

One Body

Growing in Christ, Sharing Christ, Serving Christ

First Baptist Church, Paris, Texas

The Messenger



**BUCKETS
OF HOPE**

You are the most generous church! We can hardly keep buckets in the atrium before you've picked them up to fill for the Haitians.

There will be 30 more buckets available....and we can always get more.

The deadline for returning the filled buckets is March 10.

Please bring them to the atrium or the church office. If you have

trouble securing the tops, we will check all buckets and make sure they are closed.

Thanks to all of you who filled buckets and for all of you who gave money to fill a bucket!

We will pray for the families who receive this gift.

The buckets will be picked up on the 11th and taken to Dallas; from there the buckets will go to Florida where they will be loaded in to a container. The "container of hope" will be shipped via boat to Haiti and distributed to families.

North American Missions Emphasis

Living With Urgency

Share God's Transforming Power

2010 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

National Goal: \$70 Million

FBC Goal: \$10,000

Week of Prayer:

March 7-14



Children's Choir will sing this Sunday,
March 7, in the morning worship service.

A Good Example

I am thankful for the spirit of ministry and service that is so evident in this church family. Certainly no one lives out that spirit more clearly than Roy Welch. His love and concern for the needs of our senior adults who are in nursing homes and assisted living facilities serve as a good example for us all.

A few days ago, Roy was sharing with me some of the present needs in our Nursing Home Ministry. As I listened, I thought of some ways we all can be involved.

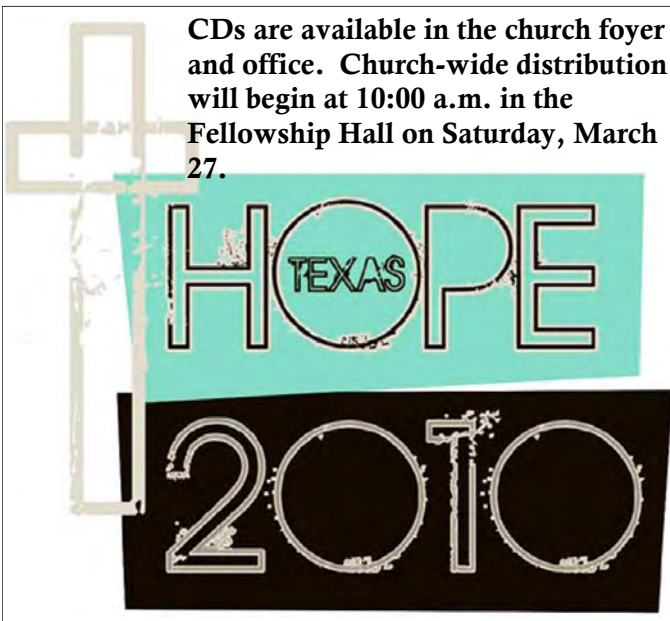
1. Bible Study Teachers, Music Leaders, Pianists. We always have the need for additional workers. Those who currently are working need individuals to fill in when they are ill or out for some reason. There are facilities that have no Bible Study currently and would like to start one. You could be the one the Lord can use to meet these needs.

2. Visits. We all need to know that someone cares. You don't have to be an enlisted worker in the Nursing Home Ministry to make an occasional visit. The church office has a list of our members and their location and room numbers. They would love to see you and, in turn, you will be the one blessed.

3. Our Prayers. Remember our nursing home residents as you pray. Perhaps you could use your prayer time one day each week to remember the needs of our members at one particular facility. Pray for their health, that they might be comforted and encouraged, and that the Lord might use them to be a blessing to others.

No matter our age, we are a family of faith joined together in Christ. And yes, thank you once again to those like Roy who set the example of caring for our church family.

In Christ,
Ken Cannon, Associate Pastor



CDs are available in the church foyer and office. Church-wide distribution will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 27.



Beach Reach 2010

On March 12-20, a group of about 13 PJC students plus three or four adults will head to South Padre

Island for Beach Reach 2010. Here's how you can help:

1. You could provide a full (\$350) or partial scholarship for a student.
2. This Saturday, March 6, the BSM will have a garage/bake sale and car wash in the parking lot behind the BSM house.
3. Pray for the students as they prepare to go, that their hearts will be completely seeking the Lord in all things; that they will be effective ministers during Beach Reach; for the students they will meet and speak with; for safety in travel; that all funds will be provided; and against the spirit of fear, and for confidence in sharing the gospel with all who need to hear it.

Twelve Weeks of Prayer

The Ladies Ministry asks you to join your hearts with ours as we bathe the upcoming Beth Moore Simulcast "So Long, Insecurity" on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in prayer.



Prayer Focus - Week Five

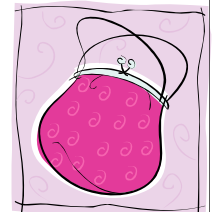
Pray for our FBC Women's Ministry team. Pray that God would be evident in their work getting ready for this event. We want God to be the focus and the event a method to serve Him.

Clean out our purse collection!

Donate your treasured purse for "Purse Auction" (taking place at the Tea Party)

Drop yours off at the church office by noon on March 26.

(Proceeds go to charity.)



Correspondence

Ladies, thanks so much for the delicious Valentines Day cookies which were delivered by Kevyn, her two children, and a friend, and also for the sweet Valentines made by some of the smaller children. Your thoughtfulness was so appreciated.

Wanda Allen

Dear Ladies of First Baptist!

