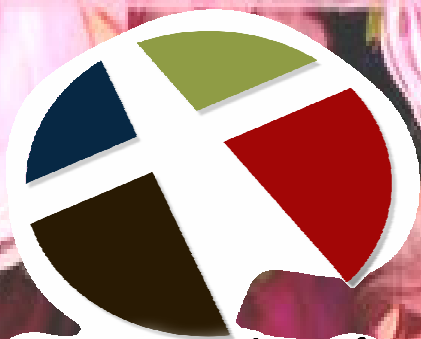


NEWSLETTER 2019

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FEBRUARY**



First Baptist Church
Tipton, Oklahoma
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First Baptist Church Tipton

February 2019

From the Desk of Les the Mess:

It is amazing we are talking about being in the middle of February! Where does time go? February has always been known as the month of love. We often associate February with Valentine's Day. It is a time of drawing attention, especially, to couples and their love, commitment, and relationship. In the book, Encyclopedia of 7700 illustrations, by Paul Tan Lee, there is a story submitted by G. K. Chesterton. The story is about Saint Francis of Assisi, who was deathly terrified of leprosy. He wanted nothing to do with the disease or be around it for fear of contamination. He relates the story, "One day, in the narrow path that he was traveling, he saw, horribly white in the sunshine, a leper! Instinctively he shrank back, recoiling shudderingly from fear. But then he rallied; and ashamed of himself, ran, and cast his arms around the sufferer's neck and kissed him and passed on. An instant later he looked back, and there was no one around. Only an empty road in the hot sunlight as far as the eye could see!! All his days that followed he was sure there was never a leper, but Christ Himself whom he had met."

I, too, have struggled with an issue of how to handle life. It is easy to get angry and bitter only to realize the real issue is love and forgiveness. When thinking about Christ, I praise Him for His love because it reaches across all my shortcomings and rejection. No matter what has been done to me or my family, it does not compare to the agony I put Jesus through and yet, He was willing to die for my sins. When you come to place of forgiveness, it is then you fully understand the work Christ did for you. It is at that moment I see the only person being held in contempt is me.

The month of love is a great time to remember God's love that is unconditional. So my prayer is, "Lord, help me be more like you and a lot less of me!" This month is a month of love but every month should be the same allowing God's love to shape you and affect your living.

We are going to be having a noon fellowship on Feb. 24th, make plans to attend with your favorite side dish and dessert. The church will be furnishing the meat.

Love ya!

Les



Pastor
Bro. Les Banks

Music
Coordinator
Karen Kirk

Musicians
Karen Kirk

Secretary
Newsletter
Carl Ann Ward

SUNDAY
Sunday School
9:45 AM

Morning Worship
10:50 AM

Adult Choir
5:30 PM

Discipleship
Training
5:30 PM

Evening Worship
6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

Children's
Worship
7:00 PM

Prayer Service
Bible Study
7:00 PM

Youth
6:30PM

P.O. Box 170
300 E Davis
Tipton, OK 73570



Famous Duck Hunter to Speak at Martha Road

Men's Event

**Men & Boys Chili Supper
February 5, 2018 at 6:00**

Joe Ligon will be the guest speaker at the annual Men & Boys Chili Supper at Martha Road Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Joe Ligon has served as the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marlow since 1999. The church has grown to three campuses during his tenure as pastor. Before coming to Marlow FBC, Joe was a school teacher and bi-vocational pastor in several small churches in rural Oklahoma. Joe has a passion for helping smaller churches and the men who pastor them. Joe is married to Gayla Ligon and has two grown sons. In Joe's free time, he enjoys hunting and in particular, duck hunting. Joe will be relating life and the gospel with his time in the duck blind as he speaks to the men at this year's chili supper. Joe begins his bio with this phrase, "Joe Ligon will be the first to tell you that he doesn't deserve to be where he is." Joe's humility shows through everything he says and does.

In addition to Joe speaking there will be great chili served and many door prizes will be given away including a shotgun. The event is for all men and boys of the community. The cost is \$5 per person at the door, boys under 12 are free.

Martha Road Baptist Church is located 4 miles north of Wal-Mart and Western Oklahoma State College on Highway 283. The event will be in the Family Life Center gym. For more information call the church at; 580-482-3377 or at www.martharoadbaptist.org



**Men & Boys Chili Supper
Tuesday, February 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Cost \$5.00
Door Prizes
Guest Speaker: Joe Ligon**

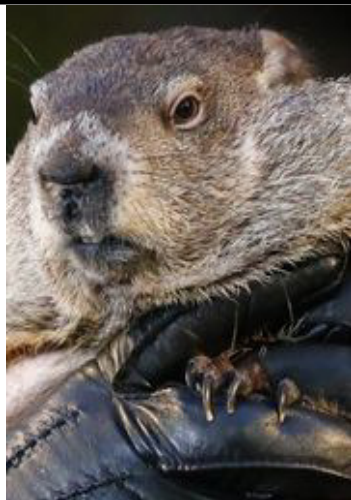


Ten of our GPBA Churches men and boys gathered at Martha Road Baptist church for a Chili Supper! Thank you Martha Road Men for bringing outstanding host and several wives assisted! Thank you for the give always and fellowship! Thank you Joe Ligon for sharing your heart! We thank the Lord for the decisions made for Christ tonight! Special thanks to Kevin Baker for leading the fellowship! I appreciate our nine pastors who brought members and guest tonight! We had just over four hundred! Great night!



