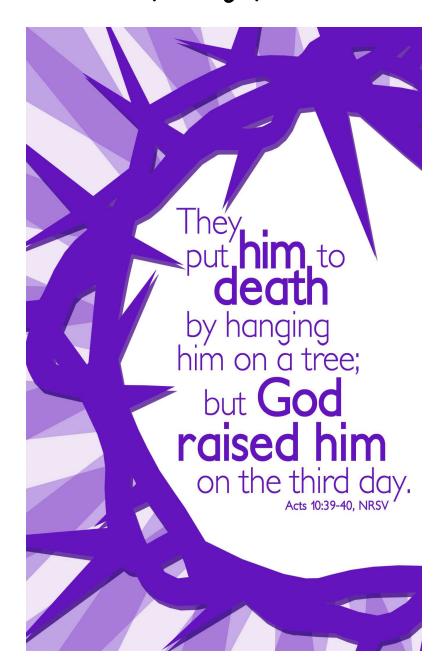
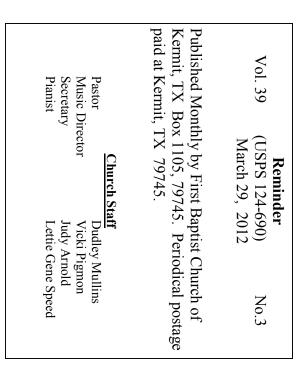
# Reminder

Newsletter of First Baptist Church





Dear Church Family,

The late Dr. Jerry Falwell made one of the most astounding statements that I have ever heard. He said this, "Old maps will not guide the Church into a new world." Now some of you will totally miss the significance of that statement. Jesus said the same thing when He said in Luke 5:37-38 (NKJV), "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

"Wineskins" were goatskins made into watertight bags. New wine expands as it ages; the wineskins had to be new and pliable wineskins. Used skins had become hard and dry. When filled with new wine that expands these old skins would burst and spill the wine. The Pharisees were like that; they were hard and dry and could not accept Jesus. They could not accept that their traditions or rules weren't going to work. Christianity required new approaches, new traditions, and new structures.

Likewise, our church programs, ministries, and the way we do things should not be so structured that they have no room for a fresh touch of the Spirit, a new method, or a new idea. You and I must be careful not to allow our hearts to become so dry, hard, and calloused that they prevent us from accepting something new that Christ wants to bring.

The message of the Gospel will always remain "new" because it must be accepted and applied in every generation. As you and I follow Christ, we must be prepared for new ways to live, new ways to look at people, new ways to serve.

Too many times our worship and our Christian life becomes nothing more than religious rituals and ruts, which is another way of saying its dead. That's why a lot of worship services sound like funeral dirges. The Christian life is a feast, not a famine or a funeral.

In the Love of Christ, Bro. Dudley



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#### **Designated Offerings Monthly Total**

Air Conditioners \$100.00

Building Fund \$130.00

Food Pantry \$150.00

Annie Armstrong \$350.00

Lily Fund \$14.00

Tseasa \$100.00

Youth Fund \$84.00

Sound System \$85.00

Benevolence \$50.00

Average In Sunday School 45 Average In Church 65 Budgets Receipts In March \$20,254.69 Monthly Budget Needs \$21,882.94 Under Budget \$1,628.25

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

#### Sunday, April 2012

9:30 am Prayer Time For Services 9:45 am Sunday School Hour 11:00 am Morning Worship Service

5:00 pm Visitation

6:00 pm Sunday Evening Service

**Youth Activities** 

Wednesday, April, 2012

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal 6:30 pm Mid-Week Service

**Youth & Children Activities** 

Please continue to pray for the Youth Minister Search Committee, A.L. Ward, Jeanie Gainey, Davy Smith, Stepheny Bennett & Michael Vargas.



April 1st at 6:00pm at the Community Church

April 8<sup>th</sup> Noon

**Youth Fundraiser Lunch** 

**Cost: Donation** 

**April 16th 5:00pm** Finance Committee Meeting

April 18th 6:30 pm Business Meeting

**April 23rd 5:00pm** Property & Space Committee Mtg.

May 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> DNOW

Speaker will be Sam Swann

This year it will be a community DNOW including FBC

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# Revival

<u>Sunday Morning May 20th – Wednesday Evening</u> <u>May 23rd</u>

Do you have a washing machine that is still working and you would like to get it out of your way? If so there is a need for one in the Youth Minister's parsonage. Call the office if you can help with this.



Would you like to purchase one or more lilies? The cost is \$14.00 each. Call the office to reserve one or more.

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FOR: Tressa Bennett WHERE: FBC Parlor WHEN;

Saturday, April 14th 2:00pm—4:00pm



## YOUTH FUND RAISER

Easter Sunday, April 8th Noon Cost: Donation Menu: Chicken Fajitas—Salad or Soup & Salad Easter Egg Hunt for the kids

#### **YOUTH TRIP**

**April 22nd Midland Granda Communication Stadium To hear Tim Tebow and Switchfoot No Charge** 

#### **DISCIPLESHIP NOW**

May 4-6

Cost: \$35.00 per youth

**Guest Speaker: Sam Swann Band Info. Later** 

Grades 6-12th Open to all students

#### **YOUTH CAMP**

Camp Doulos Sivells 2012 June 10-15 Cost per Student \$185.00

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR FOR DNOW OR HELP A YOUTH WITH THE COST OF DNOW OR CAMP

Dnow sponsor fee is \$200.00 if you would like to be a sponsor

Cost per youth for Dnow is \$35.00 & for camp is \$185.00 if you would like to help one of the youth with the cost.

Non-perishable items are needed for Dnow. Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard, 3 liter Dr. Pepper, 8 oz. Water. Also need frozen hamburger patties.