

SENIOR PASTOR

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FAITH BEGINS

The spring semester of FAITH begins March 2. If we are to be a true church, we must be a Great Commission Church. Listen to what the Great Commission teaches in Matthew 28:19-20,

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

Jesus, very specifically, teaches us to go to the entire world with the good news of the Gospel. Even the first two letters in the word, *Gospel*, teach us to go. If we want continued blessings on our lives, and on our church, we must take the Great Commission seriously.

One day each of us will stand before God and give an account of our faith here on earth. No doubt, the Lord will ask us with how many people did we share Jesus. How sad it will be to enter into His Home with empty hands.

As your pastor, my desire is for everyone to lead at least one other person to Christ in your lifetime. In FAITH, we teach you how to share your faith in a non-confrontational way with family and friends. If you have never taken F.A.I.T.H., then let me encourage you to come Sunday night, March 2, at 5:00 p.m. to the Student Center to find out more.

I guarantee you. You will be proud you came, and so will those you lead to Christ. For more information, call the church office, or our FAITH leader, Joe Hull at 903.693.4978. Thank you in advance for answering God's call for your life and for our church.

Tithes & Offerings

General Fund.....	\$28,784.50
Youth Fund.....	322.00
Total.....	\$29,106.50

Attendance Report

Bible Study Attendance.....	462
8:30 a.m. Early Worship.....	163
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....	446
Total Morning Worship.....	609

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

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JOY M.A.T. MEETING

The first planning session of the JOY M.A.T. was Monday night. Most of our work related to our special Bible Study this year, which will be on Saturday, May 3. We voted to follow the same format as last year with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Our Bible Study will follow that with the meeting to conclude with lunch at 12:30. Everybody seemed pleased with that arrangement last year.

We also discussed our budget and ministries. Plans are to move the prayer ministry to the new office building, with the exception of Sunday morning. A new schedule for prayer times was approved, going from two-hour prayer sessions to one-hour prayer session. I will share more on this and other considerations in the coming weeks.

IT'S TIME

Brotherhood meets at 8 a.m., this Saturday, March 1, at the Lone Star Restaurant on the Loop, north of Highway 79. They serve a great breakfast.

Following breakfast, the 42 Tournament will begin at 10 a.m. in the Activity Center. Do you have your partner? Have you signed up? Well, partner, what are you waiting on? Hey Ladies, could you help us with some desserts? Thank you in advance!!

WE HAVE BEEN INVITED

First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Texas has invited us to *Senior Adult Day*, Tuesday, March 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The featured speaker will be Troy Brooks & worship will be led by Neil Dumas. Special guests will include: Comedian Jeff Allen, Southern Gospel Quartet-Exalt, and World Class Juggler-Darrin Collins. Cost is \$15.00, which includes lunch. We will go together on the bus. Let me know soon if you want to go.



Thank you notes from the family of Bill Landers and from Dan Bruner are posted on the back hall bulletin board.

MUSIC NOTES

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2008 GOAL

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

LADIES CHOIR TO SING THIS SUNDAY

There was an excellent response to the all ladies choir! We rehearsed last Sunday night and had to bring out extra chairs. I am looking forward to the beautiful sound of ladies voices leading worship this Sunday in the 10:30 a.m. service.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Our **Heaven's Angels** will have normal rehearsal this Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

The **SonShine Singers** (*Grades K-2*) will sing in the 10:30 a.m. service.

The **SonShine Singers** and the **King's Kids** (*Grades 3-6*) will sing at Briarcliff Nursing Home this Sunday at 4:30 p.m. All children are asked to meet at the church at 4:15 p.m. We will all ride the bus to the Nursing Home. We should return to the church no later than 5:30 p.m.

SINGING MEN OF EAST TEXAS CONCERT



The Singing Men of East Texas will be in concert Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. here at First Baptist Church. Make plans to attend and bring your family and friends!

Speaking of the Singing Men, I am making their newest CD *Live in Southern Style!* the **CD of the Month** for March. If you would like one of these CD's please let me know. They are \$10 per CD.

EDUCATION NEWS

by *David Yarbrough*

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WOW! What great attendance we had in February. Our average Sunday Morning Bible Study attendance was **443**. Thank you teachers and students for your faithful attendance.

SAD NEWS

Polaroid has announced that they will cease production of the One Step Camera. This camera is used frequently for children's craft projects. Teachers, I guess we will have to move on to more advanced technology.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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MISSION MEXICO MEETING

Please plan to join us this Sunday, March 2, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall if you are going on the Mission Mexico trip. The dates for the trip are March 16-22. The trip's itinerary will be discussed.

AWANA MINISTRY NEED

We want to thank several of the adults who joined in to help out this last Wednesday night. Your presence certainly made a difference. If you have questions about the AWANA program and how you might be of help to us, please contact Randy Liedtke or James McRight for information. We would love to have even more to come and help us out.


**BABY SHOWER
FOR
LUKE & ASHLEY
ALEXANDER**

**SATURDAY MARCH 1
2:00PM-3:30PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**Sesquicentennial Celebration
April 19-20, 2008**