



SONSHINE NEWS



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From Voyt's Heart... pastor@fbcdouglass.net

Beloved Family,

It is such an incredible blessing to be a part of the First Baptist Church of Douglass! It is always exciting to wait in anticipation of what God will do next with and within our church, and I can't help but be amazed when I see the remarkable ways in which He works through our people and groups to bring about profound individual and corporate ministry. Time after time, our God has been faithful to hear our prayers and answer them in ways that have met the needs of our ministries at exactly the right times. Praise God!

***Praise the Lord, all nations! Glorify Him, all peoples!
For His faithful love to us is great;
the Lord's faithfulness endures forever. Hallelujah!
Psalms 117:1-2 (HCSB)***

Sunday, March 31, 2013 is Easter Sunday, and as we approach Easter, I invite you to consider with me the great sacrifice of our God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the cross. I am always staggered by the enormity of my sin and the realization that it caused me to be irreparably separated from God. I am then driven to my knees in humble amazement at the magnitude of God's love for me and His desire to provide a way by which my relationship with Him could be restored. Finally, I am overcome by the gracious and merciful fulfillment of His plan through the brutal death of my Lord Jesus Christ on a cross as an atoning sacrifice for my sins. Because of His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, one day, all who trust Jesus as Lord and Savior will also be raised to live with Him forever. Alleluia!

As you know, it is our mission and our belief that,

***FBCD Exists to Exalt the LORD God, Connect People
to Jesus Christ, and Nurture Spiritual Growth.***

As we strive to connect other people to Jesus Christ, it is important to realize that many are particularly open to the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the Easter season. In

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FBCD will host a free community block party on Saturday, March 23, 2013. The event will feature live music, carnival snacks, inflatables, and games.

FBCD Plans Community Party

FBCD will host a free community party on Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. This event will be held on the FBCD grounds between the west side of the church building and Taylor Street.

The party will feature live music from the *Not Worthy Band* (Country/Western Gospel) and FBCD's worship band, *Not About Us*. Complimentary carnival snacks including cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs, and snow cones will be available for everyone. Students and younger children will be able to explore three inflatable bounce houses and a variety of games as well.

Students involved in FBCD's youth ministry will go door-to-door throughout Douglass during their spring break to invite the entire community to come.

The party will provide everyone at FBCD with an opportunity to bring friends and neighbors to an event where they can have an enjoyable time and be introduced to some of the various ministries of our church.

Come on down and hang out for a while, or enjoy the festivities all afternoon as we celebrate the arrival of spring and God's many blessings on our community!



FBCD News Notes

Easter Sunday Worship to Be Held at 8:00 & 10:30

FBCD's schedule for Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013 will include two morning worship celebrations. A service will be added at 8:00 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages will follow at their regularly scheduled time of 9:30, and another worship celebration will take place at the regular time of 10:30 a.m.

The additional service has been added to provide flexibility for those seeking to celebrate the resurrection of Christ in worship on Easter and to insure that there is enough room in the sanctuary to accommodate everyone who will come. Both services will be of the same design, as close to the same as possible, and we trust that the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit will pervade both as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord!

Please note that, although a nursery will be available for children ages birth through 3 years at both services, Children's Worship will only be available at the 10:30 a.m. worship celebration.



2013 Mission Trip Possibility

Your FBCD Missions Committee believes that the Holy Spirit may be leading us toward being on mission in Sidney, Nebraska. A town of 6,757 people on I-80 in the southern part of the Nebraska panhandle,



Sidney is probably best known as the headquarters of Cabela's, an outdoors outfitter. A sister church, Calvary Baptist, is in need of construction work such as painting of the outside of the church, parsonage, and garage; they are also in need of roofing. The church could also benefit from various ministry projects that might be within the scope of our mission.

This mission possibility is just in the earliest stages of development. If you sense that the Holy Spirit might be prompting you to join this work, please contact Pastor Voyt. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Motion Adopted to Begin Process of Revising Constitution & Bylaws

In FBCD's March 3, 2013 business meeting, it was noted that, apparently, the church's constitution and bylaws have not been comprehensively revised in some two decades. As both our church and the world in which we minister have changed significantly during this time, it was deemed prudent to begin the process of reviewing and revising the church's legal documents.

As a result, the church unanimously approved, "the formation of an ad hoc Constitution and Bylaws Revision Team, led by the pastor, which will be charged with the analysis and evaluation of The First Baptist Church of Douglass' legal documents and bringing back near-term and long-term recommendations for amendments, etc. of such documents or other instruments as may be given to their oversight by the church. Members of this team will be recruited and presented for approval at a business meeting of The First Baptist Church of Douglass; however, they may meet and work informally prior to their approval." Pastor Voyt anticipates bringing names of prospective team members for approval at FBCD's April business meeting.



