



First Edition

Easter Activities

Easter is Sunday, April 16, 2017. Let's celebrate Christ's resurrection by worshipping Him together! The FBC Praise Choir will lead in worship with a musical presentation in both services. There will be no evening activities this day.

- 8:00 am—Early Worship Service
- 9:00 am—Breakfast Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 am—Bible Study for all ages
- 10:30 am—Worship Service

We will also be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017, in one combined worship service at 10:30 am. There will be no 8:00 am service this day.

Additionally, TeamKidz Praise, our children's choir, will lead in worship the Sunday following Easter, April 23, 2017, in the 10:30 am worship service. Come and be blessed by the sound of children's voices praising our Lord!



*He is not here;
he has Risen!*

Luke 24:6

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Spring Picnic

Our annual spring picnic will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017, immediately following the late service. At the time of this publication, the details are still pending, so watch the bulletin, web page, and Facebook page for information as it becomes available.



Saturday, April 15, 2017
PROMPTLY at 10:00 am
FBC Playground

BUILDING HISTORY

Original Loan Amount:
\$ 525,000.00

March Loan Payment:
\$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance:
\$ 307,029.41

Building HISTORY Fund account:
(\$ 1,216.34) overdrawn

How to Pray for Our Military & Their Families

One of the best ways to honor the brave members of our military is to pray for those heroes who now serve and protect our freedoms.

My wife, Marsha, and I have served as North American missionaries for 30 years in the U.S. Air Force chaplaincy. We love the military community. We have journeyed with them on 5 continents, 16 assignments, and multiple deployments. We've lived overseas for 11 years; 4 of those years were served in the Middle East and Africa. We returned last year after serving 2 years in the Middle East together, living in a local community where we were responsible for ministering to all 20,000 airmen who worked in the Middle East, fighting the Taliban, Al Qaeda, and ISIS.

I'm always delighted to get the question, "How can I pray for the military?" Because I believe there are three specific ways that we can all support them in prayer.

1. Pray for their personal and professional success.

I was in a guard tower on the perimeter of one of our bases in Afghanistan two years ago. My chaplain assistant was with me, Chief Master Sergeant Keller Benningfield. This particular night, we were going from tower to tower, visiting our security forces warriors who were on lookout. They were modern-day watchmen protecting the lives of those inside the walls of their base.

As we visited with them, they pointed out where the enemy positions were. We asked them, "Are you worried about the possibility of being attacked tonight?"

One of them replied, "We hope there is not an attack tonight, but if there is, we will do our duty."

I looked at the enemy positions and thought about the soldiers defending our country—the ones who are ready to make the biggest sacrifice of all. Just before it was time to leave, our conversation trailed off. Chief Benningfield turned to the soldiers, "Can I pray for you?"

Simultaneously, they all answered, "Yes, Chief."

He prayed for their safety, their families, their courage and for their success in their mission. After the prayer, something was different. They were thankful and encouraged. Chief's prayer outlines how you can pray for the personal and professional success of your military. Pray for God to...

- Protect them;
- Bless their families;
- Help them face the challenges of their duty;
- Give them favor in battle;
- Help them have victory.

2. Pray for the spiritual maturity of our military members.

In Matthew 8, Jesus encountered a Roman centurion and was amazed by his faith. The centurion asked Jesus to heal his servant who was paralyzed. He said:

"I am not worthy to have You come under my roof. But only say the word, and my servant will be cured" (v.8).

And Jesus replied:

"I have not found anyone in Israel with so great a faith!" (v.10).

Pray for God to mature our military and their families to have faith like the centurion. Pray for the chaplains and local churches that support military communities to intentionally develop them in Christlikeness so they can be a light to others and be spiritually fit to endure the challenges of the military service.

3. Pray the Word of God as a warrior with authority.

In Ephesians 6, once the components of the armor of God are completely assembled on the believer, comes the command to pray.

Isaiah 62:6-7 teaches us that God calls watchmen to serve on the walls of Jerusalem and to pray without rest. The best way to pray with authority is to pray the Lord's Word back to Him. Ephesians 6:17 says, "The sword of the Spirit ... is God's word." Pray daily God's Word over your loved ones.

Like our military watchmen, answer God's call to find your place on the wall, to meet God in prayer and to battle for your loved ones and your military. Take your place on the wall, and watch God change the landscape of eternity.



Article by Ron Harvell; originally printed in *Mature Living* magazine.

The Coffey Corner

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Dear FBCF Family,

Words cannot express how extremely grateful we are for the outpouring of love you have shown us in our last few weeks here at FBCF. To those of you who donated items to our rummage sale, THANK YOU! And THANK YOU to the ladies who helped with the bake sale! Thanks also to those of you who helped us set up and clean up!

To the crew of ladies who planned, set up, and cooked for the luncheon on March 5th, you outdid yourselves! We LOVED our Mardi Gras-themed lunch! Thanks for giving us a taste of home!

