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Invite Everyone, Invest In People, Impact Eternity



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Missions Celebration 2017 April 26-30

“Till all have Heard!”

Matthew 24:14

An opportunity to take a Missionary to dinner. . .

We need 20 classes and/or couples who will be taking a missionary to dinner on Thursday or Friday night (April 27th & 28th)

during our upcoming *Missions Celebration Conference*.

Great opportunity to hear personally how God is working in the world.

Grab another couple and together volunteer by calling

ken wheatley 501.655.1144 kwheatleyiii@sbcglobal.net

You will be blessed by being a blessing.



Pastor's Message

I notice this more than you since I am in both worship services, but **the choirs** in both services have really grown. And are they sounding great and adding so much to worship! The Classic Choir and Orchestra have a great sound. I love to see people use their gifts to the glory of God. Well, God is being glorified and the church is being led in worship. Thank you, choirs and orchestra! Thank you, Lee, for your leadership!

As Moderator, I’m calling a **Special Business Meeting** for Wednesday, March 8, at the 4:00 and 6:00 Bible Study time in Fellowship Hall. In 2011, the church licensed **Bryan Smith** to the ministry. He now has a ministry opportunity that requires ordination. The deacons met with Bryan on Sunday and are recommending that **we ordain him to the ministry**. That is the focus for the special business meeting. Please pray for Bryan and Karen as they seek to follow God’s will.

Even though not many of us Baptists practice the 40 day **holy season of Lent**, we can learn from those who do practice it. We can learn something about self-denial, about taking up the cross, and about following Jesus. Most of those who practice Lent choose something “to give up for Lent.” It might be anything from Facebook to chocolate to cussing to television to golf. I’ve never understood what’s so big about giving up that kind of stuff for 40 days.

What if, instead of giving something up, we **take something up**? What if we choose to offer forgiveness to the one who wronged us? What if we choose to share Christ with that co-worker who needs Him? What if we determine we will be in worship every Sunday of the holy season between now and Easter? What if we decide to spend time mentoring someone in their walk with Christ? These kinds of things seem more in sync with the spirit of Jesus than denying ourselves chocolate for a few weeks. Would you pray about this and see what God might want you to “take up” for Lent?

As we continue our series, **Bring Someone with You**, we’ll be thinking this Sunday about Philip bringing Nathanael with him to Jesus. Are you willing to be a Philip? Do you know a Nathanael that needs Jesus? Bring that someone with you in conversation this week and to Connect Group and worship on Sunday. See you then.

Your Pastor,
John

PASTORAL STAFF
John S. McCallum II, Pastor
John Bailey, Senior Adult Minister
Lee Barnett, Music/Worship Minister
Danny Bryson, Education/Outreach Minister
Stephen Evans, Media Minister
Bill Newton, Youth Minister
Mike Pounders, Administrative Pastor
Margarito Ramirez, Hispanic Pastor
Brent Roberts, Children’s Minister
Wallace Yamauchi, Fitness/Recreation Minister

ATTENDANCE

February 26, 2017
Homebound TV Class..... *80
9:00 Connect Group..... 500
10:30 Connect Group..... 442
Mission Trip/Retreat..... 11
Total Connect Groups..... **953**
Worship Attendance 9:00 495
Worship Attendance 10:30 702
Hispanic Worship Attend 10:45 *39
Mission Trip/Retreat 11
Total Worship**1,247**
Children’s Worship *52
*Average

New Members:

Richard & Evelyn Beckwith
Todd, Patty & Ryan Robinson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wed Mar 1
Numbers 22-24:
Mark 5:1-20
Jim Messenger
Stephanie Graves
Rosa Yanez
Samuel Capps
Missey Gray

Sat Mar 4 cont
Presley Martin
Noah McClay

Sun Mar 5
Numbers 32-33:
Mark 6:33-56
Herman Mullings
Ava Hearon
Holly Morgan
Tea LaMontagne
Randy Green

Mon Mar 6
Numbers 34-36:
Mark 7:1-23
Ray Crumpler
Susan Blount
Bobby Tedder
Caleb Byers
Sarah Wood

Tue Mar 7
Deut 1-2:
Mark 7:24-37
Tony Payne
Ashley Shadwick
Olivia Porter
Faith Jones

Wed Mar 8 cont
Mikayla Anaya
Owen Kathcart

Thur Mar 9
Deuteronomy 5-6:
Mark 8:11-26
Cherie Smitherman
Mike James
Dee Ann Porter
Caitlin Pierce

Fri Mar 10
Deuteronomy 7-9:
Mark 8:2-38
Shirley Posey
Janet Porter
Georgie Crieifield
Eddie Huddleston
Keith Baker
Sheila Gregory
Kirk Zaner
Tiffany Dews
Ethan Bellmore
Maddox Bell

