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FIRST LIGHT

Carrying the Cross to College Station

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Please PRAY for our members & relatives:

** Names in bold are new additions.*

Ephraim Alvarez & Family,
Judy Bennett, Ellen Bond,
Frank Bumba, Vee &
Duncan Covington, **Craig Daniels**, Mary Lou Franklin,
Jo Freeman, Lou Ann
Gaulding, Vicky & Billy
Hamilton, Hubert Hearne,
Austin Hodge, Melinda Hyer,
Bill Kimmey, Gary & Sherry
Kovar, Ciara Lard, Derry
McGee, Eloise Melton, Jim &
Sue Melton, Cookie Pears,
Bobby Prescott, Marilyn
Radke, Lona Reynolds, Lou
Ann Roquet, Jim Sampson,
Frank Sheppard, Marcell
Smith, JR & Nancy Tomlin,
Teresa Vinzant, Julian
Watson, Hung Chi & Jeanne
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If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please call Daralyn in the church office at 696-7000.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Through March 22

Projected Income.....\$360,464
Actual Receipts.....\$355,080
Total Over / (Under).....(\$25,385)
Annie Armstrong.....\$3,071

SS Attendance 3/15..... 379
SS Attendance 3/22..... 422

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
FBC-CS GOAL:
\$9,000



A NOTE FROM PASTOR TROY

As Resurrection Sunday approaches, I hope you will take some time to reflect upon all that God has done for you. Resurrection Day is a day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the hope of true life in Christ and relationship with God. Before we get there, we go through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (April 2 & 3). These two days hold great significance for us as Christians. Maundy Thursday we commemorate the

Last Supper. That evening, April 2, we will gather at 7pm for a special commemoration service. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together and leave reflecting upon the cross. Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. I hope you will allow the gravity of that event weigh on you a bit. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His sacrifice on your behalf. On Sunday, April 5, we will celebrate the risen Lord during both of our morning worship services. I hope you will make it a point over the next week to engage people in spiritual conversations and use those as opportunities to invite people to join you as a guest at one of our services.

During the month of April, we are going to focus on Ekklesia Seattle as we partner with this church plant. Here are some ways you can help. We are still enlisting prayer partners. An easy way to do this is via text messages by following these simple instructions: 1) Start a new text message and make your "contact" 81010. 2) In the message, type @50aeec. You will receive a confirmation and a prayer date. You can also fill out a prayer commitment sheet in your worship guide or visit the Ekklesia table following the worship service. Our goal through prayer support is to cover every day in the month of April with prayer for Ekklesia. We want to do this with multiple people each day. In addition, on April 26, we will take a one-time love offering for Ekklesia. I hope that you will begin to seek the Lord concerning the ways you can support this great work.

Please be in prayer for our church as we move forward. As David moves into retirement, he leaves behind big shoes to fill. I have counted it a privilege to serve with a man with a heart for the Lord and a heart for teaching people God's word. I look forward to seeing how God is going to use David in the years to come. These are exciting days for David and for FBC. Please pray that the Lord's will be done as we seek God's direction concerning our future. I know God has great things in store for us. Pray for our church to have wisdom as we move into the search process. Begin praying now for the person whom God will add to our staff. To God be the glory.

PALM SUNDAY: March 29 - 8:30am & 11am services
MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 2 - 7:00pm service
EASTER SUNDAY: April 5 - 8:30am & 11am services

Passion WEEK

Remembering His Death, Burial and Resurrection





Meet Our NEW MEMBERS



Jenny Rookey
Joined 3/15/15
by Watchcare

Savannah Garza

Joined 3/22/15 by Request for Baptism


Karla Sander

Joined 3/22/15 by Transfer of Letter



Prayers to **Ephraim Alvarez and Family** on the loss of his uncle, Victor Castano.

now accepting
kid-friendly, individually wrapped
candy donations
to use in our annual egg hunt
thank you!
drop box located outside church office



Easter Lilies

Lilies are \$18 and available to take home after the late service April 5.
Payment due with order.
ONE FORM PER PLANT PLEASE.

Donor Name: _____

Phone: _____

Circle One : HONOR MEMORY

David Strawn, *Minister of Education*

Beloved Church Family,

About twenty years ago, God brought us together when you called me to serve among you as your Minister of Education. Kathy and I came to First Baptist following a clear leading of God's Holy Spirit. That call was part of a continuing process in God's call to us many years ago to equip His people to study and teach His Word. During these years, we have rejoiced together at God's good blessings. We have suffered and wept together over the difficulties accompanying human life. Through it all we have truly become family.

God's call is now unfolding into a new ministry of bringing Christian education to smaller churches who have no full-time Christian education leadership. In order to be obedient to His call, we have created The Ministry of Education – a partnership aimed at equipping people in studying and teaching God's Word.

