

## Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family,

As the book of Acts opens, the disciples are meeting with Jesus one last time (in person). He gives them last instructions for continuing the ministry of the New Testament Church, and then, right before their eyes, He ascends into heaven. What an amazing, scary moment for these original followers of Jesus.

I imagine they were extremely emotional and confused. Over the course of a very short time, they had found Jesus, lost Jesus, found Jesus again, and now he is gone again. What did they do? What would you do?

Well, they did an amazing thing. They went into a secluded gathering place, to pray. They prayed for direction, they prayed for peace, they prayed for a strategy, and they prayed for courage and power. And, the prayers were answered. With great power, instilled in them by the Holy Spirit, they left the upper room to give the ministry of Jesus to all who would hear. Their prayer meeting changed the world.

So today, I want to call on the church to pray in the same way. I want to encourage you to be prepared to come to the altar and pray over the ministry of Jesus through our church. I want to encourage you to move, from where you are, to where prayer can be heard by the Lord. There is something special about bringing the needs of your church to the altar. Here are some matters to pray for:

1. Pray for continued unity among the members
2. Pray that God would prompt new members to join the work of Jesus here
3. Pray that the ministry would continue to be effective in our community
4. Pray that lost people will be saved and baptized, and pray for your personal commitment to that prayer need
5. Pray for the leaders of the church. Pray that the leaders would stay strong against the "wiles" of the devil, and that harvest ministry would go forth from the leaders and the church family.
6. Pray for a world changing "empowerment" of the Holy Spirit.
7. Pray for yourself and your family.

Thanks for being such a great church,  
Blessings, Dr. j

## Church News

### Window/Door Offering

March 19 - \$7,355 received  
March 26 - \$7,545 received  
April 2 - \$ 300 received  
April 9 - \$2,100 received  
April 16 - \$1,000 received  
April 23 - \$1950 received

**Total \$ 20,250**

**Offerings and pledges will continue to be received throughout the construction period. The cost for the construction is \$75,000.**



Pinewood Derby will be on **Wednesday, May 3rd** in the Family Life Center from 3-6pm. Open to all boys and girls 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

All pinewood derby cars

have to use approved wheels and axels and weigh 5oz or less.



**Properties Committee** will meet on **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm** in the Family Life Center.

**Finance Committee** will meet on **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm** in the Family Life Center.

## Church News

### First Place 4 Health Mini-Summer Session

A six-week session will begin Monday, May 1st at 6 p.m. Cost for this session is \$16.00

Summer-time is filled with sunshine, picnics at the lake, special outings, family vacations and celebrations. But it is also a time when disruptions in the normal routine can make it difficult to stay committed to healthy living. Join us for a six-week Bible study, *Fit and Healthy Summer* which is designed to help stay on course toward a balanced life.

To register or for more information, please call the church office at 824-3271.

### Mark Your Calendar for Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

Nancy Smith from Nacogdoches, Texas will be presenting a talk on "Tracking Your Food". She is a dynamic, Christian woman who will speak about the importance of logging your daily intake.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

Food Distribution will resume on **Monday, May 1 from 3-5pm**. Individuals whose last name falls between **(A-D)** will be served.

If you are interested in being involved, you are welcome to participate. Thank you for your prayers and service.

To send a prayer need to the prayer chain, e-mail Liz Bollich at [bollich@bellsouth.net](mailto:bollich@bellsouth.net) text or call @ (337) 580-2896.

## Church News

### Student Ministry [students.fbcjennings.com](http://students.fbcjennings.com)

Join us on congratulating the Graduating Class of 2017 on **Sunday, May 7th** during our morning service. We will be recognizing the following students:

Haylie Neal  
CJ Cook  
Meagan Guinn  
Katlyn Trahan  
Morgan Ardoin  
James Richard  
Riley Dartez

### Children's Calendar

**July 31-August 2 - Tall Timbers Camp for 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders**

*Thank You!*

Dear Church Family,

*I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and cards that were sent our way during Clyde's illness. Also, would like to thank everyone for all the food that was provided for our family. It meant so much to me. I am blessed to have each and every-one of you in my church family.*