**One of our own Reed Stevens came away with
one of the biggest prizes of the night!**





Groundhog Day February 2, 2019

On Groundhog Day 2019, Punxsutawney Phil could not find his shadow. And as the legend goes, this means we're in for an early spring.

The Pennsylvania groundhog isn't the only weather-predicting rodent in this quirky American tradition, but he is the most famous. And according to the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, his opinion is the only one that matters.

This is only the 19th time out of 123 in his recorded history (there are 10 years where no record remains) that Phil hasn't been able to find his shadow.

Even so, Phil is usually wrong, and meteorologists aren't too sure Phil's suspicions are right either.

It's hard to imagine that spring is right around the corner after the polar vortex this past week, but we'll just have to wait and see.

At least one other prognosticating groundhog disagreed with Phil on Saturday: New Jersey's Milltown Mel predicted a longer winter after reportedly seeing his shadow. Mel has been giving predictions for the past 10 years.



ROSE DAY

Annual Rose Day Pro-Life Rally

Oklahoma State Capitol House Chambers
2300 N Lincoln Blvd
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Start Date: Feb. 6th, 2019

Registration / Rose Distribution: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Rally: 11:30 a.m.

Location: House Chambers

Speaker: Jen Bricker

Jen Bricker – Born without legs, Jen's biological parents left her at the hospital. One would think she would be destined for a life of hardship. However, the "hand of destiny" brought her an amazing adoptive family, who gave her one simple rule, "Never say the word 'CAN'T.'"

As a child, Jen was obsessed with gymnastics, and her idol was gold-medalist, Dominique Moceanu. In fact, watching Dominique on TV helped inspire Jen to start competing herself. Seemingly against all odds, Jen went on to compete against able-bodied athletes and became a state champion in power tumbling. As part of her amazing story, and as a twist of fate, Jen later learned that her childhood gymnastics idol, Dominique Moceanu, was actually her biological sister.

Always challenging herself, Jen made the transition into an accomplished acrobat and aerialist. As such, she has traveled internationally and appeared as the headliner at prestigious venues, including The Shangri La Hotel in Dubai.

Jen's incredible story has been featured on multiple shows, including 20/20 and Good Morning America. She is currently living in Los Angeles, and has added a successful speaking career to her list of accomplishments, including being featured in well-renowned TED talks.

Jen hopes to inspire and motivate others to BELIEVE that anything is truly possible. Jen published her first book, Everything is Possible, that hit the New York Times Best Sellers list in 2016.



KIDS Connect
Wednesday's Nights 7:00 p.m.
Director: Shea Crites

God's Girls

God's Girls
Wednesday's Nights 6:30 p.m.
Director: Karen Kirk



Kidz Choir
Boys & Girls
Wednesday's Nights 6:30 p.m.
Director: Karen Kirk



Wednesdays Night:
7:00—8:00pm 412 Student Ministries
Youth & College Students
Youth Directors: Evan & Jenifer Stevens



Thoughts for Valentine's Day February 14, 2019

Valentines Day, a time when thoughts turn to love. But what is love? Is it a box of chocolates, or a pretty valentine? Is it a red rose, or maybe a dozen? Is it a peck on the cheek, a fond embrace, or a big bear hug?

Well, sometimes love is known in those ways. But love, real love, is how we relate to God and to one another if life is what it ought to be—Beautiful!

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 - (NKJV)

God's conversation hearts

Those familiar conversation hearts that show up every February can be more than just trite romantic or friendly sayings. Use them to remind you — or to teach a child — of the greatest love of all: God's love for us, which empowers our love for others.

- For example: TRUE LOVE: What love is truer than giving up one's only Son so people might have everlasting life? (John 3:16).
- MINE: Jesus knows us intimately, as a shepherd knows his sheep. No one can snatch us from him (John 10:27-29).
- FOREVER: God loves us with an "everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3).
- LOVE ME: The greatest commandment is to love God with our whole being (Luke 10:27).
- TRUST ME: "Let not your hearts be troubled." We can count on Jesus, now and for eternal life (John 14:1-3).
- SWEET TALK: God's words are sweeter than honey (Psalm 119:103).
- BE GOOD: We show our love for Christ by keeping his commands (John 14:15).
- CALL ME: God longs to be in fellowship with us. We can talk to him anytime in prayer (Jeremiah 33:3).
- FRIENDS: The greatest love involves laying down your life for your friends (John 15:13) — precisely what Jesus did.
- #1: "We love because [God] first loved us" 1 John 4:19).