Sat Mar 11
Deuteronomy 10-11:
Mark 9:1-13
George Harris
Sissy Ables
Joey Collins

Sat Mar 4
Numbers 30-31:
Mark 6:14-32
Buddy McLelland
Jo Cash
Gwen Fleece
Larry Hirt
Jason Blankenship
Lauren Alford
Garrett Menotti

Wed Mar 8
Deuteronomy 3-4:
Mark 8:1-10
Samuel Brasher
Don Hlpperson
Richard Kuhn
Keith Mangrum
Lori Haggard
David Murphy
Greg Lemons

SERVICE TEAMS

Door Greeters - March 5
9:00 a.m. Marie Colmenero, James O’Neal, Lee & Kathryn Carson, Susan Sanders, Jerry Franks, Amy Jessen
10:30 a.m. Charles & Carol Hill, Julie Jarrell, Steve & Donna Harbour, Amy Jessen, Mary Meixner

Ushers - March 5
9:00 a.m. Milton Raabe, Carl Hawthorn
Every Sunday balcony: Mike Davidson, Mike Ferguson, Don Slaton, Tommy White, Donnie Sumpter
Every Sunday main floor: Richard Hawthorn, Frankie Moore, Cole Morgan

10:30 a.m. Jason Williams, Glen McClain, Kelly Robbins
Every Sunday balcony: Robert Davis, Mike Ferguson, Jim Little, Ryan Smith, Mark Twyford, Glen Catlett, Jon Vitro, David Santillan
Every Sunday main floor: Bill Richardson, Al Blount, Chris Brock

Van Outreach Drivers

1st Sunday North: Carlos Lemus, 538-1624
..... South: Glen Catlett, 844-7565
2nd Sunday ... North: Roman Terlecki, 622-7735
..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333
3rd Sunday North: Missy Herron, 762-3749
..... South: Duke Haight, 815-4416
4th Sunday North: Bob Roling, 545-5818
..... South: Jon Vitro, 282-2975
5th Sunday North: Bob Roling, 545-5818
..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333

SERVICE TEAMS

Safety Teams - Sunday March 5
8:30 a.m. Brad Phillips, Robert Davis, Doug Co-nine, Frankie Moore, Mitchell Mote, Larry Ingram
10:15 a.m. Mike Rottinghaus, Todd Willis, Mike Griffith, Ian Thomas, Bert Clevenger, Tyler Avery
4:00-6:00 p.m. Bill Walker
Wednesday - March 8
4:00-6:00 p.m. Clyde Shirron, Ron Stickles, Gene Watson
6:00-8:00 p.m. Gary Smith, John Slater, Cole Morgan

Welcome Center Guides March 8:30 a.m.
PS Ctr: Al & Susan Blount, Kim Miller
FH Ctr: Sherry Hunnicutt, Nita Ingram
Foyer Welc Ctr: Connie Bryson & Janis Spraggins
10:00 a.m.
PS Ctr 1st Sun: Ed & Whitney Argueta
2nd Sun: Travis & Lauren Warren
3rd Sun: Jake & Sarah Bird
4th Sun: Jay & Jennifer Winters
FH Ctr: Juan Wheatley & Sandra Wilson
2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Roman & Pat Terlecki, George & Mary Harris

Deacon Hospital Visitation Week of Mar 6-10

Monday Roy Coulter
Tuesday Jim Taylor
Wednesday Doug Ross
Thursday A.J. Johnson
Friday Jamie Humble

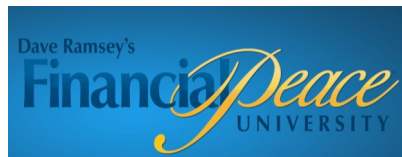
Education & Outreach Ministry

Financial Peace University

Wednesdays at 5:30-7:00 pm, beginning March 1, Room 129

Take control of your money with this free 10-week “Total Money Makeover” course.

Learn how you can become debt free and be confident in your financial future.



Wanna Ride?!

We will be providing 2 golf carts, in the near future, to shuttle people from the lower parking lot. It would be great if we could leave up close parking for new people. So, would you please consider parking in the lower lot and ride the cart to the building please? We will also need some drivers. If you are interested, let me know. Thanks!

Caution: Parking Lot Progress!

*Parking Lot directional signs are up.

*The Lower lot will have a Fitness Trail around it.

*Paving should start soon.

*We will add more Handicapped parking in the upper lot.

Everyone needs to find a group and Connect!

Connect Groups

- Connect with New People!
- Connect with God!
- Connect with Each Other!

Directories and Guides are available at Welcome Centers to help you find a good fit!

