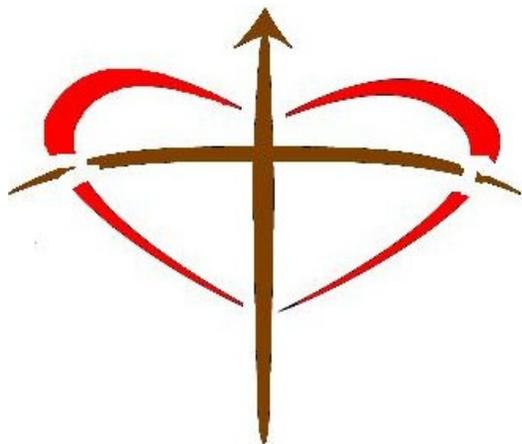


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TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Interesting facts about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Sentinels of the Third United States Infantry

Q: How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

A: 21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign d

Q: How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

A: 21 seconds, for the same reason as answer number 1.

Q: Why are his gloves wet?

A: His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

Q: Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time, and if not, why not?

A: No, he carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes a the outside shoulder.

Q: How often are the guards changed?

A: Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

Q: What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

A: For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30".

Other requirements of the Guard:

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. They cannot swear in public FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way.

After TWO YEARS, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first SIX MONTHS of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends FIVE HOURS A DAY getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

The Sentinels Creed:

My dedication to this sacred duty is total and wholehearted. In the responsibility bestowed on me never will I falter. And with dignity and perseverance my standard will remain perfection. Through the years of diligence and praise and the discomfort of the elements, I will walk my tour in humble reverence to the best of my ability. It is he who commands the respect I protect. His bravery that made us so proud. Surrounded by well meaning crowds by day alone in the thoughtful peace of night, this soldier will in honored glory rest under my eternal vigilance.

MAY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Staff Meeting 9-12 pm Corporate Prayer 6:30 AWANA 6:10-8 pm Youth 6:30-8 pm	2 Ministerial Alliance Meeting	3	4
5	6 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm	7 Deacon/Elders Meeting 6:30 pm	8 Staff Meeting 9-12 pm Corporate Prayer 6:30 AWANA 6:10-8 pm Youth 6:30-8 pm	9	10	11
	13 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm	14 Support Group Meeting 6:15-7:30 pm	15 Staff Meeting 9-12 pm Corporate Prayer 6:30 AWANA 6:10-8 pm Youth 6:30-8 pm	16	17	18
19 Graduates Day!	20 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm	21 Support Group Meeting 6:15-7:30 pm	22 Staff Meeting 9-12 pm Corporate Prayer 6:30 AWANA 6:10-8 pm Youth 6:30-8 pm	23	24	25
26	27 Office Closed Memorial Day	28 Support Group Meeting 6:15-7:30 pm	29	30	31	
Week of Children's Camp						

Dear Church family,

What a wonderful time of year. It is absolutely gorgeous outside today. The beautiful spring weather means many things. It means that winter is gone. Therefore, we get to enjoy things like baseball, picnics, and to just have the opportunity to be outdoors.

But spring also means that summer is coming soon. As rough as summers are in this area, we often see it as a necessary drudgery that we just have to go through. As much as I don't particularly care for the sometimes very dry, sometimes very humid Oklahoma heat that comes every summer, I'm especially looking forward to this upcoming summer.

Reason #1: the past two summers I have worked outside. It's hot enough out there without actually having to do something. But to add manual labor to 100+ degree heat is a little too much for a "home body" to handle. Thank you so much to the Lord for delivering me from that and fulfilling His will in my life, by allowing me to be a full time pastor here at Fairview.

Reason #2: I have a lot of work to do. The summer is always so busy for youth pastors. But some would argue that it is the most important time of the year for youth ministry. Let's go through the list real quick: Children's camp, Super Summer, Vacation Bible School, KBA, and mission work. I list these things for you to not brag or make you feel sorry for me, but I can't do these things in my own strength. If I try, I will fail miserably. One of the many things I love about this church is that this is a praying church. I desperately need your prayers. As much as I believe that the Lord chooses to bless hard work, I also believe that our hard work can be in vain if we don't do everything in God's power. If we're not praying for God to be in our service, then we're doing it in our own power. I don't want to be that person. So please partner with me to pray for our student ministry this summer. It's the busiest time of the year for us, and we want to walk with the Lord during this time.

I can preach the gospel, but He must draw and convict. I can bring kids to services, but He must speak. I can lead in Bible study, but He must teach. I can drive vans, sleep on bunk beds, cook, and clean, but He must bless. I can even invest into the lives of students to try to disciple them, but He must grow them.

Again, will you pray for us. I don't want to just "fulfill my religious duties" and be insanely busy just because it's summer, but I want to be busy with a purpose. 1 Corinthians 10:31 says, "...Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." That is our purpose.

In His strength,

Bro. Jimmy

P.S. Children's camp is up first. May 26-29. Pray for me, Cynthia, the students, the camp pastor and music leaders, and for anyone else who will be involved.

Memorials

In Memory of Robert Glenn by

Gary & Joan Powell

Mike & Gladys Skinner

Adult 3 Ladies- Elsa's Class

Billy & Patty Shackelford

JW & Zelda Hicks

David & Brenda Russell

Jerry & Bobbie Brown

Sympathies

*To Liz Glenn and family, for the loss
of Husband, father & Grandfather*

Robert Glenn

John 14: 1-4

14 Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me.

