

First Baptist Crossings

First Baptist Church of Smithville

February 2016 Volume IV Issue 2

Notes From Dave...

Easter comes early this year, March 27th to be exact. It is the most important date on the Christian calendar because it is a day set aside to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. It is important that we, as a congregation, prepare for the celebration of Easter.

Many churches observe the season of Lent that begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. People ask one another, "What are you giving up for Lent?" I have not always taken such inquiries seriously as I have responded, "I won't smoke Cuban cigars or drink hard liquor." Of course, that would be no sacrifice for me since I never smoked or drank alcohol. But during times of seriousness, I have taken note of the New Testament emphasis on "Prayer and Fasting." (Matthew 6:5-18 and Mark 9:29)

I would like to encourage each of us to take seriously the matter of preparation for Easter, whether or not we observe the Lenten season as some do. I want every one to establish a plan that you might use individually, that will result in drawing closer to the Lord.

Prayer-If you do not have a daily prayer and Bible Study time, begin the practice. If you do have a daily quiet time, consider lengthening it by 10 or 15 minutes or adding a second time each day, (e.g. before breakfast or after supper.)

Bible Study-Consider reading through one or all of the Gospels, one chapter a day. Think about adding a family devotional time to your daily routine.

Fasting-Most of the time we associate fasting with giving up food, which is valid. But I believe we can fast with other areas, also. We can pledge to give up "complaining" for 6 weeks, or we could take time away from electronic devices for a certain amount of time each day or one day a week.

The bottom line is this: I would like for each of us to be involved in "Prayer, Bible Study, and Fasting" in a special way from Sunday, February 14th until Easter Sunday, March 27th. Spend time praying about how you will enhance your devotional life and what you would be willing to give up in order to draw closer to the Lord, as we prepare to celebrate the greatest day in the history of the world.

On February 14th, there will be forms in the bulletin on which you can pledge to God your plans for those 6 weeks.

For God so loVed the world
that He gAve
His onLy
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soN
thaT whosoever
believeth In Him
should Not perish,
but have Everlasting life.

-John 3:16

Valentine's Banquet

*Sunday, February 14th
5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall*

A full spaghetti dinner (including salad, bread and dessert), will be served by our youth and entertainment will be provided.

Cost;

\$7.00 per person, ages 5 & under free with a max. of \$20.00 per family. (Please sign up on the bulletin board)

Come have a great time of fellowship while helping our youth raise money to cover the cost of camp this summer.

If you would like to donate a dessert, it would be appreciated but it is not necessary.

Youth Snacks

Our youth are hungry and in need of some great snacks on Wednesday evenings. If you could help provide a snack, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. They love almost everything; brownies, cookies, chips, popcorn, ice cream or anything you would like to provide would be appreciated. Youth group begins each Wednesday at 6:00 pm and there are approximately 20 kids. Snacks can be dropped by the church on Wednesday evening or you can bring it early and place it in the freezer clearly marked "Youth". If you have questions or need ideas, please contact Cody Wilson. Thank you in advance for feeding them!



January Business Meeting Update

During the January 10th Business Meeting, David and Becky were called to be a permanent part of First Baptist Church. David was voted unanimously, to be our new part-time, Senior Pastor. Pastor Dave has been our Interim Pastor and fulfilling the pastoral responsibilities since early November. We are excited about the future of our church and all that God has planned for us.

Upcoming Sermon Schedule For February

- February 7th- "What Does Fruitfulness Mean?" John 15:5-8, Galatians 5:22-23
- February 14th- "Prayer and Fasting- Wanting to Hear from God," Exodus 34:27-28
- February 21- Dr. Andy Pratt, Guest Speaker
- February 28- "Temptation and Fasting," Matthew 4:1-11



Four Ingredient Chicken Enchilada Casserole

Recipe by Tammy Kelly

- 2 Cooked Chicken Breast**
- 6 Corn Tortillas**
- 2 Cups Monterey Jack Cheese**
- 1 14oz Jar Enchilada Sauce**



Place a small amount of enchilada sauce on the bottom of the baking dish to keep the tortillas from sticking. Layer two tortillas, 1/3 c. of chicken, 1/3 c. of sauce and a 1/3 c. of cheese. Repeat layers two more times. Cook uncovered at 375 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes. Serve warm.

