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Special points of interest:

- National Day of Prayer:
May 4th - 10:30am
in the Annex
- Youth Bake SALE-
May 6th @ McCoy's
- Men's Breakfast-
May 6th 8:00-9:30 am
- Mother's Day May 14th
- Tuesday Night BSF
May— 2nd & 9th
6:30-8:00 pm
- Will restart after Labor Day
on Sept. 5th
- LAST-Wednesday
Team Kids
May 3rd- 3:30-5:30 pm
- Wednesday Night Events
May 3rd and 10th
- Wednesday Night Supper
Brown bag 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Groups 6:30 pm
 - ~ Experiencing God
 - ~ Creation Class
 - ~ King's Kids Bible Study
 - ~ Youth Bible Study
 - Choir - 7:30

Wednesday night Events will
Restart in the Fall

April Showers bring May Flowers

Thoughts From Pastor



Whatever happened to Simon of Cyrene?

Blackie Sherrod was a legend among Texas sportswriters, being voted Texas sportswriter of the year 16 times. Blackie died seven years ago today, as I'm writing this, on April 28, 2016, at age 96.

Blackie's Sunday column in *The Dallas Morning News* was entitled "[Scattershooting](#)" and always began with the line: "Scattershooting while wondering whatever happened to . . ."

I never met Blackie Sherrod, but I do know another pretty good writer, Jim Denison, who produces a daily blog known as the *Denison Forum*. In one, he reminds us of Jesus' pain even before His crucifixion.

Jesus, the falsely-accused now-convict, began the terrible trek toward Golgotha carrying his cross himself (John 19:17); but eventually, he collapsed under its estimated weight of 165 pounds. Roman soldiers looked around and quickly pressed into service one Simon of Cyrene, a city in North Africa identified today as Tripoli, Libya.

So, with apologies to the late Blackie Sherrod, here I sit, typing and wondering, "Whatever happened to Simon of Cyrene?" And, then in my best Keith Morrison voice, I'll add: "And, oh, there is a story to tell."

The story begins with Mark who says that Simon is "the father of Alexander and Rufus" (Mk 15:21). Mark tells us nothing more about these two men which probably indicates that his readers were so familiar with them, that their names alone were sufficient to identify them.

Here the plot thickens, because Mark's Gospel was likely written *in* Rome to members of the church *at* Rome. That's important because, in Paul's letter to the Romans, he writes: "Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine" (Rom 16:13). The early church believed this Rufus to be the same one Mark mentioned and Simon's son, a man who went on after his father's auspicious day with Jesus, to be of remarkable significance to the church. Thus, Rufus' mother was Simon's wife who figuratively-speaking, became Paul's "mother," providing him with support in his ministry.

Had enough? No? Good! Because, Acts 13:1 mentions "prophets and teachers" in the church at Antioch in Syria. Among them were two men, "Simeon called Niger" and "Lucius of Cyrene." Simeon is another spelling of Simon, and "Niger" is the Latin word for "black" identifying a man with dark skin from Africa. The early church identified this Simon as, you guessed it, Simon of Cyrene, in Antioch with Lucius, another man originally from Cyrene, some 2,200 miles from their home.

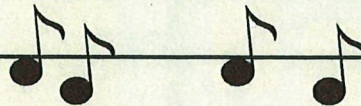
Back to my question. Whatever happened to Simon of Cyrene? He became a leader in the most missionary-minded church in the early Christian world. The church at Antioch was a diverse (Acts 13:1) congregation that commissioned the Apostle Paul and sent him on his first missionary journey along with Barnabas. And, all of this started on the day Simon bore Jesus' cross—the cross upon which He would die, for Simon and for us all.

Grateful for Jesus, grateful for all of you!

Ben

Terry's Notes

Howdy, Folks! I cannot believe we are entering the month of May! Wow! This year is almost half over! As they say, the older we get, the faster time flies! And that is the truth, nothing but the truth. So, by me noticing this warp speed of time flying by, it must mean that I am getting really old. Really old! On the bright side of being May, we are having more rainy patterns and unbelievable not so hot weather. This time last year, we were already complaining about the lack of rain and the already 90 plus degree weather! Looks like, we are having a better spring and hopefully a better summer in 2023!



What Are My Plans?

As my 65th birthday approaches at the end of May, I want to mention to you, my church family, my possible future plans with First Baptist Church Floresville. Several have come to me in the last few months asking how long I plan to serve on the staff, and to each I replied:

Since I am the only pastoral staff member at this time, and with the encouragement from a few leaders of our church, I plan to (with the church's blessing) remain on staff until our new Pastor has been called and in place at FBCF. I feel it is very important to stay until our new Pastor settles in, to ensure the transition will be smoother for him and the Church.

