



First Edition

First Baptist Church

10 Ways to Be a Welcoming Church

With the formation of our Guest Services Team, we're well on our way to caring for guests when they come to worship with us at First Baptist Church, but as with anything, there's always room for improvement. In his book Becoming a Welcoming Church, Thom Rainer surveyed first-time guests of churches from all over the country who had pleasant experiences. Their top ten responses are listed below, along with a direct quote from a happy guest. As you go through this list, think about what it might be like for a first-time guest as they visit a new church.

- 1) Member Invitation to Sit Together—Someone asked the guest to sit with her. "You know, as a single person, I can feel pretty lonely sitting by myself. I'm so glad Joanie asked me to sit with her. We plan to get together for coffee."
- 2) Members Introduced Themselves—People introduced themselves to the guest. "Several people introduced themselves to me. I did not get the impression it was either contrived or routine."
- 3) Effective Signage—There was clear signage. "From the parking lot to the children's area to the worship center, everything was clearly marked. It was easy to navigate."
- 4) Easy to Locate Welcome Center—There was a clearly-marked welcome center. "It made it really easy for me to ask questions and to get some information on the church."
- 5) Fun and Inviting Kids Area—The kids loved the children's area. "My kids were so happy with their experiences. We will be back for sure."
- 6) Safe and Secure Children's Area—The children's area was secure and sanitary. "That is one of the first things I check when I go to a church. This church gets an A+!"
- 7) Convenient Guest Parking—Guest parking was clearly visible. "From the moment we drove into the parking lot, I could find the guest parking. It was marked very well."
- 8) Lack of a Forced (Embarrassing) Greeting Time—The church did not have a stand-if-you're-a-guest time that calls attention to (and might embarrass) first-time guests. "My wife and I moved to the area and are visiting churches. If we visit one with that fake stand-and-greet time, we don't return."
- 9) Caring Members—The members were not pushy. "They seemed to really care about us rather than just making us another number on the membership roll."
- 10) Simple and Easy Guest Card—The guest card was simple to complete. "Some of the cards in other churches ask for too much information. This one was perfect and simple."



You may have noticed that the parking spaces in front of the Annex have been recently designated as Guest Parking spaces. We're well on our way to becoming a more welcoming church!

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GOLF TOURNAMENT FBC Youth Camp Fundraiser
Golf Tournament
 Saturday, April 6, 2019, 8:00 am
 River Bend Golf Course
 See Pastor Matt Keller for details

Easter @ First
 Wednesday, April 17, 2019 • 5:30 –7:30 pm
 Dinner, Music, Bounce Houses, Egg Hunt
 Hosted by the FBC Kids Ministry.
 Candy donations are appreciated. See Darlene for details.



“Coffey News”

- We have finally received our temporary work permits. It took over a year to get them! God is good!
- Caleb is excelling in school and has made all A's on every report card so far this year. We are so very proud of him!
- Aaron had the privilege of helping baptize seven new believers in the month of March. Praise the Lord! God continues to work in the lives of those around us.
- Aaron was also able to lead three children to Christ during Sunday School. Wow! God is so good!

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What's happening in Belize

- Belize Bible College has grown from six students to eleven students.
- By the end of this semester, three of our students will have completed their course work for their Associate's Degree in Theology. One of them also will have completed his course work for an Associate's in Music, also.

Perla's Story:

Perla has been coming to church for some time. Her children are involved in children's activities at church.

During an invitation after a sermon Aaron preached, Perla came up front and asked for prayer. Aaron asked her if she had ever made a decision to follow Christ. She said she wasn't ready. But after church, she found Aaron and said she was ready now. He was able to share with her how to receive Christ as her Lord and Savior and she prayed to receive Christ into her life. As she was praying, he was able to see the weight of the world lift off of her shoulders and afterwards the peace was evident in her life. She seemed to be beaming from the encounter she had with God. She was one of the seven we baptized in March! Praise the Lord!



We need your help!

- Pray about becoming a monthly supporter and being a part of our team. God continues to be faithful to us. Thank you to all those who sacrificially give monthly to support us. You are the reason we are able to continue the work God has called us to do.
- Pray for direction for our family and the Bible College!
- Pray for more students to enroll at the college. We currently have 11 students enrolled. Pray for more!!
- Pray about becoming a sponsor for the college. For \$100 a month you can sponsor a student and help that student achieve their goal of receiving a Theology degree. These students are the future of Belize!

For all Bible College
Financial support,
please send money to
the following address:

Flint Baptist Church
11131 FM 2868
Flint, TX 75762

Designate “For Belize
Bible College.”





Missionary Moment—Paul & Sherry Sudolcan—Philippines

A postcard from missionaries Paul & Sherry Sudolcan arrived in the church’s mailbox recently. It’s always good to hear how God is working through missionaries around the world. The Sudolcans’ postcard reads:

Dear FBC Family -

It was great to see many of you last January. We are grateful for your encouragement and financial support. Please pray that God gives us wisdom as we use the resources of faithful people like y’all for His kingdom. We love y’all!

