

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- January 6th Men's Breakfast 8:00am
- January 7th Deacon's Mtg 5pm
- January 14th SBCTA annual Meeting 5pm Killen
- January 21st Deacon Chili Cook-off
- January 21st Council Mtg 5pm
- January 21st Business Mtg 7:15pm
- January 28th Deacon Ordination

First Baptist Church, Rogers

JANUARY 2018

Dear Church Family . . .

We find ourselves at the beginning of yet another new year. Each year holds a mixed bag of victories and defeats, joys and sorrows, and ups and downs. The year 2017 was the hardest of my life. It was a hard year for our church overall as we lost precious loved ones like our son Devin, Sarah Patterson, and Milton Wendler. We are confident they are with the Lord but our hearts are saddened by their loss and we miss them greatly.

This new year holds promise for us, as well as opportunities. We need to be good stewards of what God has given us to manage. I encourage you to support your church through financial giving as we are in process of planning many things to reach out to our community in love and to improve things we already have.

We have all of our usual activities and events upcoming, as well as some we do not do every year. We are in the early planning stages of "Love Rogers" 2018, a summer block party, mission trip(s), producing a new church directory, special themed music nights, the beginning of a children's choir and a men's quartet, improvements to our facilities, men's wild game dinner, deacon-led service/ministry projects, and some new and unique ways to outreach.

Ideas get nowhere without volunteers to do the work and provide the financial resources. That means we need your help. Each church staff member can only do the work of one person. Each deacon can only do the work of one person. We need you to come alongside us and help! We also need you to tithe and give beyond your tithe as God blesses you.

I know the church has a desire to reach its own community but it is sometimes unclear on how to go about it and sometimes unmotivated to do what needs to be done. Every church struggles with the same issues, but that does not excuse us. Since coming here I have worked very hard to teach and equip the church with necessary tools by which to defend the faith, share the faith, and live out the faith. It is time to put it into practice before the eyes of others. Will you be a part of "Love Rogers" this year? Will you come to workdays? Will you tithe and give even beyond? Will you volunteer for something you have not tried before because you see a need? Will you step outside your comfort zone because you believe so strongly that people need Jesus?

These are tough times. But they are even tougher without Jesus. People around us are spiritually "dead in their trespasses and sins." People are physically dying every day without Jesus as their Lord and Savior. I am more convinced than ever that our time is short. The signs of the times are all around us and either the Lord will be coming back soon or the clamp is going to be put on the church, and its message of salvation, by the hostile world. Things are already quickly moving in that direction.

Please join in and don't just watch from the sidelines. I heard it said once that "Christianity is the only sport where people choose to set on the bench." In case you had any doubt then let me be clear; your help is needed! Please plan to be a part of what God has in store. Let us take significant steps toward reaching our full potential in 2018!

In Christ Our Lord,

Bro. Allen

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

where FAITH & LIFE connect

Start The New Year Off in a Sunday School Class

Women's Sunday School currently - Beth Moore's "The Quest"

Video Series Class Starting David Platt "Secret Church"

Men's Sunday School Class - Studies Books Of the Bible

College/Career Class currently- Right Now Media "Crossing Waters"

Youth Class taught by Robert Copeland

Children's Sunday School Classes



Wanted: Gently Used Bibles

5th grade Girls Wednesday Night Class

Are collecting Bibles to be sent to the

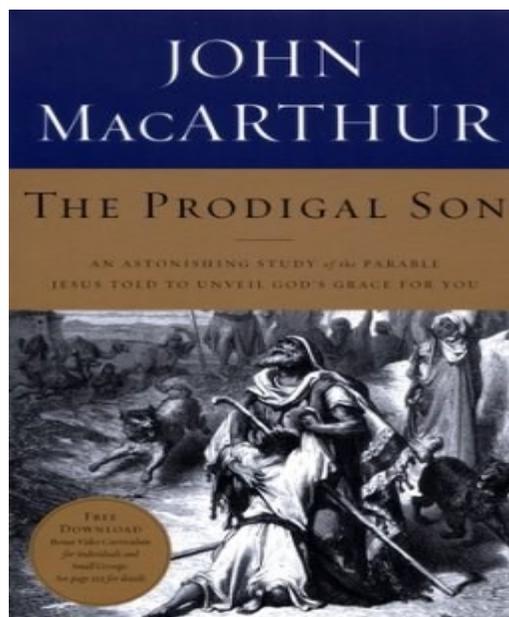
Navajo Indian Reservation



Item Of The Month

Bandannas and Washcloths

Wed Night Bible Study



Video Series Starting January 17th

**An Astonishing Study of the Parable Jesus
Told to Unveil God's Grace for You**

Study guides are \$7.95

Sun. AM

1/7 – “The Privilege of Giving (1 Pet. 4:10)
1/14 – “The Cheerfulness of Giving” (2 Cor. 9:6-7)
1/21 – “Christ: Our Life” (Col. 3:4)
1/28 – “Introduction to the Lord’s Prayer” (Pt. 1)
(Mat. 6:5-6)