Presidents Day 2019



PRESIDENTS' DAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

Presidents Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents Day 2019 occurs on Monday, February 18. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.



Church Office is Closed
Monday ★ February 18th

Church Fellowship Brisket Lunch

February 24, 2019

At Noon



February 24, 2019
FBC Activity Building



Kirk & Shea Baker

Courtney Sherrill

Kinli Garza

Vicki Daniel



WORSHIP AND SERVICE

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FEBRUARY 2019

2/02: Groundhog Day

2/06: Men & Boys Chili Supper

*Martha Road Baptist Church, Cost \$5.00 per person

*6:00pm, leaving from the church at 5:15pm

2/06: Rose Day (State Capital)

2/10: Teachers Meeting, 9:00 AM

2/10: Deacons Meeting, 7:30 PM

2/13: Youth Lunch (Desserts Needed)

2/13: Monthly Business Meeting, 7:00 PM

2/14: Valentines Day, Happy Valentines!

2/16: Diaper Baby Shower, Ashley Cryer, 3:00 PM

FBC Fellowship Hall, RSVP 580-305-1458

2/18: President's Day, Church Office Closed

2/20: BCM Lunch, Altus, OK at Noon

2/24: Brisket Lunch at Noon / Church Fellowship

Designated Funds: Contributions to existing designated funds are welcome. The church is not bound to honor specific suggestions for that fund. Should the church vote to close a fund, the remaining balance will be under the discretion of the Church and Finance Committee.

***Note Per Business Meeting 1-9-13.** Should at any time in the future the church vote to change or close any fund, all the money in the fund at that time will go in the general budget of the Church.

FBC Newsletter



Note: *You can receive the Newsletter on the web-site by downloading at www.fbctipton.com under Info Center. *If you would like to continue receiving the Newsletter through mail, please call the church office, 580-667-5501. Thank you if you have called about receiving the Newsletter!



History Lesson

By Lynn Pinson
February
2019

“DID YOU KNOW?”

The room (rooms) on the third floor of the church up the stairs past the Baptistry were originally designed, furnished, and used as a ladies sitting room. It was dedicated to a Mrs. Ernest Benton, one of the churches best loved Christian workers.

QUESTION: On October 29, 1950, seven men were ordained deacons of FBC Tipton in one ordination service. Name at least three of them. (Clue: Plaque at back of sanctuary)



February BIRTHDAYS

2/1: Debora Southerland

2/2: Barbara Cawthorne

2/2: A.J. Rodriguez

2/4: Larry Kirk

2/5: Virginia Flores

2/6: Matraca Abrams

2/7: Shae Crites

2/7: Jonathan Good

2/8: Margaret Johns

2/12: Christy McPherson

2/12: Kinley Wolfe

2/13: Rebecca Witt

2/14: Kayci Powell

2/15: Keith Brooking

2/18: Ronnie Nix

2/21: Wyatt Abrams

2/22: Ty Cryer

2/26: Kevin Cryer

2/24: Courtney Sherrill

2/27: Ricky Cryer

2/27: Cameron Jones

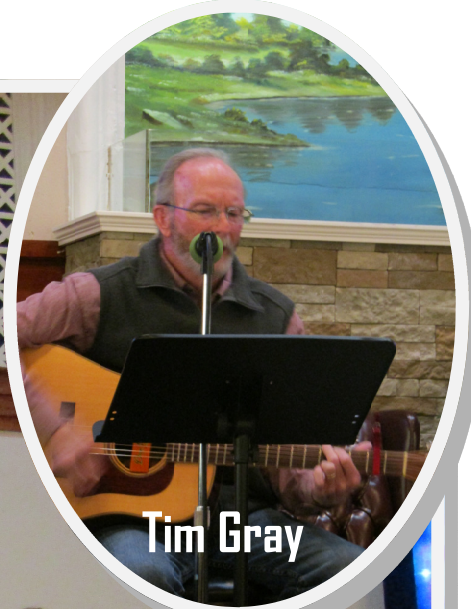
2/28: Bobby Blair

*** Listen to Sermons — www.fbctipton.com**
Go to the Info Center, and Sermons.

FBC of Tipton Music Specials



Dayna Boman



Tim Gray



Karen Kirk & Paul Soliz

FBC Adult Choir



Tipton's

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Baptism Sunday, February 3, 2019

Courtney and Kinli
Mom & Daughter



One LORD,
One Faith,
One BAPTISM.
Ephesians 4:5





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