~ Paul & Sherry



Please continue to pray for the Sudolcan family and the Derek Ross family as they impact students in the Philippines with the Gospel.

Missionary Moment—Dr. Bryan Catherman—Salt Lake City

The International Mission Board considers a place “unreached” if less than 2% of the population are Christians. By this definition, Salt Lake City is “unreached.” Sharing Jesus where more than half of the population belongs to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is rough.

If you missed worship at FBC on Sunday, March 24, 2019, I hope you visit the church’s Facebook page or web page and listen to the message Dr. Bryan Catherman shared with us that day.

As a church planter and the pastor of Redeeming Life Church in Salt Lake City, Bryan is taking his congregation through Psalm 98 in a creative way. He gave children’s instruments to his congregation and practiced Psalm 98 as a faith-family. What a beautiful cacophony of worship!

Continue to pray for Bryan & Lisa, and for Redeeming Life Church as they continue to be a light in a spiritually dark community.



Happy Birthday, Bryan!

“Sing to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and melodious song. With trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn shout triumphantly in the presence of the Lord, our King.”

Psalm 98:4-6



Beach Reach Report from Ariel Howard

Hi FBCF family! Thank You for your generosity. Because of your gifts, I was able to spend Spring Break at Beach Reach at South Padre Island. I joined together with 250 students from 8 different colleges to share the love of Jesus all over South Padre Island. I was thrilled to spend some time with the founder of Beach Reach, Buddy Young, who I learned went to seminary with our own Pastor Mike Clements. Overall, we gave van rides to over 8,000 people, served 4,000 pancake breakfasts, and helped 33 people start a relationship with Jesus! It was amazing! I was also baptized in the ocean with several of my peers and fellow beach-goers! All in all, it was an amazing experience that I could not have done without you, my sweet church. Thank you again, and remember to keep serving Him!



All my love, Ariel Howard

GOD’S WORK FUND

The Titus 2 Bible Study class manages a fund that assists young people with educational expenses as they pursue a ministry-related degree. The fund also assists with short-term mission trips for individuals, like Ariel Howard.

Donations to God’s Work Fund, over and above your regular tithe, are appreciated.



Indicate “God’s Work Fund” on your check or giving envelope, or select “God’s Work Fund” when you give online at www.fbcf.org.



Wanted: Volunteers at Tejeda Veterans Home

We are seeking volunteers of all ages who are interested in enhancing the lives of our Veterans through their time, talents, and genuine caring. Our Volunteer Program expands and enhances the activities available to our Veterans.

A wide variety of opportunities include: friendly visits, party preparation, bingo, spiritual support, helping with decorating for events, playing cards/games... the possibilities are endless.

Qualifications: Be friendly, responsible, have sincere concern for other people, be dependable, and be a good listener.

We would love to hear from you if you are interested. Please contact: Penny Walpole (Activities Director) or Leticia Castro (Assistant) at 830-216-2209.

Visit us at FRANK M. TEJEDA Texas State Veterans Home.



*A sweet little girl
is on her way.
Come celebrate
before the big day!*

Join us for a BABY SHOWER honoring
KIMBERLY LANIER O'NEAL
Saturday, May 4, 2019 • 2pm-4pm
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Kimberly is registered at Amazon.com.



**SOUTH CENTRAL
BAPTIST AREA
2019
ADULT RETREAT**

Tuesday, April 16th
8:30 am—2:30 pm

El Shaddai Ranch
3000 FM 884 • Yorktown, TX
Cost is \$15 • Includes lunch & snacks

Speaker: Anson R. Nash, Jr.
Director of Missions of
Corpus Christi Baptist Association



Floresville Food Pantry

Suggested Donations for the month of March

Peanut Butter and Jelly

The Food Pantry is located on the corner of 5th and A Street and is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 10am—2pm.

Volunteers are appreciated. First Baptist Church typically provides volunteers one week per month, but the Pantry could use help any time.

Contact Bonnie Dickerson for more information about this great program.

Apply Online!

Join the 2020 Census Team!
Be a part of History!

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1-855-JOB-2020
(1-855-562-2020)

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Form D-448
September 2018





April 2019

Schedule of Events

Sunday

- 8:00—Worship Service (except Lord's Supper & 5th Sundays)
- 9:15—Bible Study
- 10:30—Worship Service
- 3:00—Veterans Home (except 2nd Sunday)
- 4:00—Student Choir

Wednesday

- 3:30—TeamKids
- 4:30—FLC open
- 4:45—TeamKids Praise
- 5:30—Wed. Night Meal
- 5:30—Kids Movie Night
LAST Wed of month
- 6:30—Life Groups / Prayer Meeting / Youth Bible Study / Bible Drill / Bible Buddies
- 7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands—Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am
- Bible Study Fellowship Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
- Ladies Bible Study Wednesdays at 10 am
- Sr. Adult Game Day Thursdays from 1-4 pm
- Line Exercise Classes Mon, Tue, & Thu from 9:30-10:30 am
- Mother's Day Out Mon & Wed from 9am-2pm

