

First Baptist Church
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Congratulations 2012 Seniors!

High School Graduations:

Karnes City- May 25

Falls City- June 1

Kenedy- June 1

Pettus- June 1



THE ANCHOR

“so we do not drift away”

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God loves you the way you are right now, not the you that you will be tomorrow. That's a rough quote taken from Matt Chandler. Don't we need to hear this? How easy it is to think of how you will be one day. A person who sins less and less. Someone who not grudgingly, but with a joy filled heart, reads your Bible and just gets it. How someday you'll be like all your heroes of the faith, really together and with it, and how God will love you then! What a dreadful and incorrect thought.

As we often say, obviously we are broken people. Really we almost do not need to say it because with just a little bit of introspection we can quickly find those parts of ourselves that are still centered on the flesh and our desires as opposed to God's. When we examine our hearts they are as easy to pick out as cancer is on an MRI. Yeah, there's a cloudy area over there in my heart, that's my idolatry where I put myself on the level of God. There's another over by my brain where I think about my desires and wants first and exclusively over all others. We go on and on because no one knows us better than ourselves, and we know what is broken with us.

Our problem arises when we look at how we are now, and fixate on how we want to be and will be, and the change that must occur. As we ponder this tidbit we quickly realize that the "new and improved" us that we are not yet, will just have to be loved by God because of how good we will be. The current broken us, well...God must just put up with us knowing the person we will one day become. We're like an investment that will eventually mature and be worthwhile so God decides to hang onto us for now waiting for the big payoff in the future. In return, I'll hold on to God's reluctant love of me hoping for the day when I'm what I will be and I can then enjoy His full love.

There's only one problem with this way of thinking, the cross. The cross settles it, at your worst and at your best you were nowhere near God's righteousness and He loved you fully anyway. He died as a propitiation (a ransom for us) for our sin. Jesus loves you fully and completely NOW, not as you will one day be. Right now, broken and riddled with sin though you may still be, God's love for you is total and complete. "There is therefore now, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus," Romans 8:1. You are holy and righteous and fully loved by God at this very moment because when God looks at you He doesn't see you and your sin, He sees Jesus and His perfection which is yours by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ. This is the gift of the Gospel.

So are you living in this freedom and love, or are you still waiting for the "better" you to arrive and to be fully loved then? Church, be reminded today that God loves you, the way you are, right now. Fully, completely, totally and forever. This is the grace of the Gospel. Stop today and let yourself be loved by God, and out of that love let yourself love Him back. This is our hope and joy, the love of God given through Jesus.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

SS	9:45
Worship	11:00
FBCU	6:00
Youth	6:00
Praise Service	6:30
Choir	7:30

Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting 6:30

Prayer List



- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- TSEASA Ministry
- Youth/Children's Minister

Memory Verse

“There is therefore now, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”
Romans 8:1

Full Weekend Through The Summer

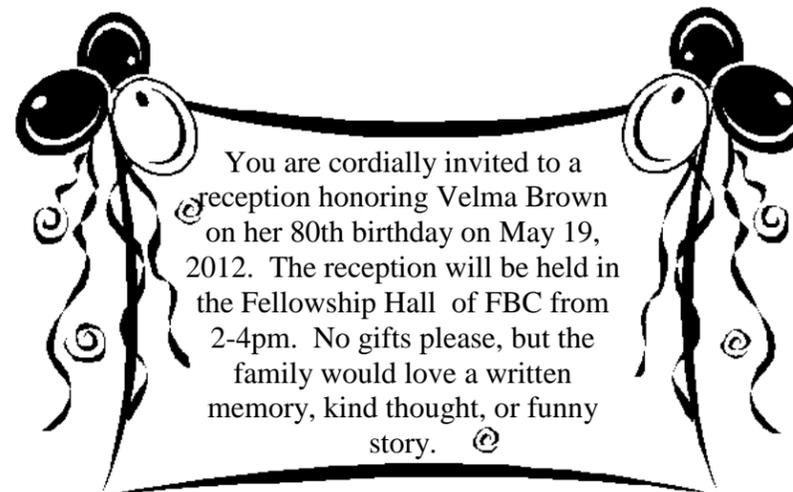
The launch of this ministry has been a great way to show God's love to the people of this community. We are going to continue delivering food each week through the summer months to the families who have already been receiving backpacks throughout the year. As summer schedules can be busy and people go on vacation, many of our current volunteers will be out of town at times. If you are interested in filling in for someone, please contact Jolee Cornelius or Dara Camber. This can be a temporary volunteer position over the summer or more permanent if you would like as we may possibly be expanding to the Junior High next September.