What a surprise for Mom! I am writing on her behalf because she cannot! It was such a blessing to hear from you all. She is so glad when someone remembers her! Thank you all for your Labor of Love for the Lord Jesus and my mom. According to scripture, it does not go unrecognized by Him! Thank you again.

On behalf of Louise Little

We would like to thank our First Baptist family for the food, flowers, cards, and the love shown to us when our loved one passed away.

The family of Herbert Walker

55+ March 9. 55+ luncheon. Program will be presented by Allison Ware,



who speaks and leads worship across the United States, as well as sharing in concerts and revival praise and worship. She also ministers through word and song overseas, where she is devoting a large portion of her time each year to mission work.

If you plan to stay for lunch, sign up in your Sunday School department or call the church office. The menu will be chicken stuffed shells, green bean bundles, copper pennies (carrots), strawberry-spinach salad, and dessert. Cost for lunch is \$5.

M.O.P.S. The next MOPS meeting will be **Friday, March 12**, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., in Room A105. Moppets will meet in the preschool area.

Opportunities to make a difference in the life of a child:

- Children's Worship Director** for grades 1-5 during worship
- Children's Worship Teachers and Helpers** to serve 4th and 5th Sundays
- Preschool Worship Teachers** for 4 and 5 year olds for two weeks about six times a year
- Vacation Bible School June 13-17**, Co-Director with Cindy Addy and Planning Team (first planning meeting on March 23 at 10:00 a.m.)
- Director of Children's Special Needs Ministry**
- Two Male Counselors for Preteen Camp July 5-9**

Talk to Cindy Addy, Angela Cunningham, or Darrell Hawkes




You are invited
 an Old-Fashioned Tea Party
 and Handbag Auction
 Saturday, March 27
 3:00—4:30 p.m.
 FBC Atrium

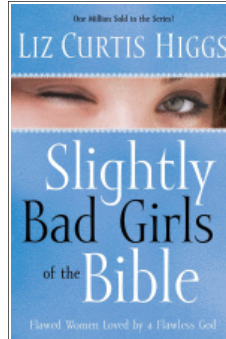
*Come one, come all, to the Atrium Hall
 With Handbags and Hats, to long-gloves and chats
 And, of course, TEA!
 Bring your favorite teacup and saucer.*

Upcoming Women's Bible Study

*Five Conversations You Must Have
 With Your Daughter* by Vicki Courtney
 6-Week Study
 Begins Wednesday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m.
 Room A201

Our Deepest Sympathy to... 

Rose Marie and Dan Gurney and family in the loss of her mother



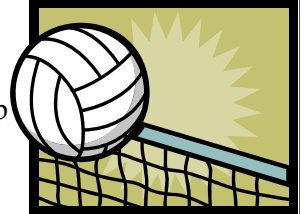
New Ladies' Bible Study
 begins this week!
SUNDAYS at 4:30 p.m.
TUESDAYS at 10:00 a.m.
Room A201
Come Join Us!!

Good Girls Behaving Badly! A spiteful boss...a defiant employee...a manipulative mother...a desperate housewife...an envious sister.

Wait a minute! We *know* these women!! We've lived with them, worked with them, or caught a glimpse of them in our own mirrors. We'll be taking a look at their ancient counterparts in Scripture...Sarah, Hagar, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel. These women were far from evil, but hardly perfect. Mostly good...yet "slightly" bad.

Co-Ed Volleyball League

Games are on Friday nights beginning April 2nd through June 4th. Deadline to sign up is March 19.



6-on-6, \$150/team

For information, contact Jackie in the FLC, 903.785.7320.

If you would like to order an Easter lily in memory or in honor of someone, you may do so by filling out this form and returning it, along with your payment of \$13.50 per plant to the church office by Friday, March 19.



(Please print legibly.)

Your Name _____
 Phone _____

Number of plants you are ordering _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Records & Reports

Sunday, February 28

Attendance

Preschool.....	25
Children.....	44
Youth.....	56
Adults (head count in sanctuary).....	222
Total on Campus.....	347
Nursing Homes.....	111
Total Attendance.....	458
SS Enrollment.....	1648
Average YTD SS Attendance.....	514
Guests.....	5
Contacts Made.....	3

Weekly Stewardship Report

2/28/10

Budget Offering.....	\$26,155.56
Building on the Legacy.....	\$4,490.46
Benevolence.....	\$20.00
Missions.....	\$430.00
World Hunger.....	\$20.00
Memorials.....	\$60.00
Scholarships.....	\$150.00
BSM Beach Reach.....	\$250.00
Buckets of Hope.....	\$160.00
Total Offerings.....	\$31,736.02
Weekly Budget Requirement.....	\$27,403.84
Average Weekly Budget.....	\$23,203.08
Legacy to Date.....	\$1,358,005.66



Daylight Savings Time

begins Sunday, March 14

Remember to set your clocks
FORWARD!

Deacon Team

March 7-13: Stephen Bellene, Bill Brooks, Jeff Cade, Bobby Dewese, Mike Fuller, Darrell Hawkes, Tom Hunt III, Leonard Ratliff, Herman Talley.
Yokefellow: Danny Hooten.

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First Baptist Church

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You Are Invited to Worship With Us!

Sundays

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:30 p.m. Family Night Supper
5:45 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study; Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal; High School Bible Study

FBC Staff

Ron Herring, Interim Pastor
Ken Cannon, Associate Pastor
Bill Claiborne, Interim Music Minister
Tony VanDerWilt, Min. of Youth
Travis Jackson, Dir. of Media/PR
Cindy Addy, Dir. of Preschool/Children's Ministry
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