God Bless,  
Dorothy Leger & Family

Sunday, April 30- Saturday, May 6

**Sunday, April 30:**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
 5:00 p.m. Kidz Konnection

**Monday, May 1:**

4:30 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking  
 3-5 p.m. Food Distribution (A-D)  
 6:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health

**Tuesday, May 2**

4:30 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking

**Wednesday, May 3:**

4:30 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking  
 6:00 p.m. Refuge  
 6:00 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service  
 6:00 p.m. GA's, RA's, CA's and Mission Friends  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 4:**

4:30 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking

**Friday, May 5:**

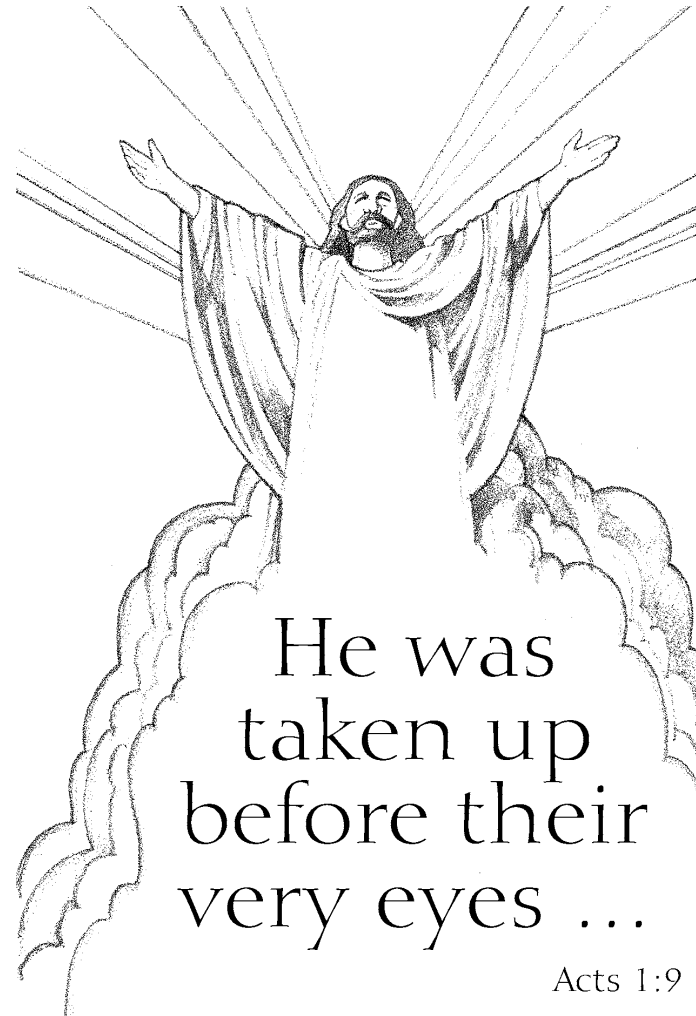
4:30 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking

**Saturday, May 6:**



# Welcome to the worship services of First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 30, 2017



He was taken up before their very eyes ...

Acts 1:9

**Dr. jeff Cook** Pastor      **Brian Wells** Minister of Education & Sr. Adults      **Sean Bean** Minister of Music

**Derrick Laughlin** Youth Leader      **Eric Sonnier** CC Leader

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## Morning Worship

Prelude

“To God Be the Glory”

Welcome & Fellowship

“Forever”

“Hosanna”

Scripture Reading & Offering

Children’s Dismissal

“Holy Spirit”

“Blessed Assurance”

Sermon

Dr. jeff Cook

Invitation

“Have Thine Own Way”

## Evening Activities

Evening Worship - 5pm

Kidz Konnection - 5pm

## Sermon Notes

“LOOK AWAY”

Acts 1:1-11

1. When we Look Away We...  
 Look to Jesus for Knowledge of All Things

2. When we Look Away We...  
 Look to Our Heart for Power

3. When We Look away...  
 Look to the World for Our Witness

4. When We Look Away...  
 We Look “Again” to Heaven for His Return

**Nursery workers for extended session:**

April 30	Regilyn Carter
May 7	Donna Trahan
May 14	Lane Owers
May 21	Tina Goebel
May 28	Martha Phelps

**CHURCH FINANCES**

Monthly Budget Requirements: \$39,993.17  
 April 2017 Receipts to Date: \$35,804.23