² In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

⁴ And whither I go, ye know the way.

Fairview Baptist Church Weekly Schedule

Church Office Hours - Mon thru Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (1 hour for lunch)

Sunday Schedule

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Morning Worship Celebration

5:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

6:00 pm Evening Worship Celebration

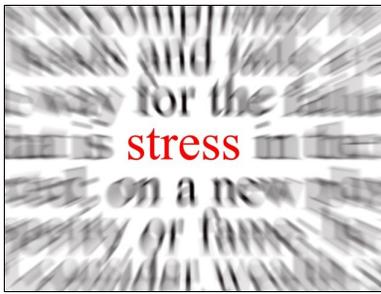
Wednesday Schedule

5:30 pm Manna-fest Meal (dismissed for Summer break)

6:30-7:30 pm Corporate Prayer Meeting

6:30-8:00 pm AWAANA (dismissed for school break)

6:30-8:00 pm Youth Services (grades 7-12)



Stress can be the spice of life or it can be the kiss of death; the difference is in how we manage it. Managed stress makes us productive and happy, while mismanaged

stress can be harmful to us. Well, limited space curbs an exhaustive discussion, but here are a few thoughts from God's own Word concerning stress management.

1. *Choose to rejoice (Philippians 4:4)*. Paul is not giving cheap advice here; he was in prison at the time. He is teaching us to make a choice in the midst of difficulty – a choice to rejoice because life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you respond.

2. *Practice forbearance (v.5)*. When problems pile up and stress levels mount, don't displace anger; talk things out instead. Don't tank and give up, and don't turn your home into a 24-hour problem solving think tank.

3. *Worry about nothing (v.6a)*. Worry is worthless: it cannot change the past or control the future. It is stewing without doing. It is our choice – trust the Lord (**Psalms 55:22**) or make ourselves miserable with worry. Worry causes our problems to grow and our faith to shrink.

4. *Pray about everything (v.6b)*. Paul is saying, "Don't panic; pray." If it's big enough to worry about, it's big enough to pray about. James reminds us that we have not because we ask not (**James 4:2**); and Peter tells us to unload our cares in prayer (**1 Peter 5:7**). Stop and pray for an hour or two; you'll feel better.

5. *Get a check up from the neck up (vv.8, 13, 19)*. A healthy body is nurtured by good nutrition, rest, and proper exercise and likewise, a healthy and joyful mind is nurtured by right thinking. Paul says, "Think this, not that." Think success thoughts, not failure thoughts. Think faith thoughts, not fear thoughts. Remember, the God who made every thumbprint in the world unique, the God who made every snowflake in the world different, the God who made every voiceprint in the world special is big enough to handle all the details of your life.

Love ya,
Bro. Bill

Can I have that seat?

Have you ever thought about where to sit when you go in to a new place? Say into a movie theater, sporting arena, first day of school, maybe even a car, van or bus. Unless you have assigned seating or have a usual place setting, it can be an awkward moment. Take for example, having a ticket with a number to match your seat, piece of cake. What about sitting at the table in your home for lunch or dinner, again, no problem. What about riding in the car as a family? Dad drives, Mom sits up front and the Children ride in back or unless Dad or Mom doesn't go, then the first Child to yell "shotgun" changes the order of who sits up front. You know you played that game growing up or maybe still do.

Have you ever thought about the order of seating around the "Lord's Supper" table in the Bible? Who sat nearest to Jesus and who had the furthest seat from Him? The Bible is not clear on the seating arrangement around the Lord's Supper table. Based on scripture and traditions, Judas, Peter and John were close to Jesus. What about the place of seating around Jesus up in His glory? This we can answer based on scripture in Matthew 20:20-28 and Mark 10:35-45. James and John (the Sons of Zebedee) asked Jesus, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." [Mark 10:37] These men wanted a place of authority and to be recognized at the same level as Jesus. Were they willing to drink from the same cup and be baptized with the baptism that Jesus would be baptized with? Both men said they would be willing [Mark 10:39].

Can you believe James and John were willing to go where Jesus was going? Walk the path the Father has laid out for Jesus? Jesus would have no place to lay His head [Matthew 8:20]. He would be spat upon, rejected, falsely accused, striped, beaten, crowned with thorns, carry His own cross, placed between to criminals, have the worlds sin placed on Him and have His own Father turn His back on Him. Yes, they were willing and Jesus confirmed that they would indeed drink the cup that He drank, and be baptized with the baptism He was baptized with [Mark 10:39]. This is what we call a "Christian"; one who will carry his own cross. Jesus said, "And he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of Me" [Matthew 10:38] Let's carry the cross for Christ and know that He will place us in the right seat for His glory.

Love You,
Bro. Andy

P.S. Have you ever thought about where to sit in church? I don't know about you but I put my stuff down in the same place every Sunday AM and PM services. My children even know where we sit. Do we have assigned seating? Could we sit in another place in the sanctuary and not throw anyone off from their normal place. I love looking around the sanctuary and seeing if you are in your seat to know who is with us and who might be out. I then can see if we have guest with us too. Always keep in mind that God can use you in your seat to bless the person next to you.