As far as where I may go or do next, it is totally up to the Lord. Currently, I am asking the Lord to show me where He wants me to go. Our amazing choir just sang, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" for special music, and that is my prayer. Some possibilities for my next assignment could be Hospice Chaplaincy, a part-time or full-time Associate Pastor position, or even driving a bus for senior adults needing to go to clinic visits, etc. There are many directions the Lord may be leading me.

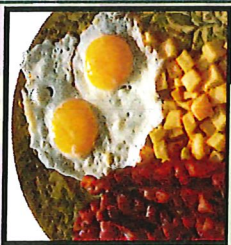
Anyway, this is not a letter of resignation; instead, it is just letting you know what my plans are for now, and how the Lord may be leading me in the future.

June 1st marks 20 years of serving alongside my Church family at First Baptist Church Floresville. Sandra and I have been so honored and blessed to have been part of you these two decades! We hope we have blessed you as much as you have blessed us! You are family to us and always will be!

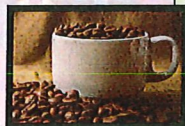
Eternally Grateful for You! Terry & Sandra Smith

PRAISE CHOIR And PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL 7:30 PM Wednesday

We would like to extend an invitation for more praise choir singers. If you have a love for singing and feel you can contribute vocally, then we have a spot for you! Please come Join



Saturday
May 6th
8:00-9:30 AM
Fellowship Hall
Men's Prayer
Breakfast



Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church,

I want to thank you all for remembering me in your prayers. I feel the love and power of your love and concern for me! The Lord lifts me up daily and I know all of you have helped as you pray for me! I also pray for you and your troubles as well. May the good Lord continue to bless us all.

All my Love Each
Day.

Patsy Roberts

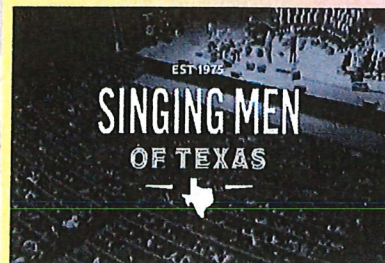


Concert Information

Trinity Baptist Church Kerrville
Concert Date: May 18, 2023
Start Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 800 Jackson Rd,
Kerrville, TX




In Concert 7p.m.
FBC Kerrville

May 20th, 2023





May 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 BSF 6:30-8	3 WNS-Brown Bag Wed. Evening events*	4 National Day of Prayer 10:30am 	5	6 Men Prayer BK 8am-9:30am Youth BAKE SALE @ McCoy's
7 Danny Fenner	8	9 BSF 6:30-8	10 Women's BS 10:30am WNS-Brown Bag Wed. Evening events*	11	12	13
14  HAPPY Mother's Day Ronald Tipton	15	16	17 Creation Class— 6:30pm Praise Choir— 7pm	18	19	20
21 Graduation Sunday  Deacon Meeting Mike Hopper	22	23 Singing Men Concert 7pm Kerrville, TX	24 Creation Class— 6:30 pm Women's BS 10:30am Praise Choir— 7pm	25 Fun Bunch GRUENE, GRISTMILL & SHOPPING 10:30am	26	27
28 Thomas Welfel	29	30	31 Creation Class— 6:30 pm Women's BS 10:30am Praise Choir— 7pm	<div> <p><u>Schedule of Events</u> Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45— Praise Choir Rehearsal 9:15—Bible Study for all 10:30—In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE <p>Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSF 6:30 May 2nd & 9th  10:30 am <p>Will restart On 5th Of Sept.</p> <p>* Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 Women's Bible study May 10th Wednesday Events will restart in the Fall 3:30-5:30 Team Kids May 3rd 5:30 WNS- Brown Bag- May 3rd & 10th 6:30—Prayer Meeting/ Experiencing God/ Creation Class/ Children Bible Study/ Youth Bible Study 7:30— Choir Practice <p><u>Weekly Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Hands Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am Line Exercise Classes Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - from 9:30 -10:30 am Tone & Stretch Classes Mon, Tues. & Thurs. from 4:30 –5:15 pm  </div>		

Birthdays

2 Tricia Tipton
 3 Randy Coston
 3 Brooklen Pelech
 4 Thomas Harris
 4 Kyle Miller
 4 J.R. Rogers
 5 Cameron Herndon
 6 Micah Clements
 6 Bernice Tatum
 7 Steven Boyd
 9 Kelly Hawkins
 10 Ruth Baker
 10 Pat Van Dieren
 12 Lauri Kummerer
 13 Marcy Jacobs
 14 Rhonda Bell
 14 Wesley Kotzur
 14 Rebekah Street