And finally, to our students, the service you planned for us last Sunday blessed us so much! Our hearts are so full. Saying "goodbye" to you was one of the hardest things we have ever done. We will miss you fiercely, but we will be back every summer to visit. Thank you for all the ways you have blessed us over the last seven years. You have impacted our lives more than you know, and we have enjoyed serving with you! We will be praying for you in the days ahead. God bless you all!

~ The Coffey Family



YOU ARE INVITED TO A BRIDAL SHOWER

Join us in celebrating the upcoming marriage of

Michelle Cook to Drew Clements.

**The Bridal shower will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017,
from 11:00 am—1:00 pm in the Family Life Center.**

**Michelle is registered at Sister's Boutique, Wal-Mart, Bed, Bath, & Beyond,
Williams-Sonoma, and Crate & Barrel.**

Wilson County Collection Event

Wilson County will hold a collection day for any household hazardous waste, used tires, used electronics, and pharmaceutical waste on Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 8am to Noon, at the Precinct 4 Yard at 104 Mesquite Street in Stockdale. This event is for residents of Wilson County only, and proof of address is required. Residential waste only; no businesses. There is no charge, but some items cannot be accepted.

What to Bring:

Acids, Antifreeze, Tires (with no rims), Batteries, Used automotive fluids (and filters), Household cleaning products (and those labeled "caution," "warning," or "poison"), Paint products (including varnish & solvents), Pool chemicals, Lawn & garden chemicals,

Herbicides & pesticides, Small appliances, TVs (no wooden console), Computer components & monitors, Pet Medication, Vitamins & herbal supplements, Prescription & non-prescription meds, Inhalers (leave all meds in original containers & black out personal information;

What NOT to Bring:

Tractor tires, Agricultural chemicals, Large appliances, Containers larger than 5 gallons, Explosives, Large propane cylinders, Radioactive materials, Industrial waste, Ammunition, Items with asbestos, Construction waste, Household/office furniture, Oxygen tanks, syringes, sharps, & lancets.

"Be a Living Fragrance"

Gambrell Associational
WMU Spring Retreat and
Business Meeting

Saturday, April 8, 2017
9:30 am—2:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Allison Finley
(author of *Divinely Beautiful*)
Vocalist: Joyce Emily

Cost is \$10.
Lunch is included.

RSVP by April 3, 2017,
to Judy Childress @ 210-844-9596
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Youth News

INTERIM YOUTH PASTOR - Pastor Aaron Coffey has completed his time as FBC youth pastor, and will begin transitioning to the mission field. In the interim, Scott Davis has agreed to lead the student ministry until a permanent replacement is found. Scott has 20+ years of ministry experience, and has served on staff in churches in both Texas and Arizona. Currently a music teacher in the San Antonio ISD, Scott is husband to Christie, and father to Mark, Brad, Tim & Craig. Welcome to the team, Scott!



YOUTH CAMP—FBC will be taking a group of 7th-12th grade students to M-Fuge camp at Houston Baptist University the week of June 19-23, 2017. The “M” in M-Fuge means the camp will have a Missions component to it. Our teens will be serving the community in a variety of ways throughout the week. There are 30 slots available for campers, but they will go fast! A \$50 deposit is required by April 21, 2017, to secure a place for your child. The total cost of the camp is \$350 per person. The final payment is due by June 1, 2017. Contact the office if your child would like to go.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS—Any donations to the Youth Camp Fund are greatly appreciated. With the departure of the youth pastor, there have not been as many fundraisers as we typically have, so any amount would be appreciated.



YOUTH CAMP ENVELOPE DRIVE - In the coming weeks, 144 envelopes will be displayed on a table in the foyer—numbered from \$1 to \$144. Choose an envelope. Place the dollar amount listed on the envelope inside of it, and place it in the offering plate or return it to the office. Thanks for helping our students attend youth camp!

Attention, Graduates!

First Baptist Church would like to honor our 2017 Graduates—both high school and college! Families, please contact the church office to confirm your graduate’s information (school, date of graduation, degree, etc.).



Also, we would love to honor your graduating senior by including them in a video slide show showing your student’s growth throughout the years. Please provide 10-15 photographs of your graduate on a flash drive to the church office or to Kelly Parker before Sunday, May 14, 2017. Please include at least 3 recent/senior pictures.

Congratulations, Class of 2017!

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Monthly Movie Night 6pm *Bob Herndon	3 Creative Hands 10am	4	5 WNS Burgers	6	7 Deacon/Wife Fellowship 6pm 	8
9  Lord's Supper One Service *Otto Hierholzer	10	11 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	12 WNS Chalupas	13 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	14 	15 Easter egg hunt 10am 
16  Easter Sunday *Mike Hopper	17	18	19 WNS Arroz con Pollo	20	21 The Fun Bunch to Fredericksburg	22
23 *Sam Hurt	24	25	26 LAST WNS Bacon- wrapped chicken Kids Movie Night 	27	28	29 Cook/ Clements Bridal Shower Men's Breakfast
30 Spring Picnic  *Tom Kuykendall						