FBCD Pine Car Classic & Chili Cook - Off

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Following the morning worship celebration.

No January/February Newsletter?

If you might be thinking that it has been a long time since you've received the Sonshine News, you are right! The January/February edition was not published due to persistent troubles with the church copier that prevented toner from fusing to paper properly. After numerous maintenance and repair visits over a period of nearly six weeks, we believe the problems have been solved! Thank you for waiting, and we are sorry for the inconvenience!

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the days leading up to Easter, FBCD will be offering several opportunities for you to connect people to Jesus.

The community block party on Saturday, March 23 is the first such event. Our Student Ministry will canvass Douglass over their spring break to invite everyone (literally!) to the party. We are renting a block party trailer from the SE Kansas Baptist Association which contains virtually everything we will need for this event. The various foods and activities will be free for everyone, and we will have opportunities not only to share our church, but also to share our Gospel! A missional event such as this takes a great deal of involvement and support, so please sign up in the church foyer for a shift and activity with which you can help. Your ministry involvement might just make a difference in someone's eternal life!

We will use the canvassing and block party to encourage folks to consider other Holy Week activities that will point them to Jesus: our Palm Sunday Church Picnic (read about it on page 6), *Experiencing the Passion of Jesus Christ* (p. 4), Good Friday Tenebrae service (p. 5), and both of our Easter worship services (p. 2). It is a great thing that we are encountering the need for two services on Easter! I want to invite you to consider whether the 8:00 or 10:30 a.m. worship opportunity is right for your family. We will rejoice in both as we celebrate His resurrection in the realization of an empty tomb!

Agape,

Pastor Voyt

Pastor Voyt Lynn

P. S., With Love & Profound Thanks! 3

Dear Beloved Ones, how can we possibly express our gratitude to you regarding the way you have taken care of us over the past few months, even before our son, Micah was born? Your prayers have been invaluable, and we are very grateful for the food, baby items, and financial gifts to help with other needs. Thank you also to those who have given of their time to help Voyt in various ways, enabling him to focus on other aspects of ministry and to do more for our family while Becky was sick and while Micah was in the hospital. We are amazed and humbled by God's provision through you and by the way you have been church to us through all of this. We thank you with full hearts.



Becky misses you all terribly and looks forward to being back with you, worshipping and serving our Lord together. We can't wait for you to meet Micah! He is healthy and growing. He adores his sisters, and his favorite part of the day is when his Daddy comes home! We love you immensely, and we are immeasurably grateful that God brought us here to be a part of this wonderful church family.

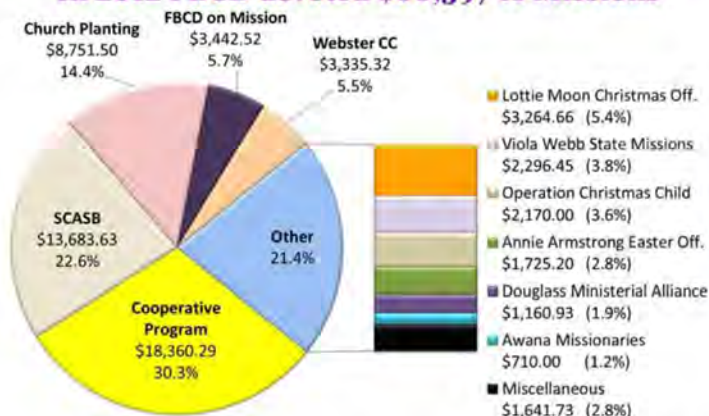
Love,

Voyt & Becky Lynn

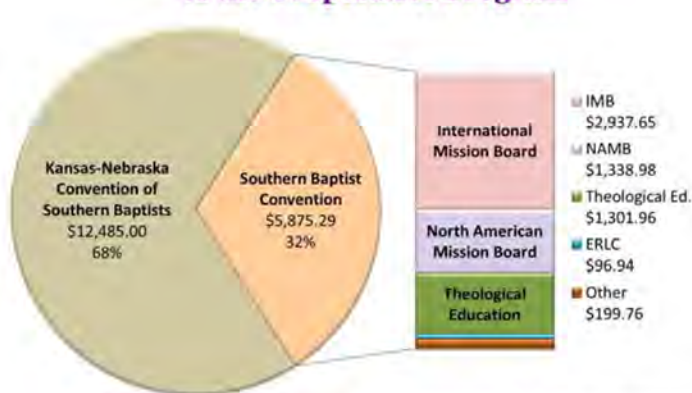
2012 FBCD Statistical Summary and Missions Allocation of 2012 Church Receipts