* Deacon of the Week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 FV Nursing Home 3:30 Children to Incredible Pizza 9:45 am	2	3 WNS Hamburgers	4	5 More Than Moms Movie Night 6:30pm	6 Golf Tournament 8am
7 *Marshall Livingston	8	9 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	10 WNS Tacos	11 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	12	13
14 Combined Lord's Supper Svc 10:30am NO Early Worship *John Long	15	16 Sr. Adults to El Shaddai Ranch	17 WNS Pork Steaks Easter @ First 5:30pm	18	19 GOOD FRIDAY Office Closed	20
21 Christ is Risen! *Shaun Murray	22	23	24 WNS Chicken Pasta Kids' Movie Night 5:30pm	25	26 Students to The Afters Concert	27 8am MEN'S BREAKFAST
28 Youth Camp Parent Meeting Noon *Greg Parker	29	30 Last BSF				

April Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Julia Trabucco | 11 Kayla Kunath | 20 Michael Collins |
| 1 Jan Thomas | 11 Ronald T. Tipton | 21 Mailee Bowers |
| 3 William Lanier | 13 Penny Smith | 21 Hurvey Elliott |
| 4 George Hill | 15 Luke Pierce | 21 Jaclyn Flores |
| 5 Jill Coleman | 15 Asher Welfel | 21 Garner Remling |
| 6 Ashley Coffey | 16 Karen Coston | 22 Leonard Lee |
| 6 Dianne Wehmann | 17 Rayne Guajardo | 22 Gary Seidel |
| 7 Christian Huber | 17 Lyndra Harris | 23 Valerie Guerrero |
| 8 Lillie Ray | 17 Rosie Lozano | 24 Barbara Estes |
| 8 Britley Loeffler | 17 Desiree Wehmann | 24 Travis Pehl |
| 8 Austin Welfel | 19 Shae Harris | 26 JoJo Gleeson |
| 9 Linda Coston | 19 Patti Kuykendall | 27 Roland Ledoux |
| 9 Bernice Eichman | 19 Braden Loeffler | 27 Landon Coston |
| 10 Connor Collins | 19 Eric Nickles | 28 Lonnie Bodiford |
| 10 Levi Collins | 19 Seth Taggs | 28 Boone Collins |
| 11 Darrell Bombei | 19 Karen Wallace | 29 Danny Fenner |



Join us Easter Sunday!
Sunday, April 21, 2019
 Worship Times: 8:00 am and 10:30 am
 Bible Study for All Ages: 9:15 am





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Sincere condolences are offered to Carlos Gonzalez. His mother passed away on February 24, 2019;

Deep sympathy is offered to the family of Diane Leyva, sister of Cissy Dippel, who passed away on March 3, 2019;

Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Nadara Faith Boyles, mother of Tyena Williams, who passed away on March 8, 2019;

Deep condolences are extended to the family of Bill M. Pennel, grandfather of Mikylee Burriss, who passed away on March 8, 2019;

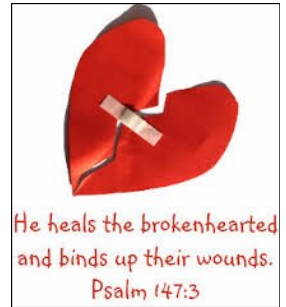
Heartfelt sympathy is offered to the family of Margaret Smith, grandmother of Rachel Rylee, who passed away on March 13, 2019;

Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Terry Hargrove, brother of Daniel Hargrove, who passed away on March 14, 2019;

Deep sympathy is offered to the family of Richard Mills, uncle of Jennifer Varnon and Carla Smith, who passed away on March 18, 2019;

Heartfelt condolences are offered to the family of Ted Wesley, husband of Sharron, who passed away on March 21, 2019;

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Logan Walker Shine, baby of Damon and Lauren Shine, and brother of Tristan, Hannah, and Gabrielle, who passed away on March 26, 2019.



He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
Psalm 147:3



To my Church Family,

I am so proud to call First Baptist Church my home. To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I say "Thank You" so very much for your prayers and your kindness during the last year concerning my sister, Diane. Your prayers were felt and answered. She is in heaven with her Lord and Savior. Her family, along with myself, are so grateful to all who helped and donated food to her funeral reception. Words truly cannot show our love and appreciation to First Baptist Church.
God Bless, Cissy Dippel



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FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

April 7, 2019
Beginning at 10am
Poth VFW Hall
Cost is \$10.

Fried Chicken • Potato Salad • Cole Slaw • Green Beans



Greater Bethel Missionary Baptist Church invites everyone to attend the celebration of the 1st anniversary of their pastor

Larry C. Smith

April 14, 2019, 3:00 pm.

Special Guests: Rev. Victor Herbin of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

Dinner will be served at 2:00 pm.

BUILDING HISTORY

Original Loan Amount:
\$ 525,000.00
February Loan Payment:
\$ 5,000.00
Current Loan Balance:
\$ 208,600.95

*"Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord."
~Exodus 35:5a (NKJV)*

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BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
February 2019	\$ 48,130.50	\$ 56,493.17
YTD thru February	\$ 93,964.25	\$ 112,986.34