

Announcements

HOW A CHRISTIAN RESPONDS
Larry Gipson's New Sermon Series

TODAY	How a Christian Responds to Suffering
APR 3	How a Christian Responds to a Request for Forgiveness

I Believe IN THE TITHE
Sunday, April 3
Sunday School Lesson & Tithing Emphasis

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:6

We all get direct mail pieces from investment companies and financial planners urging us to purchase their investment advice or subscribe to their investment newsletter. What is you received a come-on like this: "We promise: The more you invest with us, the more you will make. Guaranteed!" Such a company would be immediately investigated by the government and put out of business. No one can guarantee those kind of results.

No one, that is, but God—and not in a purely financial sense. But 2 Corinthians 9:6 is pretty plain: If we give sparingly, we'll reap sparingly. If we give generously, we will reap generously. Any investment guru would love to be able to make such a claim. Yet even when God makes that promise, plainly stated in Scripture, many are afraid to take Him at His Word. If we start off giving sparingly and find ourselves in financial straits, we're afraid of giving generously lest things become worse. Far better to begin the Christian life as a generous giver and let God show Himself faithful.

Take a fresh look at your giving this week—and your returns. Trust God to be true to his Word.

God's riches are never lessened by His generosity. — John Blanchard
(Today's Turning Point, Dr. David Jeremiah, 1/26/11)

Next Sunday, families are encouraged to bring your envelope to the altar during the offering time.

Join 180 Student Ministry for a Radical Experiment!

180 Student Ministry is about to embark on a spiritual journey using *Radical* by David Platt. It is a three-fold journey. First, the students will be challenged and encouraged to read *Radical*. Second, during Sunday School, the students will engage in an eight-week Bible study diving deeper into themes of the book. Third, on Wednesday nights, the 180 Message Series will be *Radical: What Jesus Demands*.

How can you be a part of this radical experiment? First, you will have the opportunity to purchase a copy of *Radical* for only \$5. A reading guide will be provided to help you read along with the students. Also, we will be telecasting the 180 Message Series in a separate room for adults. If you are involved in other ministries on Wednesday nights, no problem; we will post the series on the FBC Website. The reading plan begins Palm Sunday, April 17. The 180 Message Series begins on Wednesday, April 20, and the Bible Studies begin Easter Sunday, April 24.

Student Mission Trip will be June 26-July 2, to New Orleans. Cost: \$305.00. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due by Sunday, April 24. We will have a parent/student meeting on Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

RADICAL
180 STUDENT MINISTRY EXPERIMENT

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Finding God in Life & Community



Sunday School PRIORITY Great Expectations!

Today, 11:30 a.m.
Everyone is invited to attend! If you are a leader in Sunday School or would like to see it continue to grow, please attend. Lunch will be provided for you and your family.

LAST SUNDAY'S REPORT
Enrollment.....689
Attendance.....340
Contacts.....218
New Members.....2
Average Attendance.....332

"We're It" & FAITH Visitation
Monday, 6:00 p.m.
SCHEDULED TO VISIT THIS WEEK

Pastor's Class ~ Gipson	Adult 2A ~ NeSmith
Preschool 7 ~ Chambers	Adult 2E ~ Wheeler
Children 5 & 6 ~ Adams/Watkins	Adult 7 ~ Turley

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National Goal: \$70 Million
FBC Goal: \$8,500.00
Received to Date: \$3,198.50



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First Baptist Church exists to demonstrate the love of Christ in our community and our world through worship, evangelism, discipleship, missions, and ministry.

Sunday, March 27, 2011

Morning Worship

Prelude Charlotte Langner
 Prayer Daryl Wheeler
 Missions Video ~ *The American Dream*
 Welcome/Fellowship Larry Gipson
 2011 Children's Honor Choir & Alumni *I Am His Lamb*
 Hymn No. 153..... *My Tribute*
 Song *You Are God Alone*
 Song *How Great Is Our God*
 Prayer
 Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
 Celebration Choir..... *Jesus Is the Lord*
 Children dismissed to First Kids Worship
 Song *The Heart of Worship*
 Song *In the Presence of Jehovah*
 Message Larry Gipson
 Hymn No. 288..... *Where He Leads Me*
 Postlude..... Charlotte Langner

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

We are delighted to have you visiting with us today. Please complete the guest card that is located in the pew and place it in the offering plate or give it to a staff member as you exit the Sanctuary. Guest packets containing more information about FBC are available on the tables in the vestibule.



The flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of **Jesus Christ**, who is coming; perhaps today.

Evening Worship

Prelude Debra Beason
 Prayer/Welcome Larry Gipson
 Hymn No. 335 *Standing on the Promises*
 Hymn No. 64 *God Will Take Care of You*
 Prayer
 Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
 Instrumental Praise Charlotte Langner
 Special Called Business Meeting
 Message..... Larry Gipson

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FIRST KIDS WORSHIP ~ Worship Kidstyle for ages 4-3rd grade. Sing, play games, study Bible stories, and enjoy fun activities as we worship the Lord! Preschool –K meet in Room E in CDC Hall; grades 1-3 meet in Room 160.

EVANGELISTIC SOCCER BALLS is a Guatemala Prayer Walking Project and are a great tool for sharing the love of Christ. The balls feature the five colors of the Wordless Book, and turn sports into an evangelistic opportunity. The balls are official game size and come with pumps and instructional cards. Cost is \$10.00 per ball. Deadline to order is April 1, 2011. Contact the Association Office at 274-2879.

WRAPPED CANDY is needed for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 17. Please place it in the box outside the church office.

VBS TRAINING will be on April 5, 7:00 p.m., at Locust Fork Baptist Church. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tammy McMinn.

FREE TAX SERVICE by AARP is available on Mondays and Wednesdays in Rm. 210. Call 205-282-0400 to make an appointment.

WEDNESDAY MEALS ~ March 30: Chicken fingers, pink eye peas, mashed potatoes, garden salad, bread, dessert **April 6:** Easter ham, green bean casserole, scalloped potatoes, garden salad, rolls, dessert.

OLEN STONE will be doing mission work in Llana Largo, Guatemala, June 25-July 1 this summer. If you would like to make a contribution to his expenses of \$1,325.00, it would be greatly appreciated. Please mark your offering envelope "Mission Fund-Guatemala."

Reminders

- Out of reverence to God and respect for others, please turn off your cell phone or put it on vibrate during the worship services.
- Please no food or drink in the Sanctuary.
- If you need to use the elevator on Sunday night, the double doors by the Fellowship Hall will be unlocked.

Opportunities for Service

TODAY, MARCH 27

Deacon Visitation Team..... Donny Tipton & Mark Towns

Nursery Workers

Babies & Toddlers Charlie & Anne Payton
 2s & 3s Patty Vaughn
 Evening Karen Clark

Welcome Center Cherie Towns, Wayne Bynum & Polly Gargus

Worship Invitation Assistants Judy Camp & Bill Hopewell

Youth Breakfast..... John Gibbons & Cannon Hart

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Deacon Visitation Team..... Michael Towns & Bob Turley

Nursery Workers

Babies & Toddlers Marsha Horton & Hannah Huie
 2s & 3s Cary & Heather Armstrong
 Evening

Welcome Center Kitty Cheak, David Reeves & Bob Harvey

Worship Invitation Assistants Judy Camp & Bill Hopewell

Youth Breakfast..... Mary Elizabeth Towns & Walker Edmondson

Church Schedule

Sunday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. Morning Worship
 11:30 p.m. Sunday School Leadership Luncheon/Mtg.
 5:00 p.m. Student Choir
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship/Special Called Business Mtg.

Monday, March 28

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Priority Sunday School Visitation

Tuesday, March 29

6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity

Wednesday, March 30

5:15 p.m. Fellowship Meal
 6:00 p.m. Praise Band, Children's Graded Choirs
 6:45 p.m. *Worship On Wednesday*

It's A Boy!!

Colt Jeremiah NeSmith
Born: 3/21/11
8lb.7oz., 20 inches long
Proud parents: Chris & Janna
Smiling grandparents: Wayne & Anita Gibbons