to us, this will be an awesome time of rejoicing.

PLEASE NOTICE

Three of our church members have had their names illegally placed on the petition to legalize the sale of alcohol in Carthage. You can imagine the surprise of Larry and Beverly Allen, and Lynda Porter when they learned of the forgery. It is a sad day when groups forge the names of outstanding citizens of the community and faithful members of First Baptist Church.

While we know and respect the character of Larry, Beverly, and Lynda, they wanted you to know how personally they are grieved, and that they would never sign such a petition. I am thankful for their concern and commitment. This is just another example as to why we need to defeat this measure!



Dr. & Mrs. Allen Tilley along with the entire First Baptist Church family wishes to express sympathy to the family of Bill Landers.

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

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IT IS NEARLY TIME!!

The Brotherhood sponsored "42" tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m. We have already had some sign up. Be sure and pick your partner and register. We may or may-not have prizes. You never know. Louise Wooley and Billie Ruth Cassity are the defending champions.

HEY MEN!!

The FBC Brotherhood will meet at the Lone Star Restaurant at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 1. The restaurant is located just north of U.S. 79 on the east loop. Going north you will find the restaurant on your right side. They serve a great breakfast.

JOY M.A.T. MEETING

The Joy M.A.T. will meet Monday evening, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Those serving are: Pat McMillan, Bob Gober, Libby Malone, Bob Wright, Joyce Rogers and Ronald Ballard. If for any reason you are not able to attend, please let me know.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Danny & Annette Harris



Blake Carroll

Tithes & Offerings

General Fund.....	\$22,357.93
Building Fund.....	25.00
Youth Fund.....	4,050.50
Total.....	\$26,433.43

Attendance Report

Sunday School Attendance.....	420
8:30 a.m. Early Worship.....	163
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....	430
Total Morning Worship.....	593

MUSIC NOTES

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2008 GOAL

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

LADIES CHOIR

All ladies are invited to be a part of the Ladies Choir on Sunday, March 2. We will rehearse this Sunday night following the evening service.

MUSIC AND MINISTRY

Along with leading worship each Sunday the Sanctuary choir is actively involved in other ministry. Recently several Sanctuary Choir members delivered Valentine gifts to our shut-ins for our JOY Touch ministry.

Pictured below, members of the choir visit with one of our shut-ins, Rex Taylor. The choir was in charge of the Nursing Home Revival service this past Tuesday at Carthage Healthcare.



PLAY BALL!

I am excited to announce that the Sanctuary Choir has been invited back to the Rangers' Ballpark to sing the National Anthem. As soon as I know the date I'll let you know.

EDUCATION NEWS

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NEW LITERATURE

New Sunday School material has been placed in class rooms. If you need additional material, please check with the Sunday School Office.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our spring session of F.A.I.T.H. will begin Sunday, March 2 at 5:00 p.m. If you have always wanted to know how to share your testimony in a non-confrontational way, then you definitely want to make this orientation meeting.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

james@firstbaptistcarthage.com by *James McRight*

STUDENT LIFE CONFERENCE WEEKEND

For those going to the Student Life Conference in Houston, we will leave the Activity Center parking lot at 3:45 p.m. this Friday, February 22. You will need to eat a snack before arriving at the church as we will not eat supper until after we arrive in Houston. Be sure to have your signed medical release or you will not be able to go. **Please do not be late!**

AWANA HELPERS NEEDED!

We have a wonderful problem that we need your help in solving. Due to an increase in our enrollment in our children's AWANA ministry program on Wednesday evenings and because some of our workers have been out sick, we are in need of more adult helpers in all areas. Whether you can help out every Wednesday or even if you can only help once a month we would love for you to come join us in this exciting ministry. Please contact Randy Liedtke or James McRight as soon as possible.

MISSION MEXICO

For all those who may be interested and for those already signed up please plan to join us this 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.

*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*



**Amy LeBlanc
&
John Warren**