New Deacon in Training

The Deacon Officers and the members of FBC, would like to welcome our new Deacon in Training, Don Doerzbacher. We look forward to working with Don this coming year!

Volunteers in February

Nursery Department

February 7	Pam Petty & Joy Bettis
February 14	Donna White & Ruth Hiatt
February 21	Kathy Petty & Jennifer Edwards
February 28	Dorothy Allen & Carla Berner

Greeters

February 7	Betty Shuler & Dorothy Allen
February 14	Rosalie Swaney & Lois Earlywine
February 21	Linda Frazier & Carol Shaffer
February 28	Darlene McMillian & Carolyn Forsyth

Children's Sermon Leaders

February 7	Jenny Holmes
February 14	Ruth Hiatt
February 21	Randy Kelly
February 28	Becky Everly

Deacon of the Week

February 7	Hubert Shuler
February 14	John Srite
February 21	Rosalie Swaney
February 28	Donna White

Hospitality

February	Donna White
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Bridge Street Ministries

Tuesday, February 2

AM-**Kathy Petty/ Jennifer Edwards**, Shirley Phillips & Carolyn Forsyth

PM-**Joel White**, Donna White & Hubert Shuler

Tuesday, February 9

AM-**First United Methodist**

PM-**First United Methodist**

Saturday, February 13

AM-**Rosemary Long**, Bonnie Chancellor & Joan Pence

Tuesday, February 16

AM-**Betty Shuler**, Dorothy Huntley & Dorothy Allen

PM-**Rosemary Long**, Jim Long & Dave Chiles

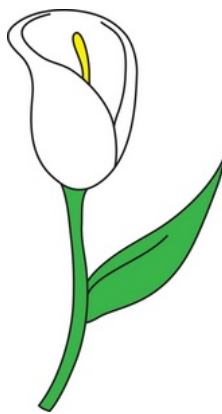
Tuesday, February 23

AM-**Ruth Hiatt**, Jim Hiatt & Karen Youmans

PM-**Randy Kelly**, Margaret Fales & Judy Asher

**The bolded name indicates lead person.*

Easter Lilies



Easter is just around the corner so it's time to start thinking about ordering your Easter Lily. If you would like to order a lily in honor or in memory of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board next to the office by Sunday, March 7th. The cost will be \$12.00. You can pay in the office or place in an envelope and clearly mark on the outside "Easter Lily" and drop in the offering plate.

Calendar of Events

- February 7 Team's Meeting, 11:30 am
- February 14 Valentine's Banquet, 5:30 pm (in the Fellowship Hall)
- February 28 Deacon's Meeting, 11:30 am

In our Prayers

Our Church Family:

Gary Teegarden
Dorothy Perkins
Bill Edwards
Joyce Denton
Dorothy Allen
Red Warring
Jaxon Caw

Mark & Laura Bush
Joyce Teegarden
Audrey Tygart
Lloyd Wilson
Carlene Rubicam
Bonnie Chancellor

Christian Sympathy is extended to;

The family of Georgia Callaway on her passing.
The Doerzbacher Family on the passing of Christen's Grandmother.

Financial Figures

January Offerings **\$9,747.44**

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February Birthdays



February 1	Cheryl Chiles Jacque Herrod Hannah Bettis
February 7	Ronald Morris Jim Lindsey
February 11	Chad Herrod
February 25	Lois Earlywine
February 27	Dorothy Perkins
February 28	Tara Petty Linda Thomas



Weekly Schedule

Sundays

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:15 am Coffee & Snacks
- 10:30 am Bible Study

Tuesdays

- 10:00 am –12:00 pm Bridge Street Ministries Open
- 1:00 pm PEPPi Exercise Class
- 6:00 pm—8:00 pm Bridge Street Ministries Open

Bridge Street Ministries is also open the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10 am-12 noon

Wednesdays

- 6:30 pm—7:15 pm Children's Programming
- 6:00 pm—7:15 pm Youth Group

Ministers & Staff

Rev. David Everly, *Pastor*
Cody Wilson, *Youth Director*
Betty Shuler, *Secretary*
Tammy Kelly, *Secretary*
Margaret Fales, *Music*
Athena Gillespie, *Pianist*

Office Hours:

Mondays 9am-1pm
Tuesdays 9am-1pm
Thursdays 9am-1pm