First Baptist Douglass, KS
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In 2012 FBCD devoted \$60,597 to Missions



In 2012 FBCD gave \$18,344.26 to the Cooperative Program



	2011	2012
Avg. Sunday Morning Attendance	102.33	110.26
Professions of Faith	2	12
Baptisms	3	8
New Members	11	15
Avg. Nursery/Children's Worship	9.5	14.5

	2011	2012
Total Receipts & Goods	\$175,083.23	\$192,271.95
Undesignated Receipts	\$157,051.00	\$166,766.01
Designated Receipts & Goods	\$ 18,031.97	\$ 25,505.94
Total Devoted to Missions	\$ 41,468.00	\$ 60,597.09
Cooperative Program	\$ 15,705.19	\$ 18,360.29

Experience the

PASSION

of Jesus Christ



Tuesday, March 26 only

Outreach Opportunity!!!

* Must bring a non-FBCD friend! *

Dinner & Passion ~ 6:30 p.m.

Reservations required by March 24

Wednesday, March 27

Passion ~ 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

Passion ~ 6:30 or 8:00 p.m.

For three days during Holy Week, you will have the opportunity to *Experience the Passion of Jesus Christ*. During the presentation you choose, you will experience a powerful time of reflection upon the crucifixion of Christ by visiting seven different stations at which you will interact with tangible reminders of that which Jesus endured as He died for us. Parents should share the experience with their school-aged children, helping them to understand the significance of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. Please be advised, however, that the *Experience* might be a bit intense for younger children.

Tuesday, March 26 will offer an outreach opportunity! We are inviting the community to this event, and FBCD members must bring a non-FBCD friend in order to attend! We will begin with a complimentary dinner served at 6:30pm. Pastor Voyt will discuss Jesus' life and crucifixion, and the evening will conclude with the *Experience*.

Wednesday, March 27 will have a 5:00pm *Experience* for those involved in Wednesday night activities or who prefer not to get out too late, and at 7:00, FBCD's Student Ministry will *Experience* the presentation. On Thursday, the *Experience* will be offered at 6:30 and 8:00pm.

TENEBRAE

A Solemn Time of Worship and Reflection
on the Death of our Lord Jesus Christ

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Good Friday,
March 29, 2013
7:00 p.m.

*“Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!”*

— Hymn #145, *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?* Text by Isaac Watts, 1707

On Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m., First Baptist Church of Douglass will observe a Tenebrae service. The word *Tenebrae* is Latin, and is translated “darkness.” The Tenebrae Service was well-attended last year, and it is worth noting that it has been said that the service becomes more meaningful through repeated attendance as the worshipper absorbs more and more of its deep significance.

We will begin by sharing the fellowship of the Lord’s Supper, reflecting not only upon the body and blood of our God and Savior Jesus Christ, but also the Last Supper which Christ shared with His disciples. Worshipers will have an opportunity to record prayers, confessions, or thoughts, and leave them at the foot of the cross. We will then begin the Tenebrae Service, which is characterized by readings from the Gospels describing the events leading to the crucifixion of our Lord. Each reading will be

followed by a song which further reflects upon the readings. As the Service of Darkness progresses, the sanctuary lighting will gradually be reduced until only a single light, representing Christ, remains. This light will then be extinguished, a reminder of the physical death Christ suffered upon the cross for our sins. In the darkness, we will be left to meditate upon that which Jesus endured for us. After a time of contemplation, a few lights will be turned on, and the congregation may then depart the sanctuary in solemn silence or linger in continued prayer and meditation.

The Tenebrae is an extremely solemn time of worship befitting the remembrance of Almighty God suffering and dying for those He created. This service may evoke deep sorrow, but the solemn observance of Christ’s death on Good Friday serves to highlight the incredible celebration with which we worship on Resurrection Sunday!

6 **Sunday, March 10: Chili & Pine Cars**

FBCD's Chili Cook-off and Pine Car Classic Races will be held immediately following the morning worship celebration on Sunday, March 10. There are no age limits on the races (or the chili!).



Sunday, March 17: Prayerwalk Douglass

Sunday, March 17, FBCD will have a time dedicated to prayerwalking throughout our community as we continue to make spiritual preparations for the different outreach efforts we will have later in the month. Details are still being finalized, but throw on your walking shoes and join us as we pray "onsight with insight" and lift up our community before the throne of God!



