

The Westmoreland family would like to express our appreciation for the many prayers and kindnesses that have come to us throughout our church family these past few years and especially surrounding the service for Tom. Thank you. You all have a special place in our hearts.

In Christ's Love,
Martha Westmoreland



Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the incredible Senior Sunday and service, the luncheon and the devotional. Ever since I was a baby, this church has been my family. I am so grateful to have had such wonderful people help guide me, and I will never forget my time at FBCJ. Thank you for everything!

Caleb Hicks



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I've Been Thinking...



A Note from Bro. Woody

Dear Church Family,

In the past few weeks our church has done one of the most amazing things I have ever seen a church do. Do you know what it is? Our church has put its money where its mouth is. That says it rather bluntly, but I want to tell you about it in a bit clearer fashion.

You, the members of this church, following the direction of God, have given generously to the ministry of this church. Month by month we have given more than we have spent. The net result is that we have developed a large amount of money just sitting in our general fund. This is both a blessing and a test. The blessing is that God has done a work among us. The test is – what will we do to be good stewards of what God has given us? The Budget and Finance Committee has been thinking about this test for some months. This past month they led the church to put \$150,000 from our general fund into a designated missions fund. The church learned about this at our previous business meeting.

The point of designating the money this way is this – we want to use this money to be on mission with Christ – the third step in our strategy. We do not want to use this money on ourselves. It will not be used to paint walls or replace air conditioners. It will be used for local, national, and international missions. We want to be able to do things we have never done before. We want to do things that will result in saved souls and transformed lives. At this point we do not know all the ways that God will direct us to use this money. But we are thinking and praying and searching for God's clear directions.

In the next couple weeks, a letter will go out from the missions committee to the whole church. That letter will explain more about this great step of faith. That letter will invite you into the process of finding God's direction. Would you pray now for God's leadership?

I can hardly wait. . .

Brother Donnie

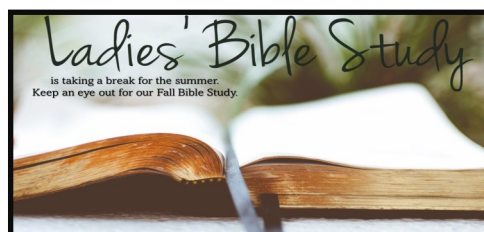
***And even when I am old and gray, God, do not abandon me,
Until I declare Your strength to this generation,
Your power to all who are to come.
--Psalm 71:18--***

Chuck Swindoll once said, "Let's recognize that age has little to do with ability." He then went on to point out: "Ted Williams, at age 42 slammed a home run in his last official time at bat.... Golda Meir was 71 when she became prime minister of Israel.... George Bernard Shaw was 94 when one of his plays was first produced.... And Benjamin Franklin was a framer of the United States Constitution when he was 81."

If age were an obstacle to achievement, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, and a long line of other biblical characters would have never been used to do incredible things for God – Abraham to raise Isaac, the child of promise; Moses to deliver God's people from slavery; and Samuel to anoint the young shepherd boy David to one day be king. It was in their twilight years that God called them to one of the greatest tasks of their life – and He gave them the strength to see it through! So be encouraged today knowing that God's plans for your life don't have an expiration date. In fact, His biggest adventure for you may be just around the bend. So, ask God to ignite a new passion in your heart for the road ahead and pray that He will use your experience and abilities to build His Kingdom and encourage others.

*Ev'ry need He is supplying, plenteous grace He bestows;
Ev'ry day my way gets brighter,
The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows.
The longer serve Him, the sweeter He grows,
The more that I love Him, more love He bestows;
Each day is like heaven, my heart overflows,
The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows.*

You are loved,
Bro. Woody



A Page from Jim's Journal



Jaclyn and I are just coming off of a camping trip to Fredericksburg with all of our kids. We stayed at a Jellystone RV and Camping Resort just 8 or 9 miles East of town and tent camped all week. We made so many fun memories. One of my absolute favorites is something that God laid on my heart after hiking the summit trail at Enchanted Rock.

Enchanted Rock is just one massive dome. The way up is nothing but rock. There is no soil for life to grow, and no place for water to rest. It would be a harsh environment for any form of life. So it was a complete shock to get to the very top and see water! In the midst of the watered areas there were cactus, patches of tall grass, and even flowers. If you looked real close you could even see signs of animal life in these shallow pools of water. These vernal pools are home to thousands of fairy shrimp. Feel free to google it. That's what I had to do. I was amazed that life was flourishing in such a harsh environment. God gave just the right conditions on top of this barren rock for multiple life forms to thrive and show off His glory.

This picture immediately brought to mind the parable of the sower from Matthew 13. This is the story of how a sower went and sowed different types of seed. Jesus describes the seed falling on four different environments. Of the four, only one was suitable for growing and was able to produce much fruit. At first glance, I would have never thought the top of Enchanted Rock was suitable for life. But it's only those specific areas on the rock that could hold water and gathered just enough soil.

The parable in Matthew 13 and this picture God gave me while hiking begged the question, "which soil do I identify the most with right now?" Am I receiving what God is speaking to me? Am I accepting His word into my heart? Or is it like the seed scattered on the path, or the seed sown among the thorns? A lot of times I blame the outside environment for times of lackluster faith, but the true problem is the human heart. God can make live thrive in the harshest of conditions. We must have hearts ready to receive.



Juneteenth

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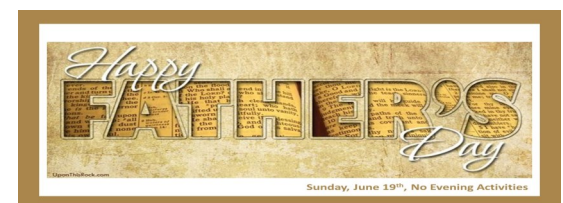
Family Fun Food

*Celebrate with the Jasper/
Lake Sam Rayburn Chamber
of Commerce!*

Join in a fun outreach
opportunity meeting and
greeting our community.

First Baptist will be distributing
cold water and information
about our church and vision.

Contact Steve Garcia
for information and sign up.
409-622-0006



Registration is going on now for the 2022 - 2023 school year.
First Baptist Christian School 2 Years Old - Third Grade
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