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THE MESSENGER

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Invite Everyone, Invest In People, Impact Eternity



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 kheatleyiii@sbcglobal.net

You will be blessed by being a blessing.



Scan here to go directly to the FBC webpage.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wed Mar 1	Sat Mar 4 cont	Wed Mar 8 cont
Numbers 22-24;	Presley Martin	Mikayla Anaya
Mark 5:1-20	Noah McClay	Owen Kathcart
Jim Messenger		
Stephanie Graves	Sun Mar 5	Thur Mar 9
Rosa Yanez	Numbers 32-33;	Deuteronomy 5-6;
Samuel Capps	Mark 6:33-56	Mark 8:11-26
Missey Gray	Herman Mullings	Cherie Smitherman
Thur Mar 2	Ava Hearon	Mike James
Numbers 25-26;	Holly Morgan	Dee Ann Porter
Mark 5:21-43	Tea LaMontagne	Caitlin Pierce
Reese Paladino	Randy Green	
Richard Batig		
Gail Raabe	Mon Mar 6	Deuteronomy 7-9;
Shirley Willis	Numbers 34-36;	Mark 8:2-38
Leslee Womack	Mark 7:1-23	Shirley Posey
Mandy Levato	Ray Crumpler	Janet Porter
Jaycie Dodd	Susan Blount	Georgie Cribfield
Fri Mar 3	Bobby Tedder	Eddie Huddleston
Numbers 27-29;	Caleb Byers	Keith Baker
Mark 6:1-13	Sarah Wood	Sheila Gregory
Harry Dies	Tue Mar 7	Kirk Zaner
Betty Johann	Deut 1-2;	Tiffany Dews
Melody Hagan	Mark 7:24-37	Ethan Bellmore
Robert Nix, Sr.	Tony Payne	Maddox Bell
Mark Culpepper	Ashley Shadwick	
Tanya Roberts	Olivia Porter	
Sat Mar 4	Faith Jones	
Numbers 30-31;		
Mark 6:14-32	Sat Mar 11	
Buddy McLellan	Deuteronomy 10-11;	
Jo Cash	Mark 9:1-13	
Gwen Fleece	George Harris	
Larry Hirt	Sissy Ables	
Jason Blankenship	Wed Mar 8	Joey Collins
Lauren Alford	Deuteronomy 3-4;	
Garrett Menotti	Mark 8:1-10	
	Samuel Brasher	
	Don Hipperson	
	Richard Kuhn	
	Keith Mangrum	
	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 Conine, 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 Hunnicut, 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

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

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

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:



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

Until we all fall down, Wallace

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.



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)	\$41,260
Weekly Receipts	\$60,682
Online Giving	
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