

Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family,

My wife and I have been putting some color in the back yard, (planting flowers). As a part of the plan to brighten up the backyard, Jo installed a bird feeder. The bird feeder is a gift from a friend and it is supposed to be squirrel proof. Here is how it works. The perch is spring loaded, and if there is too much weight on the perch, (i.e. a squirrel), then the trap door closes and there is no feed. Truthfully, the squirrels have never tried so it works. But, as an unintended consequence of this bird feeder design, it also discourages the big, pretty birds. They can't sit on the perch, and bend over small enough to reach the food. It is quite comical to watch. That is where the sparrows come in and save the day.

Sparrows have no beauty whatsoever. They are brown, small, plentiful, and have very little value compared to the more stately birds. Even Jesus referred to lowly sparrows when comparing their value, to our value. But in my backyard, sparrows are game changers. You see, sparrows are just the right size to sit on the perch on my bird feeder. And when a flock of sparrows start feeding, they become competitive, and messy. That's right, they become messy. And when they are messy, the spill all kinds of bird feed on the ground. And when they do, the Blue Jays come... The Cardinals come, The doves come, and the squirrels come. And everybody has a feast in appreciation of the sparrows. THANK GOD FOR SPARROWS.

I noticed today that the sparrows have moved on, and an occasional Blue Jay will come and try to scatter some seed from the feeder with very little success. It just can't be done without the sparrows.

So what is the lesson? Well, since it is Mother's Day, I thought of an application. Mom, the world can't run without you. There are many "sparrow" activities you do that go unnoticed, but you need to know today, that you are appreciated. Your seemingly insignificant tasks of life cause the universe to be in order. Without you, everything else becomes more difficult. So, here is a great big thank you from all of us. We hope you enjoy your day!!

Blessings,
Dr. j

Ps. A friend gave me this poem that is printed on a special plate in his house.

*Mother
To One Who Bears the Sweetest Name
And Adds a Luster to the Same
Who Shares My Joys, Who Cheers When Sad
The Greatest Friend I Ever Had
Long Life To Her, For There's No Other
Can Take the Place of My Dear Mother*

Church News

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



Business Meeting on Wednesday, May 17 at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

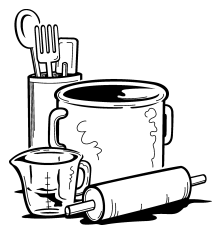
VBS Meeting on Sunday, May 21st at 3:30pm in the Family Life Center.

Children's Calendar

July 31-August 2 - Tall Timbers Camp for 2nd - 6th graders

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

Food Distribution will resume on **Monday, May 15 from 3-5pm**. Individuals whose last name falls between (I-P) will be served. If you are interested in being involved, you are welcome to participate. Thank you for your prayers and service.



The large Rice Cooker seems to be missing from our kitchen. If you have borrowed it or know where it is, please let us know.

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Mark your calendar for the next BYAH Luncheon which will be held on **Tuesday, May 16th 11:00am** in the FLC dining room.

The meat (fried chicken) will be provided, so bring a dish or dessert to complement the meal.

Our special guests will be the Graduating Kindergarten Class who will share some of the things they learned during the year.

Window/Door Offering

March 19 - April 30	\$20,900 received
May 7	\$ 5,000

Total	\$25,900 Received
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Offerings and pledges will continue to be received throughout the construction period. The cost for the construction is \$75,000.



Our nursery is growing and is in need of additional volunteers on Sunday morning during the worship service. A total of 26 volunteers is the goal. If we have that many each volunteer would only be scheduled for two Sundays a year. Please contact Nancy Walters in the church office if you can fulfill this need.



The nursery is looking for an additional worker. If you would be interested in the position or would like more information please contact Nancy Walters in the church office.

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Student Ministry
students.fbcjennings.com

Students are getting ready to head to camp, and we are so thankful of the support of the church. Our students are working hard and camp will be hard work serving on the mission field in North Louisiana. Mission Camp is June 12-16 and students will be serving in and around the Ruston, LA area. We are looking forward to our time serving and worshipping the one who create us to love!