14 Laurie Miller
 15 Ashley Joosepson
 15 Brenda Minard
 15 Beth Price
 16 Denise Beasley
 16 Denise Trabucco
 16 Lilly Murray
 18 Michelle Hill
 19 Bill Perry
 21 Lois Brown
 21 Ray Rogers
 21 Alice Goldchuk
 21 Norma Reyes
 22 Chandler Gorzell
 22 Bonna Reed
 23 Carolyn Nickles
 23 Jeannie McCarville
 24 Jennifer Miller
 25 Vickie Nieto
 25 Luis Trabucco

28 Codee Baker
 28 Christie Davis
 28 Theresa Watson
 28 Ernest Young
 31 Bro. Terry Smith

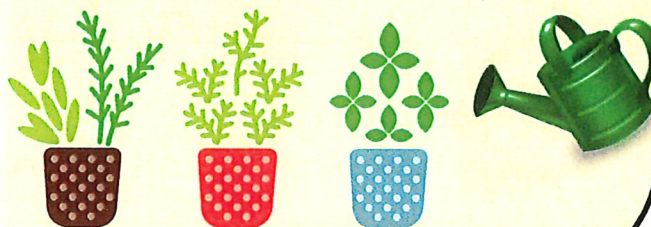
June

1 David Wallace
 1 Scott Davis
 1 Loree Dippary



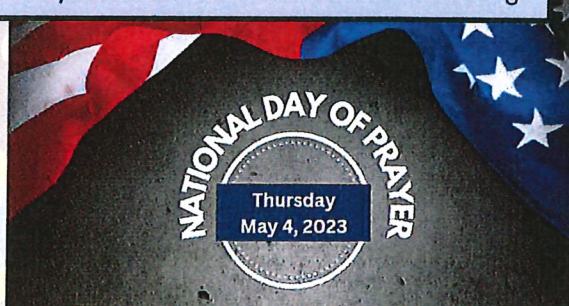
I want to give you an update on the progress of the Pastor Search Committee. At this time, we have received about 170 resumes and after screening them for eligibility, have narrowed the candidates down to about ten percent of this number. We are currently in the process of trying to determine which candidates will rise to the top of our list, which will still require time, work, and lots of prayer. We have a sense of excitement and expectation, because we have faith that God is already working in the heart and mind of our next pastor. This is a pivotal time in the pastor search process, so we ask that you continue to pray for the wisdom, discernment, and unity that only God can give us. Also, let's not forget to THANK God for His provision of our two wonderful Interim Pastors who have done so much to help us during this past year!

Inquiries about our posting should be sent to
FBCFTransactionTeam@gmail.com



A photograph of a bouquet of flowers, including purple and white blossoms, arranged in a white, rounded vase. The flowers are set against a light-colored background and rest on a wooden surface.

Prayer time together Thursday,
May 4th- 10:30am in Annex Building



A pink lily flower with dark spots on its petals, emerging from a white, egg-shaped vase. The background is a soft, light pink.

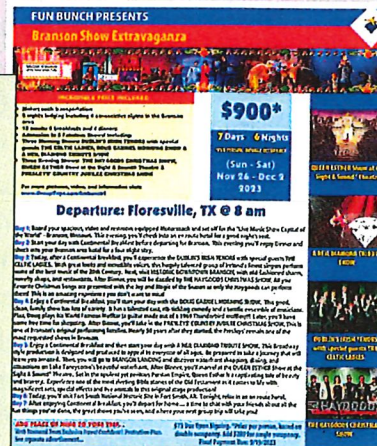
New Members
 Connie LaFrance
 Connie Calvert
 Alexandria Rodriguez

Fun Bunch Road Trip

Fun Bunch

FUN BUNCH
May 25-GRUENE, GRISTMILL/
SHOPPING

Road Trip to
Branson, Missouri
Nov. 26-Dec. 2, 2023
\$900 7 Days/6 Nights
**Brochure available
in the Church Office



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 12-16, 2023



Scan code to register.



HELP
KIDS
GO TO

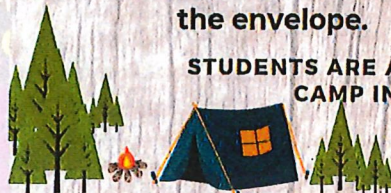


Give that the amount listed on
the envelope.



CHOOSE AN ENVELOPE
IN THE CHURCH FOYER

STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING MFUGE
CAMP IN FORT WORTH ON
JULY 3-7, 2023



Kitchen Drifts

Thank-you church members for
your patience while the kitchen is
closed. We are excited to Restart
Wednesday Night Suppers in the
FALL.