Oaklawn Park Neighborhood Association

We have been hosting this group for a few months as an outreach opportunity and a way to cooperate with our community. They are hosting a trash pick-up day on Sunday, March 19, at 3:00pm. The focus will be on the streets between our church and St. Louis Street. If you or your family or your Connect Group are interested in developing relationships with our neighbors you can join us that day. Just meet in our back parking lot near the Fellowship Hall door.

Love, Danny

Fitness & Recreation Ministry

(All sign ups and resources are available at the Fitness/Recreation Ministry HQ.)

We're now recruiting volunteers and players for our 5th season of **UPPER LEVEL** Special-Needs Basketball league for children ages 8 and older and adults!

- **Mondays, April 10-May 15, 2017:** Children/Teenager Divisions (8-19 year olds)
- **Thursdays, April 13-May 18, 2017:** Adult Division (20 and older)
- Practices and games will take place during the same hour each week at 6:40 &/or 7:45
- See Wallace to volunteer as a coach, player partner, administrative, or court staff

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Sunday morning Meet & Greet Fellowships Sundays, 10:00 am in the gym

We invite you to join us for relaxed fellowship and light snacks every Sunday in the gym between Worship Services/Connect Groups. This is one of the easiest places to get to know others. Look around, introduce yourself to someone you don't know! Also, just a reminder that we have a rotating schedule of snack providers for the Sunday Fellowships. Please provide snacks according to the first initial of your last name as scheduled below:



Until we all fall down, Wallace

Mar 5: M, N

Mar 12: O, P, Q, R

Mar 19: S, T, U

Mar 26: V, W, X, Y, Z

Apr 2: A, B

Apr 9: C, D, E

Apr 16: F, G, H

Apr 23: I, J, K, L



GROUPS & CLASSES

Surrendering the Secret

Begins March 16

Join us for an 8-week Bible study for women dealing with the pain of a past abortion. Don't wait another day to begin the healing process. This group meets off-campus and is completely confidential. Contact Marilyn Morgan (520-4105) or Cathy Slater (622-8587)

First Baptist Quilters

Meet on the 1st & 2nd Thursday of each month, 9 AM til Noon in Room #3023 (3rd floor).

We are quilting Quilts of Honor, to be presented to wounded soldiers. Anyone is invited to join! If interested, contact Marilyn Morgan at 520-4105, Henrietta Norman at 627-4618 or Cheryl Nichols at 622-9002.

SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kelley Akins in the death of his mother, Carlene Akins; to Bill Walker in the death of his brother, Norman Walker; to Pete & Mary Davenport in the death of their grandson, Beau Massey; to Becky Taylor in the death of her father, James Davis; and to the family of Don Howard. May God bless and comfort you.

SPRING BREAK WEDNESDAY

There will be no meal or activities on Wednesday, March 22.



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
North American
Missions**

March 5-12, 2017 | Goal: \$55,000



**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING**



ESL International 2017

Connect Groups who are committed to provide meals for ESL Int'l. Students, Children, Teachers, and Staff

March 2: Med Adult 4 9 am

March 9: Hispanic Group

March 16: Sr Adult 2 10:30 am Jordan Class

March 23: NO CLASS for SPRING BREAK

March 30: Sr Adult 8 Ladies 10:30 am Agape Class

God bless you for all your help. Thank You!

There will be no
Prayer Breakfast in March.

BUDGET REPORT

Ministry Fund (2-26-17)

Weekly Receipts \$41,260

Online Giving \$60,682

Total Given \$101,942

All In Fund

Weekly Receipts: (2-26-17) \$55,026

Balance of loan: (3-1-17) \$2,576,216

If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, firsthotsprings.com, and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.

Keenager's Activities

Luncheon

Thursday, March 9, 11:30 am

Family Life Center

Special Guest: Ken Goodman

Menu: Baked Chicken, Baked Potato,
Green Beans, Roll, Dessert

Cost is \$5 per person
(Widows/Widowers eat free)



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A WEDDING SHOWER
HONORING

Reagan Rucker

&

Benson Jordan

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

1:00-3:00 P.M.

ROOM 133

Registered at: Bed, Bath & Beyond, Dillard's, Target,
Walmart

Hosted by: Phyllis Brooks, Jana Catlett, Amy Johnson,
Amanda Morgan, Jan Segrest, Wanda Thorp

Wednesday Night Supper Menu March (soup, salad, and fries always served)

1st: Roast Beef, Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn Dog, Pie

8th: Salisbury Steak, Purple Hull Peas, Potatoes Au Gratin, Chicken Strips

15th: Corn Beef w/ Cabbage and the trimmings

22nd: **SPRING BREAK—NO MEAL OR ACTIVITIES**

29th: Beef Stroganoff w/ Noodles, Scalloped Potatoes, English Peas w/ White Sauce, Hamburger, Cake