

# *First Baptist Church* UPDATE

## Our Prayer Chain

*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. ~ Hebrews 10:22*

**Chain instructions:** When you get a call (or email) that there is a prayer need, please stop and pray for the need, then telephone the person below your name. If they do not answer, leave a message, but go to the next name until you find someone who will answer. Once you have reached the bottom of the list start at the top again. Please do not assume that the office has been informed or that an email has been read. Briefly and clearly state the facts and ask them to pray and pass the request on down the line.

If you wish to activate the prayer chain please contact anyone on the list .

If you wish to be a part of this prayer chain please contact the Church office.

*Current names are listed on the following page.*

## A Word from Pastor Bradley

### Unclaimed Promises

Many years ago one of my siblings bought my parents a clock for Christmas. This clock (Known un-affectionately in our house as the Bird clock) announced the start of each hour fo the day with the chirping of a different species of bird. It is the most ANNOYING clock ever manufactured. Every visit to my parents house from that day forward means tolerating that senseless clock heralding each hour with its distinctive chirp. How tiresome!

Unfortunately, my parents LOVED this clock. Guess what annoying gift they gave each of us the next Christmas? Joy of Joys! Now our house is blessed

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- Parsonage ..... 625-3263 or  
580.527.1925
- Church Office ..... 625-3382 or  
877.409.8008
- Pat/Bob Baldrige ..... 625-3020 or  
625-3418
- Jeff Christensen ..... 580.837.5502
- Bill/Sandy Hawkins ..... 625.3623 or  
625.4516
- Dee Madden ..... 62-3055
- Bea/Oscar Ragan ..... 625.3101
- Rosie/Don Smith ..... 625.4836
- Joy Savage ..... 625.3027 or  
625.3444
- Dwain/Peggy McFarland ..... 625-4266
- Kevin/Regina Parker ..... 625-2201 or  
806.683.8366

**Email Members**

*Please follow the same rules as for the  
Phone list*

- Bro. Jeff
- Charles/Karen Mills
- Eldon/Rhonda Hoover
- Helena Plett
- Kirk /Jan Fisher
- Jerry/Trudy Cooper
- Joe Lansden
- Joy Savage
- Kathy Rhodes
- Kevin Slough
- Larry/Tammy Millikan
- Morland/Connie Mills
- Pat/Bob Baldrige
- Rosie/Don Smith
- Shelley Noble
- Stanley/Junetta Barby
- Steve/Angie Kemp
- Tommy/Betty Davis
- Troy/Kristy Flowers

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with this unwelcome intrusion into our peace and quiet (as though 3 girls in the house didn’t provide enough disturbance already). Even though we hung our clock as far from the main part of the house as possible - if you’re in the kitchen/dinning area at the dawn of a new hour you are treated to its inane bellowing.

My siblings and I spent this past Christmas week at Mom’s house sorting through all the STUFF she’d left behind upon her promotion to heaven a few weeks ago. At one point we were all sitting at the table when the Bird Clock began its unwelcome heralding of a new hour. One of my siblings asked -why doesn’t someone flip the switch on the back of that thing and turn the chirping -and all we needed to do was flip a switch and be done with it forever?

It occurs to me, our Spiritual Life is often like this Bird Clock. We allow intrusions and frustrations to hound us - when all we need is to heed Jesus invitation “Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest”. What unnecessary burdens are you carrying around that Jesus has already provided deliverance for if you’ll just claim it. Be done with the Chirping that destroys your victory! Lay it at His feet. He’s paid a dear price to rid you of all that bother. Claim the victories that He WANTS you to have.



Dearest Fellowship;

I am writing this to hopefully be an encourager. I know everyone is so busy all the time, believe me I understand. I have a high school senior and a seventh grader both very active in every activity they can be. I am also very busy as the grade school, vocal and band teacher at school. Not only that, I have the amazing job of being your worship leader at church. This is one of the most rewarding jobs that I have because I get to praise our Lord by singing. I can't imagine a better way to praise him. Many of you also love worshiping through music and God has given you the talent to do so. What I am trying to say is please share your talents with our congregation. There are many opportunities to do so, such as special music, offertories or joining the praise team. As you have probably noticed our praise team is very small some Sundays. I'm not sure why and I try not to take it personally but many people who should be singing in the praise team are sitting in the congregation expecting a very few of us to create a spirit of praise and worship. Even if you can't meet with us on Wednesday nights at 7:30, you are still welcome to help us out in the morning service. There is always room for one

more. I would like to invite you to come sing with us in my office Wednesdays at 7:30PM. We always leave feeling better than when we came because singing to God and laughing in his presence is very uplifting. No age group is excluded.

God Bless,  
Your Worship Leader,  
Cara McDonald

## Psalm 100: 1-2

*Make a joyful noise all the earth.*

*Serve the Lord with gladness*

*Come before Him with joyful singing*

## Psalm 31

*In You, O LORD,  
I put my trust; Let me  
never be ashamed;  
Deliver me in  
Your righteousness.*



## American Dreamers

by Barbara Rainey

*Encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home.*

Titus 2:4-5

When we had six children at home, I often felt overwhelmed, as if all my efforts in parenting were about to crash around me. In the middle of this busy time, some younger mothers asked if I would meet with them once a month to offer some encouragement and advice about parenting. I remember thinking, *Why would they want to meet with me, with all the mistakes I've made? What would I have to offer them?*

Through that experience, however, I learned the significance of Titus 2:4-5 (above), which instructs older women to be involved in the lives of younger women--passing on their wisdom and experience. Younger wives and mothers need mentoring and encouragement from older women who have walked along the same path--even if they've stumbled a few times along the way.

How do you find an older woman to encourage you and build into your life? I'd begin by looking in your local church. Ask God to help you spot someone who is just ahead of your season of life and can give you advice from her experience. And be sure to look for a mature woman who has established a track record of walking with God. Ask those who know her best if she is this kind of woman.

Take the initiative to ask if you can begin calling her or meeting her for coffee or lunch. Tell her that you will bring the questions; all she needs to do is listen and interact with you. Assure her that she doesn't even need to know all the answers; all you need is her time and her advice.

And by the way, there are likely younger women than you who could benefit from your counsel and encouragement. Perhaps you need to be a mentor, too.

### Discuss

In what ways do you feel the need to be mentored right now, at this season of your life?

### Pray

Ask God to lead you to someone who can help you in your season of life, or ask Him for someone you can help.

## Upcoming Events

Jan 28 **Sydney Looper, Kierstyn Mesa**

Jan 31 **Jerad Noble**

Feb 1 **Charles & Karen Mills, Madison Davis, Karen Mills,**

Feb 2 Groundhog Day, Men's Breakfast

Feb 3 *Nursery workers: Hiltons & Kinseys; Ushers: Kevin & Steve Parker; DOC: Larry Millikan; Deacons Meeting, Birthday/Anniversary*

Feb 5 **Jacinda Balderrama**

Feb 6 **Bob & Pat Baldrige, Luis Chavez, Caleb Knapke,**

Feb 7 **Rick & Kathy Nelson, Pat Baldrige, Conner Stahly,**

Feb 8 **Mario Gonzalez, Kathy Rhodes,**

Feb 9 **Justin Cooper, Sylvia Owens, Julie Rubio,**

Feb 10 *Nursery workers: Lauren N. Christel Speer, Kemp Family; Ushers: Matt & Carson Bolinger; DOC: Morland Mills; Business Meeting, Potluck Breakfast, Valentine Banquet*

Feb 12 WMU

Feb 14 Valentine Day, **Kirk & Jan Fisher, Nick & Dorothy Gaona,**