Sun. PM

1/7 – “Introduction to Philemon” (Pt. 1)
1/14 – SBCTA Annual Meeting
1/21 – “Introduction to Philemon” (Pt. 2) (vs. 1-3)
1/28 – Deacon Ordination Service

Nursery Volunteers this Month

1/7 Aggie Cecil/Laura Posas
1/14 Kelly Ray/ Joyce Lemmons
1/21 Pam Gasaway/ Cathy Hill
1/28 Donna Lawless/ Stephanie Werner

Deacon of the Week

1/7 Jerry Griffith
1/14 Stanley Spinn
1/21 Greg Kieffer
1/28th Dennis Ray

Bro. Allen's Quotable Quotes

Subject: *Christian Stewardship*

"Giving is a giant lever positioned on the fulcrum of this world, allowing us to move mountains in the next world. Because we give, eternity will be different – for others and for us." (Randy Alcorn; *The Treasure Principle: Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving*; 41)

"God designed us to be generous. And He designed us to be generous in ways that expand His Kingdom. God designed us not to be hoarders but to be conduits through which His generosity flows." (Art Rainer; *The Money Challenge: 30 Days of Discovering God's Design for you and Your Money*; 16)

"Be careful to make a good improvement of precious time" (David Brainerd)

"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others." (St. Augustine)

"The world asks, 'What does a man own?' Christ asks, 'How does he use it?'" (Andrew Fuller)

Pastor Allen's Recommendation of the Month

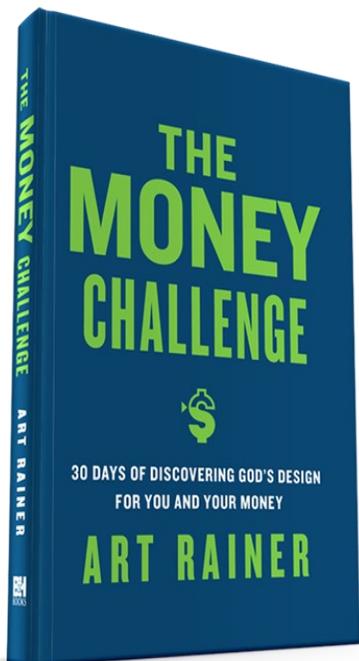
Most of us could be a little better at managing our personal finances. Some of us likely need *drastic* improvement. Poor money management is not a victimless crime. Whether we realize it or not poor management/stewardship of our finances is an offense against God. He gave us everything we have to tend/manage.

Art Rainer's new book *The Money Challenge: 30 Days of Discovering God's Design for You and Your Money* is a great shot in the arm for those seeking to be more faithful and God-honoring in their personal finances. He helps readers separate the important from the unimportant and develop a plan for more faithful biblical stewardship.

This book is about much more than calling for tithing (giving 10 percent). In many regards it is a total money makeover in that he teaches the reader to think about money in a different way. Money is not a "god" to be worshiped. It is not to be the means to satisfy our whims and desires. It is not something to enslave us, although you would not guess that by looking at our world; and furthermore, the church! We are expected to be generous because we serve a very generous God.

Rainer writes, "You were meant for more. Your money was meant for more. You and your money are meant for an exciting adventurous and satisfying purpose. God designed you, not to be a hoarder, but a conduit through which His generosity flows."

This book is short, simple and straightforward, yet it packs a powerful message. I believe you will be challenged by it as I was.





Church Council Meeting
January 21st
If you are head of a team,
please plan to attend as we discuss
& plan upcoming events.

Deacons Ordination
Join us Sunday Evening
January 28th as we
ordain Ron Holder as a Deacon at
6:00pm
Fellowship to Follow

Southern Baptist of Central
Texas Assoc.(SBCTA)
Annual Meeting
 January 14th
 At
 Ohnnnuri Community Baptist Church
 1000 East Veterns Memorial Blvd
 Killeen
 At 5pm , No Evening Services At FBC

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 2 Elizabeth Kennedy | 14 Hope Ingram |
| 6 Barbara Welsh | 23 Hunter Goonan |
| 7 Joyce Mertz | 26 Aggie Cecil |
| 9 Jerry Griffith | 27 Kim Sowell |
| 9 Loyd Morgan | |

Happy Anniversary

9 Steve & Joyce Lemmons

Church-Wide

Fundraiser

Bring your Best Chili

Sunday 1/21 Following the morning Service

We want to remember you on your birthdays and anniversaries! If we have missed your special day please call.

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Sunday Schedule

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
6:00pm Evening Fellowship
6:30pm Bible Study
7:15pm Choir Practice

Wednesday Schedule

3:30 pm C.Y.C.
6:00 pm Family Meal
7:00pm Bible Studies for All Ages
(Nursery Available)

Looking Ahead...

February 11th Valentine Banquet
and Movie Night
February 25th– 28th Revival