Barb Herndon

Kitchen
Drifts

Bake
Sale

Saturday, May 6th @ McCoy's

Bake Sale
Youth Camp
Fundraiser



Donations of Baked Goods are appreciated
Contact- Tiffany Gonzalez at 630-605-0854

Bus Drivers Needed

Wednesdays 2:30-4:45
Sundays 8:30- After Church

See Pastor Terry,
John Long, Or Call the
Office- (830) 216-4946



CDL GOOD BUT
NOT REQUIRED

Ladies Time

San Antonio, Texas

Sept. 29-Oct. 1

Henry B. Gonzalez

Convention Center

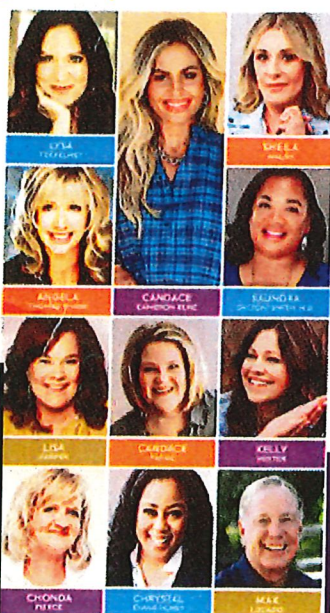
\$109 per person for

Conference ONLY

Womenofjoy.org

256-355.1554

womenofjoy.org
speakers



GRADUATION SUNDAY
MAY 21, 2023

We will honor our high school and
college graduates in the 10:30 am
worship service on Sunday, May 21,
2023. There will be a cookie reception
to follow.



Families of high school graduates,
please drop off a flash drive of 10-15
pictures of your graduate in .pdf
format to the office by May 7th.

PLEASE GIVE TO THE

**BUILDING
FUND**

TO REFURBISH THE
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

THANK YOU



GET TICKETS
EARLY!!

Other locations
have sold-out several
Months in Advance

Best
Weekends
Ever!

sacred rest

New Ladies Bible Study
Starting
May 10th, 2023
Wednesday Mornings
10:30 am

Books are
in the office for \$5.

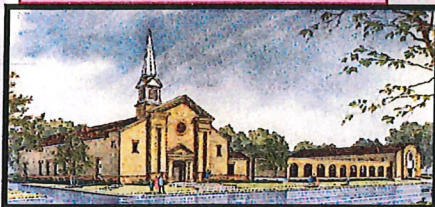
Living Like
You Belong
to God

by Arthur C. Clarke & Bill Johnson

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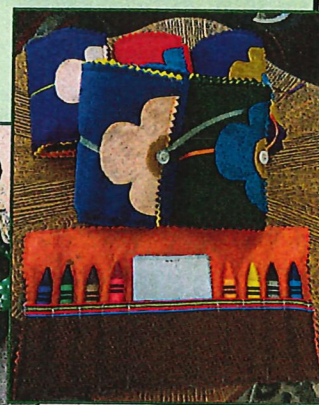
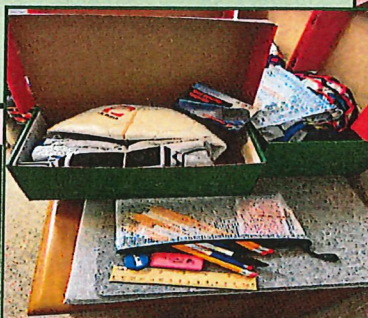
**Operation
Christmas
Child**

Operation Christmas Child is at work and we have begun to get boxes packed. 6 boxes for the older boys are already banded and tagged. Many more are in progress, very close to completing 6 for the youngest girls. There has been help with

purchasing many of the items and some are being handmade, like the crayon packs and the bags for the bears. There are limitless possibilities for these boxes. If you have a talent for crafty things, there are many projects that are pretty easy to make and would be great additions to the boxes. If you have no talent or time for crafty things, you can help with purchasing some of the items or supplies needed. We have plenty of boxes waiting to be taken and filled. Team up with a friend and choose an age you want to fill 6 boxes for. Consider joining our FB group "Floresville FBC - OCC"

Become part of an opportunity to reach children in far away places so they can learn about Jesus.

Text or call Sallie Bluff at 830-391-2344 for more information.



**Water
Aerobics** May 30-August 11
Monday - Friday
7:45-8:45 am
Floresville City Pool
Hwy 97W

Bring a Pool Noodle that is at least 2 3/4 inches in diameter and two water bottles or hand weights
Text Linda Downs at 210-632-6018
For more information

Online Giving
easy, fast,
effective



Online giving is an easy, convenient, and secure alternative to writing a check. Go to the church's web page, www.fbcf.org or scan the QR code with your smart phone.

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
March 2023	\$ 59,731.00	\$ 50,405.83
YTD thru March 2023	\$ 159,685.55	\$ 151,217.49



NOTES: FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- A/C Repair and installation work going on during the week of 4/24-4/28
- Please continue to Use Caution due to overhead work being done
- John Kelley and David Arispe will be working on the lights in the parking Lots during the week of 4/24-4/28

