

First Baptist Church

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The Bridge Builder

worship
WITH US

Sunday, May 10

9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

We are offering two services to allow for “social distancing”

You will still be able to join us Facebook Live if you prefer

We will have no nursery/childcare as of yet to protect our children

BK'S KORNER . . .

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'"

This verse was all I could think about as we approached Sunday. I was very excited that we were going to be able see each other and worship the Lord together. In the weeks ahead we will begin to move closer to all of us worshipping together.

There really is something spiritual about the body of Christ gathering together. Worshipping, thanking and lifting up the name of Our Lord together is what God desires from His church.

On the first Sunday when we are all able to worship together in one service we are going to have a special service. We are going to have an Easter Service! That's right we are going to have an Easter Celebration when we all gather together. 2020 will not only be the year we had Easter Service on the parking lot, it will also be the year we celebrated Easter twice. You know, in reality every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. Every time we gather together it is because Christ came out of the tomb three days after He was crucified. We celebrate that resurrection every time we gather in His name. In fact at some point the early Christians began meeting on the first day of the week instead of the Sabbath (7th day), presumably because Christ rose on the first day! They chose to gather on the day Christ arose. Every Sunday was and is a celebration of the resurrection of Christ from the grave!

Remember yall we cannot allow a viral pandemic to keep us from "being" the church. I know we've needed to isolate and quarantine ourselves, but at some point we must fulfill our mandate from God and be salt and light in our community. We are going to have to work through this together and figure out how we will do this.

Love you all and miss you. Try to make it Sunday if you can. There is plenty of room in both services for you to keep separated. Trust God and give Him thanks!

Our Redeemer Lives!
BK

WORSHIP DIRECTOR

FBCBC CHURCH FAMILY.....

This past Sunday we started seeing some of our church family in the worship services with us. It was a joyous day. We have missed you all and can't wait until the day comes when we will all be back together, worshipping our Lord.

We do still worship together as our service is live-streamed each week, but there is something very special about getting to see each other and encourage one another.

Our sound engineers are working very hard to make sure you get a wonderful experience on Facebook as you watch the video. Be sure and encourage them for what they do. There has been a lot of work put into this in front of and behind the scenes.

80TH ANNIVERSARY NIGHT OF WORSHIP

The plans are still underway for FBCBC's 80th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, July 12, 2020. The Saturday evening before, July 11th, we have scheduled our Summer Night of Worship. We are getting some wonderful vocalists lined up, so be sure and put these dates on your schedule.

I believe, with the Lord's help, this will be a Holy-Spirit filled evening of wonderful gospel songs, along with some contemporary praise and worship. You won't want to miss this.

We will provide more information on this Night of Worship in the near future.

With churches, businesses, etc. starting to open back up in Texas, there is a fear-factor. But we know who is in control.

We will share the praise song Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies) this coming Sunday:

*I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side.....*

For His Glory,
Debbie

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

I was thinking this morning about Bro. Keith's sermon yesterday, and it brought to mind a phrase I came up with a few years ago. That phrase is "Spiritual Pica".

Now, I know that many of you know what Pica is, but for those that don't, here is a brief explanation. Pica is defined as, "an eating disorder that involves eating items that are not typically thought of as food and that do not contain significant nutritional value, such as hair, dirt, and paint chips." It is mostly seen in children and is caused by a vitamin or mineral deficiency in their body. Someone who suffers from Pica craves strange and sometimes dangerous things. We've all heard stories of kids eating dirt and such, but I've even heard stories of adults suffering with it that ate small bits of rubber from tires, burnt matches, soap, ashes, and even mothballs. Many of the things that are craved are not harmful, but some certainly are. The person suffering with it craves it and eats these strange things trying to fill the nutritional void, but nothing satisfies. It is not until a doctor finds the deficiency and treats them accordingly that the cravings stop.

This makes me think of our children today. On Sunday, Bro. Keith mentioned a quote that brought Spiritual Pica back to mind. "*There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus*". Every day, our children are looking for something to satisfy a need in their heart, but they don't really understand what that is. I've known many people who lived lives searching and trying everything they could, but until they found Jesus never knew satisfaction and freedom. They have spent their lives looking for God in all the wrong places, partially because they didn't know that was what they were looking for. For someone with Pica, if they knew that it was a lack of iron, then they would go take iron, right? Instead, not understanding the problem, they try everything they can, even to the point it does harm.

When we truly realize and help our kids see the yearning that each heart has for God, it changes everything. We need to help guide their yearnings. Kids think that satisfaction comes from the number of views and followers they can get YouTube, Snapchat and TikToc or how many levels of Fortnite or Minecraft they can conquer. There is nothing necessarily wrong with those things, but they will never satisfy the craving and that may cause them to turn

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR continued . . .

to more dangerous choices later. They think that their earthly works will fill that God shaped hole. What they don't see is that God has set forth a plan just for them, but in order to accomplish it, allow God to fill that void. Help them to see that God is the answer to what is missing in their lives, even if they don't yet know it.

I look forward to the time when we can again gather together and continue working side by side to help our children grow in Christ.

That the next generation may know,
Chris



Know Your Bible

This week we are continuing learning the verses of Psalm 103.

Verse 13 As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities them that fear him.

Verse 14 – For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Verse 15 – As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

Scholarship Announcement

The scholarship committee is requesting love offerings or memorials to fund scholarships for our deserving students. This offering or memorial may be placed in an envelope designated to the "Scholarship Fund."

Ways to give...

1. Mail to 200 W. Roundbunch, 77611
2. Drop off at the office Mon. - Thurs. (7:30-5:30)
3. Drop in the office mail slot.
4. Call a member to pick up and deliver it.
5. www.fcbc.org ("Giving Online" link, select the Scholarship fund option) Scholarship applicants can be high school seniors or anyone entering or attending college or the military. Applications may be picked up in the church office and turned into/ emailed to Hannah Landry (scholarship@fcbc.org) or back to the church office by Sunday, May 10th.

NURSERY WORKERS
May 10, 2020



Thelma Wheelis
Connie Claus

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Thelma Wheelis at 409.293.6276.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS
May 3, 2020

Projected Budget Need:	\$ 9,347.71
Weekly Receipts:	\$12,350.00
Actual Budget Receipt to Date:	\$163,605.21
Actual Budget Spending to Date:	\$166,125.81

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School 9

WORSHIP SERVICE:

Worship 81

Nursery

TOTAL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 81

DEACON OF THE WEEK
May 10 — 16, 2020

Troy Woodall Deacon
 Dewey Stuart Visiting Partner

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
7:30 — 5:30
MONDAY — THURSDAY



Celebration of
First Baptist Church
July 12, 2020

Did You Know?

Dr. Charles Walton became our eighth pastor and served from December 1977 until September 1991.

Not long after Dr. Walton and Brenda arrived, we began construction of the south wing educational building.

We also began a Mother's Day Out program. We celebrated our 40th church anniversary on Sunday July 13, 1980 with an all-day worship, including a pageant depicting the history of the church, a basket lunch, and an "old-fashioned" singing. Serving with Dr. Walton was Maurice Fennell, Minister of Education, and Carl Durden, Music/Youth. Later, Kenneth Stanley served as Associate Pastor and Mike Haley led the youth. Mike Collier came on board as Music Director and produced wonderful Christmas musicals for our church and the entire community.

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