This new venue of ministry necessitates my retiring as Minister of Education from First Baptist Church of College Station, effective June 1, 2015. We intend to continue to live in College Station and keep our membership at FBC. We hope to continue to minister to and through FBC on special projects when invited.

We don't know where this new ministry may take us or what form the ministry will ultimately assume, but we are committed to continue in obedience to God's leading as He directs our steps on a new and unknown path.

We covet your prayers and support for us as we undertake this new ministry. We intend to keep you regularly informed about what God is doing through The Ministry of Education. We pray God's continued richest blessings on FBC as you follow His leadership. We love you.

Church-Wide Fellowship
Potluck Picnic & Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 29 * *following late worship*

Meat provided. Bring side dish or dessert and seating.

OFFICE HELP NEEDED

The church office is in need of volunteers to help **answer phones** and **man the front desk** on the following dates/times:

Wednesday, April 22 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Thursday, April 23 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Friday, April 24 ALL DAY

*If you are available, please contact Lisa in the church office - THANK YOU! **Please note: Friday can be split between several people.***

THANK YOU from the SOPHIA CLASS...

The Sofia Class would like to thank the church for their great response to the blood drive. Twenty-five people gave blood which will potentially save 75 lives. The support from FBC to the community in this way is a great outreach.

NOW COLLECTING CANDY FOR EGG HUNT... We are now accepting donations for bags of individually wrapped candy to stuff eggs for our annual church egg hunt. A drop box is located outside the church office. THANK YOU!

Church Picnic & Egg Hunt:

Sunday, March 29 @ Noon on the church grounds

A potluck picnic (meat provided) followed by annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and seating.

Association Bible Drill: Sunday, March 29

All drillers are asked to wear their Bible Drill t-shirt, nice jeans and sneakers. Please check with Bronwyn for drill times.

Daddy/Daughter Dance:

Friday, April 10, 6:30 - 9:00pm * \$10/dad

For dads and their daughters 6th grade and younger. Dinner provided and pre-paid reservation required. Register online or see Heather in the Children's Ministry office.

Parents' Night Out:

Friday, May 15, 6 - 10pm * \$10/child

Open to members and non members, 6 weeks - 6th grade. Pre-paid registration required online or with Heather in the office. Space guaranteed until May 8. After that space is limited. Theme: Favorite Sports Team. Dinner included.

Cary Todd, Minister to Youth

www.focusedstudents.com

Just Us Girls Retreat: March 27-28 * \$20

All youth girls and moms of youth (girls or boys) & women youth leaders are invited to spend a weekend growing together, worshipping, and having a great time at Messiah's Ranch. Visit focusedstudents.com for more info or to register.

NO Youth Bible Drill or D.I.G.: Sunday, April 5

Men & Boys Campout: April 17 - 18 * \$20

This is a venue & date change!

All youth boys, fathers (of youth boys or girls), and men youth leaders are invited for a guys campout at Little Big Wire Ranch

in Columbus, TX (1946 County Road 215). Cost covers food and activities. Visit focusedstudents.com to register and see a full list of what to bring.

Senior Banquet & Recognition: May 17

We will be recognizing HS graduating seniors and hosting a meal and banquet following the late service. **Seniors send 5 pictures to Cary by April 19.** These photos need to span early childhood to current senior pictures if possible.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

World Changers Youth Mission Camp: July 5-11

Ty Cope, Minister to College

www.expressionministry.com

Paintball Wars: Saturday, March 29, 2 - 6 pm * \$25

Be a Part of Fellowship as you get in touch with your inner soldier at Zoomz Paintball Park. Cost includes park entry, helmet, gun, air, paint, and lunch. Wear closed toe shoes, long pants, and long sleeve shirt. Sign up in Sunday school.

Evangelism & Outreach: April 1, 10am - 2pm

Be a Part of Outreach. We are setting up an entire living room at Rudder Fountain and inviting students to ask whatever questions they have about faith, Jesus, the Bible, Easter, the afterlife, etc. We will have staff and students host as well as giving away free refreshments, Bibles, and the book "The Case for Christ". Swing by to visit and help us engage seekers in spiritual conversations.

Deacons' Banquet

*Honoring all Widows, Widowers, and
senior adults age 70+*

Thursday, April 16, 2015

*Cost per coupon (Deacon and wife) \$40
Additional donations to offset costs are appreciated.*



PRAY FOR EKKLESIA SEATTLE:

FROM YOUR MISSIONS COMMITTEE

You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. (2 Corinthians 1:11 ESV)

Our church will be supporting the Ekklesia Seattle church plant by praying throughout the month of April. We are asking individuals to be willing to be signed up for one day of that month to pray for this mission in a specific way. We need to have each day of April covered with prayer by our faith family.

HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP:

1. Please fill out the information included in the worship bulletin on Sundays.
2. Come by the sign up table, across from the church library, and get your April prayer date and bookmark with the specific prayer request for your assigned day.
3. OR if you do not wish to come by the sign up table, contact the church office with your name, email, and/or cell phone (for texting) and we will email and/or text you your assigned day and the specific prayer request for that particular day.

We will be sending you a reminder via email and/or text to pray on your day along with the specific prayer request for that day.

COMING TO FIRST BAPTIST MARCH 29 - APRIL 11

FUTURE EVENTS COMING TO FBC:

MARCH 29 - APRIL 4

Sunday, March 29

Church Picnic & Egg Hunt.....*following late service*
Association Bible Drill (children & youth) 2:00 pm

Wednesday, April 1

Campus Evangelism & Outreach 10:00 am

Thursday, April 2

Discovery Picnic (Int'l women) 10:00 am
J.O.Y. Group Potluck (senior/retired adults) Noon
Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm

Friday, April 3

Church Office / ELC / MDO Closed for Good Friday

APRIL 5 - 11

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday
No Evening Activities

Monday, April 6

First Light Deadline for 4/12 - 4/25 4:00 pm
Lasara Mission Committee Meeting 5:30

Friday, April 10

Daddy/Daughter Dance (babies - 6gd) 6:30 pm

FREE College Lunch Apr 12
Deacons Meeting Apr 12
Deacons' Banquet Apr 16
Youth Men & Boys Campout Apr 17 - 18
Jo Bruffett Memorial 42 Tournament Apr 18
VBS Training Apr 19
HS Senior Photos due to Carly Apr 19
First Light Deadline for 4/26 - 5/9 Apr 20
Children State/Youth Regional Bible Drill Apr 24 - 25
Women's Ministry Movie Night Apr 30
Youth State Bible Drill May 1 - 2
Deacons Meeting May 3
W.A.M. Children's Program Presentation May 3
First Light Deadline for 5/10 - 5/23 May 4
Lasara Mission Committee Mtg May 4
Properties Committee Mtg May 5
J.O.Y. Group Potluck (senior/retired adults) May 7
Parents' Night Out (b-6, rsvp req) May 15
HS Senior Banquet & Recognition May 17
Quarterly Business Conference May 17



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POSTMASTER: Please forward address changes.

DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS? PHONE NUMBER? EMAIL? Let us know at infoupdate@fbccollegestation.com

OUR REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sundays

Early Worship 8:30 am
Sunday School for all Ages 9:45
Brown Memorial Library Open 9:45 & 10:40
Late Worship 11:00
Youth Bible Drill 4:30 pm
Brown Memorial Library Open 5:00
Children's Chimes 5:00
Nearly/Newly Wed Class 5:30
Youth D.I.G. 6:00
Pre-K Bible Adventure (babies-3) 6:00
Children's W.A.M. (4yrs-6 gd) 6:00
Adult Discipleship Classes 6:00

Mondays

Deacon-led Prayer Time (open to all) 6:30 am
E-News Deadline 5:00 pm
First Touch Church Outreach 6:30
Community Bible Study 7:00
Tender Warriors (men's Bible study) 8:00

Tuesdays

Food Pantry (volunteers @ 9am) 10:00 am
Quilt-n-Peace 10:00
Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Fitness Class (anyone welcome) 6:00
Evening Quilters (1st & 3rd Tues) 6:30
Women's Prayer Meeting 7:00
Instrumental Ensemble 7:00

Wednesdays

Discovery (for Int'l women & PK children) 9:00am
Youth Praise Team Rehearsal 5:00 pm
Brown Memorial Library Open 5:00
Sanctuary Bells (adults) 5:30
Adult Teachers Meeting 5:45
FREE Youth Refuge Meal 6:00
Sanctuary Choir (adults) 6:30
Mission Friends (babies-K) 6:30
Bible Buddies (1-3gd) 6:30

Wednesdays (cont)

Bible Drill (4-6gd) 6:30 pm
Youth Refuge Worship 6:30
Adult Bible Study 6:30

Thursdays

Tender Warriors (men's Bible study) Noon
Fitness Class 6:00 pm

Next Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, April 6

E-news Deadline: Every Monday @ 5pm
*Please bring information to the office
or email heather@fbccollegestation.com.*

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES: Mother's Day Out (764-1350) Birth - 5: M/T/TH/F 9:30am - 1:30pm | ELC (696-7060) Ages 2 - 5: Mon - Fri 7:15am - 5:45pm