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

- 8:00—Early Worship
- 9:15—Bible Study
- 10:30—Late Worship
- 3:00—Veterans Home
except 2nd
Sunday
- 5:00—Youth Choir
- 6:00—Monthly Movie
1st Sunday

Wednesday

- 3:30—Team Kidz
- 5:30—Wed Night Supper
- 6:30—LIFE GROUPS
- 6:30—Youth Bible Study
- 6:30—RAs&GAs/
MFriends/ BAT
Class/Praise Band
- 7:30—Praise Choir
Rehearsal

Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands—Quilting*
1st & 3rd Mondays
at 10:00 am
- Bible Study Fellowship*
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
- Ladies Bible Study*
Thursdays at 10:30 am
- Sr. Adult Game Day*
Thursdays from 1-4 pm
- Line Exercise Classes*
Mon, Tue, & Thu from
9:30-10:30 am
- * Deacon of the Week

April Birthdays

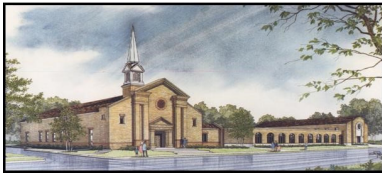
1 Jan Thomas	8 Britley Loeffler	13 Penny Smith	19 Connie Hartmann
3 William Lanier	8 Austin Welfel	14 Jacob Meis	19 Patti Kuykendall
4 George Hill	9 Linda Coston	14 Matthew Mills	19 Braden Loeffler
5 Jill Coleman	9 Mary Davis	15 Rebekah Dickerson	19 Seth Taggs
5 Brooke Meis	9 Bernice Eichman	15 Sarah Dickerson	20 Michael Collins
5 Nash Martinez	10 Connor Collins	15 Dawn Freeman	21 Mailee Bowers
5 Wendy Riggs	10 Levi Collins	15 Luke Pierce	21 Hurvey Elliott
6 Ashley Coffey	11 Darrell Bombei	15 Asher Welfel	21 Jaclyn Flores
6 Dianne Wehmann	11 J. P. Canady	16 Karen Coston	21 Garner Remling
7 Christian Huber	11 Alex Kiolbassa	17 Lyndra Harris	21 Jeff Whitley
7 Travis Stine	11 Kayla Kunath	17 Dawn Hartmann	22 Leonard Lee
8 Lillie Ray	11 Ronald T. Tipton	17 Rosie Lozano	22 Gary Seidel
		17 Desiree Wehmann	23 Ben Eubanks
		19 Shae Harris	23 Valerie Guerrero
			24 Caroline Burkett
			24 Barbara Estes
			24 Travis Pehl
			25 Sheri Collins
			25 Gregory Williams
			27 Landon Coston
			28 Lonnie Bodiford
			28 Boone Collins
			28 Elizabeth Quinters
			29 Jessica Deason
			29 Danny Fenner
			29 Luke Smith

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Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Davis LaBauve, brother-in-law of Sally Gaertner, who passed away on February 26, 2017;

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Bessie Ellis, aunt of Tom Stringer, who passed away on March 10, 2017;

Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Ora Del Swahn, mother of Stan Swahn, who passed away on March 10, 2017.



Thank You To all participants of the March 5th Celebration Luncheon for the Coffey family,

I would like to thank all of those who put so much effort toward the celebration of the Coffey family. Pastor Aaron, Ashley, and Caleb are precious to us, and the luncheon was a sweet time to celebrate their service to FBCF, and for us to enjoy them before they leave for the mission field.

Special thanks go out to the church staff who had the vision for the celebration. A big "thank you" to Mrs. Joyce Hurt for all of her hard work, time, and energy to coordinate the celebration.

Thank you to all the teams and classes that stepped forward with their time and endless energy to make the day a special memory for the Coffey family. Our church family is the BEST, and portrays the love of Christ in their actions.

~ Jeanine Livingston, Hospitality Committee

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Mark Monday—Friday, June 5th-9th, 2017, on your calendar. VBS is for boys and girls who have reached age 4 (by June 5th) through the 6th grade. This year's theme is **Maker Fun Factory: Created by God—Built for a Purpose**. Boys and girls will hear that God designed each person in a wonderfully creative way. Kids will study the Bible, sing, create, and play games, as biblical truths are interwoven into each activity.



In-church registration will be April 15th—May 1st. Registration will then open to the community between May 1st and June 2nd. Sign up quickly before we reach capacity! Volunteer registration forms will be available April 15, 2017. See Mrs. Joyce Hurt for more information.

The decorating team has requested the following items:

SAVE THE DATE
June 5-9, 2017
8:30am-11:40am

- ⇒ (2) smoke machines,
- ⇒ a drafting table,
- ⇒ (2) 5-gallon plastic paint buckets (these will be painted and not returned),
- ⇒ a long/narrow small entry table,
- ⇒ (2) large plastic pickle jars (the size you would get from Sam's; again, these will also be painted and not returned)



BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
February 2017	\$ 53,880.67	\$ 55,724.83
YTD thru February	\$ 108,572.75	\$ 111,449.66

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