Thank you for your continual prayers and donations. Remember to look at the revised menu items on the back of the prayer list in the bulletin. We will continue having the special donations at the altar on the last Sunday of each month through the summer, but know that you can drop off donations at the church office at any time during the week.



MAY

Announcements



You are cordially invited to a reception honoring Velma Brown on her 80th birthday on May 19, 2012. The reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall of FBC from 2-4pm. No gifts please, but the family would love a written memory, kind thought, or funny story. ☺

Healing Hands

Meets @ Methodist Church in Karnes City
1st & 3rd Thurs. each month
3-4 pm

A ministry open to anyone wanting to knit, crochet, or sew items for premature babies.

Congratulations

Jenn Alvarez
And
Stephanie Moya

We will be honoring our 2012 graduates and their families with a luncheon.

Sunday, May 20th
12:00

Everyone's Invited

The Church will provide chicken, drinks, and cake. All other families, please bring a side dish to share with each other and the guests of honor.

Youth Facts



Youth, we have one final fundraiser this month before your money and registration forms are due for summer camp. The last fundraiser is the bake sale scheduled for May 6th. I will have your total amount due ready for you on Sunday night. Please be ready to turn in your forms and money on Monday, May 7th or by Wednesday May 9th at the very latest. Remember to be asking your friends to go as well. They would have just as much fun as camp. If you need extra registration packs, let me know. I have plenty.



Kid Tracks

ALTO FRIO CHILDREN'S CAMP JUNE 11-14, 2012

For Kids Completing 3rd-6th Grade

Cost: \$115

Fundraiser:

May 6th-Bake Sale

Bring a baked good to the church by 11:45. Proceeds raised will be divided among kids that work at the fund raiser.

Call Christy Dziuk to register
780-2028

Deadline to Register is May 7th

Stewardship

	Budgeted	Received
Month:	14,982.17	22,791.13
Year:	59,928.68	91,507.29

*Includes total from first 4 weeks of month

The total Annie Armstrong offering was \$2301.00. The WMU would like to thank the church for giving so generously to further North American Missions.

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I heard an old, old story...

I love singing old hymns. Recently however, one of the latest trends in contemporary worship music is for a composer to use the lyrics of an old hymn and rework the music around it to create an entirely new song. The main reason I enjoy this is that I get to hear another musician's take on a hymn that is Biblically sound and preaches truths that sometimes are hard to put into any form other than music.

The latest instance I have heard of this is a song by two different artists (Village Church Worship and Casting Crowns) called "Glorious Day". The words are actually from the old hymn "One Day (or Living He Loved Me)". As always, I did a little research on this hymn and this is what I found.

The writer of the hymn, J Wilbur Chapman, was a contemporary of DL Moody. Chapman was greatly appalled by the popular "evangelists" of the day whose modern views contested among other thoughts the validity that Jesus was the Christ and that all which was said about Him was actually true. Chapman sought to contest these charges, through preaching as well as composing.

This hymn has five verses that speak to each facet of Christ's time here on the Earth, from the first describing His birth and reaching the climax with the fifth verse describing His glorious return. The chorus is further used to drive home the point of Jesus as the Christ, preaching boldly: "Living He loved me, dying He saved me, buried He carried my sins far away. Rising, He justified freely forever: One day He's coming, O Glorious Day!"

As worship music continues to trend towards a more radio friendly sound, it's important that we have artists who don't feel we should change simply for change sake. These artists realize the tremendous power in the words of the older hymns, and fight veraciously to keep them as part of our musical vernacular.

~Nathan Jones