Immediately following summer camp, students will be joining in on the work for VBS. We are so glad to be apart of such a large outreach of our church. As you see students helping and serving, please join me in encouraging them and lifting them up. Many of them give up their summer jobs or vacations to be able to help. We are praying for an awesome time at VBS. We will see you there.



Adult Helpers and Youth Helpers needed in most classes.

Old CD's are also needed. You can bring these to the church office or give to Ruth Cardoza.

the Deadline is...
Any articles or postings for the Sunday Bulletin need to be in the office by Wednesday.
Articles for the Newsletter need to be in the office by the 20th of each month.

Sunday, May 14 - Saturday, May 20

Sunday, May 14:

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, May 15:

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

Tuesday, May 16:

4:30 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
 11:00 a.m. BYAH Luncheon

Wednesday, May 17:

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

Thursday, May 18:

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

Friday, May 19:

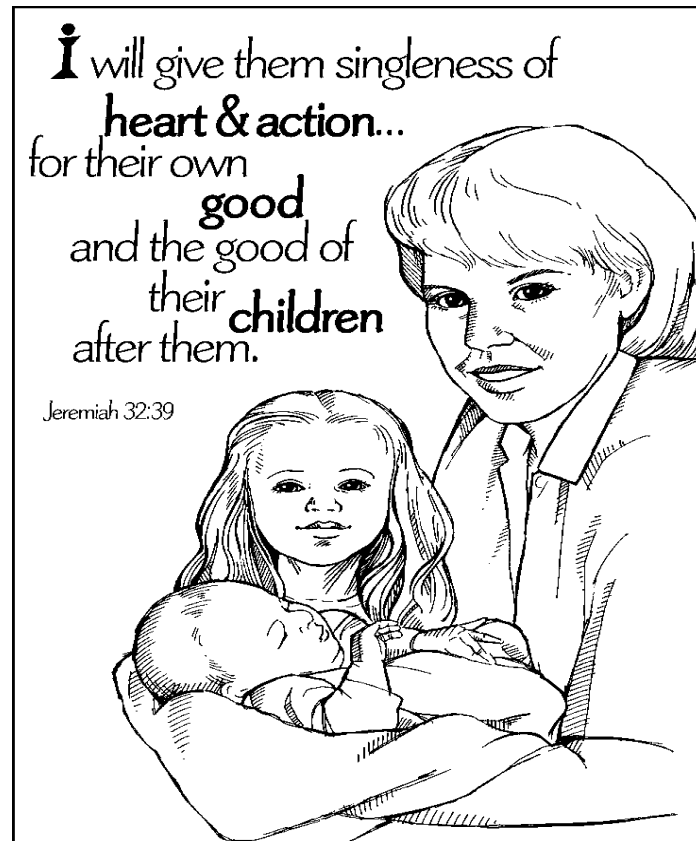
4:30 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
 6:00 p.m. Kindergarten Graduation

Saturday, May 20:



Welcome to the worship services of First Baptist Church

Sunday, May 14, 2017



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

“The Lily of the Valley”

Welcome & Fellowship

Baby Dedication

“At Your Name”

“Holy Is the Lord”

Scripture Reading & Offering

“10,000 Reasons”

“Amazing Grace”

Sermon

Dr. Jeff Cook

Invitation

“I Have Decided”

Evening Activities

Evening Activities Cancelled

Sermon Notes

Tell Me About Your Children Numbers 26:59

Aaron - The First High Priest of Israel


- First Born
- A Great Communicator
- A Great Spiritual Leader
- Devoted to God from an Early Age

Miriam - Prophetess and Musician

- My First Daughter
- Very Resourceful
- Spiritual, (sometimes strong-headed)
- Instrumental in Saving Moses

Moses - “Let My People Go”

- The “Baby”
- A Great Leader
- Impulsive



Nursery workers for extended session:

May 14 Lane Owers
 May 21 Tina Goebel
 May 28 Martha Phelps

CHURCH FINANCES

Monthly Budget Requirements: \$39,993.17
 May 2017 Receipts to Date: \$13,643.65