March 18-22: Douglass' Spring Break

While many students will spend their spring break sleeping late and vegging out, the youth of First Baptist Church, Douglass will be on mission here in Douglass as they canvas every house in our community! The students will be sharing flyers welcoming everyone to the Saturday, March 23 Block Party festivities and other Easter season activities of our church. The student ministry, led by Janey Mahlandt, has already been active in prayerwalking the streets of Douglass and praying for our local homes and families.



Saturday, March 23: Community Block Party

First Baptist Church of Douglass will host a free community party on Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The block party will take place on FBCD's west lot (1st and Taylor) on Saturday, March 23, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Live music will be performed by *Not Worthy Band* (Country/Western Gospel) and FBCD's worship band, *Not About Us*. There will be free carnival snacks (cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs, etc.) for everyone along with three inflatable bounce houses and games for the students! Come and enjoy the festivities!

Exalt

-the LORD God

Connect

-people to Jesus Christ

Nurture

-spiritual growth

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Palm Sunday, March 24: Church Picnic

Sunday, March 24 is Palm Sunday, commemorating the day that Jesus Christ rode triumphantly into Jerusalem, knowing full well that he would soon lay down His life as a sacrifice for our sins.

Following the morning worship celebration, we will adjourn (weather permitting) to the Douglass city park at 5th and Willow for our annual church picnic and Easter egg hunt. Please bring a side dish for the picnic. Actually, because we are inviting the community to join us, if you are able, bring two!



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Need Joy?	Need Trust?	Ready to Grow?	Need Friendships?
NEED WISDOM?	Need to Belong?	Ready to Serve?	NEED PURPOSE?
Ready to Help?	NEED LAUGHTER?	NEED JESUS?	Need Prayer?
Need Strength?	Need ANSWERS?	Ready for a Change?	Need Hope?

We've Got Something for Everyone. 9:30 on Sunday Mornings.

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3 Church Council Business Meeting	4	5 Jolly Seniors	6	7	8	9 VBS Jumpstart
10* Begin Daylight Saving	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Douglass Prayerwalk	18	19	20	21	22	23 Block Party
24 Palm Sun. FBCD Picnic	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday Tenebrae Service	30
31 Easter No PM Service						

3/10* Chili Cook-Off, Pine Car Classic, Medicalodge Ministry

April

	1	2 Jolly Seniors	3	4	5	6
7 Church Council Singspiration	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Medicalodge Business Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Potluck	29	30				

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

April Birthdays

4 Andy Leck
4 Becky Lynn
4 Gabie Alvarez
4 Josiah Peacock
6 C.J. Bohannon
11 Julia Crowdis
14 Janice Spencer
16 Lois Cox
18 Colter Griggs
19 Cheryl Stouffer
19 Johnny Leck
21 Jacob Peacock
23 Katie Leck
27 Evelyn Leedy
27 Justin Clingerman
30 Rob Nichols

3 John Tittel
4 Levi Mahlandt
7 Lily Versteeg
8 Victoria Parsons
11 Alex Williams
13 Karin Versteeg
14 Larry VanVickle
15 Madison Waggoner
22 Eddie Alcorn
27 Anna Kettelman
27 Teresa Nichols
30 Brady Skaer
30 Ed Eby
April Anniversaries
12 Jerry & Janice Spencer
22 Dwight & Peggy Moore
27 Mike & Janey Mahlandt
28 Shawn & Janice Clingerman

March Anniversaries

8 James & Judy Hatfield
9 Stoney & KaLyn Nethercot



Meet at FBC Douglass

Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Week of Prayer for
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

FBCD Goal:
\$1,200

NATIONAL GOAL:
\$70 MILLION
anniearmstrong.com

Pray!

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Connect with us...

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Study Groups (for all ages)

10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m. Worship Gathering

6:00 p.m. Monthly Business Meeting
(the second Sunday of each month)

Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Jolly Seniors (for the young at heart;
Meets on first Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. AWANA Clubs (during school year;
for ages 2 yrs - 6th grade)

6:30 p.m. Growth Groups for Adults

7:00 p.m. Student Gathering (grades 7-12)

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CELEBRATE EASTER @ FB CD

Saturday, March 23

Free Community Party from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 24

Church-wide Picnic with Kids' Easter Egg Hunt.

Tuesday - Thursday, March 26-28

Experience the Passion of Jesus Christ -
Interactive Event Reminds of Jesus' Sacrifice.

Good Friday, March 29

Lord's Supper and Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31

Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Worship Celebrations: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Note: No Easter evening activities at FB CD.

