

Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family,

Recently, my son Jordan made his way to McDonald's with a friend to enjoy an ice cream treat. I was monitoring the time, and noticed it was beginning to get dark. I called Jordan on his phone about 3 times and could not reach him. So, I decided to jump in the truck and go get Jordan and his friend and their bikes. As I was heading out the door, my buddy Scooby indicated to me that he wanted to come along, (we have a special connection so I know what he wanted!!). Off we went to McDonald's for a rescue of my son.

We got to McDonald's, grabbed the boys and the bikes, and headed home. We dropped off Jordan's friend and his bike, and then we brought Jordan home to get ready for bed. As the adventure concluded, I called out for Scooby, and he wasn't in the house. Hmm??! I thought. Maybe he was left in the truck. I went to the truck, and opened the door...NO SCOOBY! Oh my goodness. In my haste to "rescue" one boy I love, I lost another "boy" I love. My mind went to hyper-warp, and I just knew that Scooby had jumped out at McDonald's and was kidnapped, heading down the interstate, heading to North Carolina. I felt terrible. I rushed back into the house to ask my wife for help. By then I was so aggravated that I was nearly in tears. I should be a better care giver. How could you be so -----.

My wife calmed me down and we jumped in the truck. We decided that we should backtrack and start looking for the lost boy. Well, much to my relief, we found Scooby pretty quickly, sniffing at the trash can at Jordan's friend's house and the story has a happy ending.

As I think about that scene, I think that sometimes we think that God treats us like I treated my dog. We have a tendency to think that God is off rescuing people with more important problems than mine. And we feel like God just leaves us by the side of the road to sniff the trash. WELL, THAT IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE! Cue the music, "He's got the whole world, in His hands, He's got the whole wide world, in His hands..." And, He is fully capable of keeping up with all of us, all the time!!

Blessings,
Dr. j

PS. I hope you make plans to attend our "Just Because" Covered dish next Sunday. We always have plenty of food, and we hope you will linger after church to enjoy some time with the church family. Bring a friend and a covered dish!!

PPS. Please save the date of April 21st for "Here for You" Compassion Ministry Day

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The next WMU Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10th at 6 pm in the Family Life Center.

Judy McFarlain will present the program. Light refreshments will be served. Members are requested to bring cookies.

D-Now Help Needed

We are looking for help with our student ministry **Disciple Now on April 20-22**. We need volunteers to help with registration, host homes, group leader, food team, transportation and logistics. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact Derrick or sign up online at students.fbcjennings.com.

Registration - Check-in churches and students

Host Homes - Offer a place for students to spend the night in their small group. (5-10 students per home)

Group Leader - teach and lead a small group (5-10 students)

Food Team - Prep and cook 2 meals for 100-150 students

Transportation - Help get students from church to host home, and to mission sites

Logistics - Help out with setup, take down, and other issues throughout Disciple Now



Dear First Baptist Church Family,

The flowers were especially beautiful with the butterflies in the arrangement. Mother loved flowers and she would have been really pleased with this. We have many years of sweet memories with lots of people at the church. Please tell everyone hello for us and that we send hugs too.

In God's Love,
Arthur, Sharon & David Rockett

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VBS CLINIC

For all Directors, Teachers, Leaders and Helpers

FBC Lake Charles,

Saturday April 14 from 9am-12noon

If you plan on attending this event, meet in the FLC parking lot at 8:00am, plan on leaving by 8:15am. Contact Brian Wells for more information.



Ad-hoc Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 11th at 5pm in the Family Life Center.

Church Council will meet on Wednesday, April 11th at 5pm in the Family Life Center.

Beth Moore's Esther Bible Study

A 9-week Bible Study will be held on Mondays at 6pm in the FP4H room starting on May 7th. Lisa Royer will be the facilitator. Cost for materials is \$16.00.

If interested you may call the church office at 824-3271 by April 23rd to place your order for a book.

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Student Ministry
students.fbcjennings.com



D-Now: RENEW

April 20-22

D-Now is a weekend retreat that focuses on discipling students to follow after Christ. Our theme is RENEW. We will meet at the church on Friday April 20 and return after the service on Sunday. Cost is \$35 per person. Sign up in the Refuge or online at students.fbcjennings.com.

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

Here For You— April 21st

Compassion Ministry Service Day here in our community. If you would like a t-shirt, please see Bro. Brian. Also, do you know of a potential project or someone who needs help with a task? Provide information in the space below and give to Bro. jeff or to Bro. Brian.

Sunday, April 8- Saturday, April 14

Sunday, April 8:

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Discipleship Small Groups
- 5:00 p.m. Kidz Konnection
- 5:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

Monday, April 9:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise Walking
- 3-5 p.m. Food Distribution

Tuesday, April 10:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
- 6:00 p.m. WMU Meeting

Wednesday, April 11:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
- 10:00 a.m. Jeff Davis Living Center Sing-a-Long
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Ad-hoc Committee Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Refuge
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. G.A.'s R.A.'s, C.A.'s & Mission Friends
- 6:00 p.m. Mid Week Prayer Service
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, April 12:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
- 10:00 a.m. Camelot Nursing Home Visitation

Friday, April 13:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking

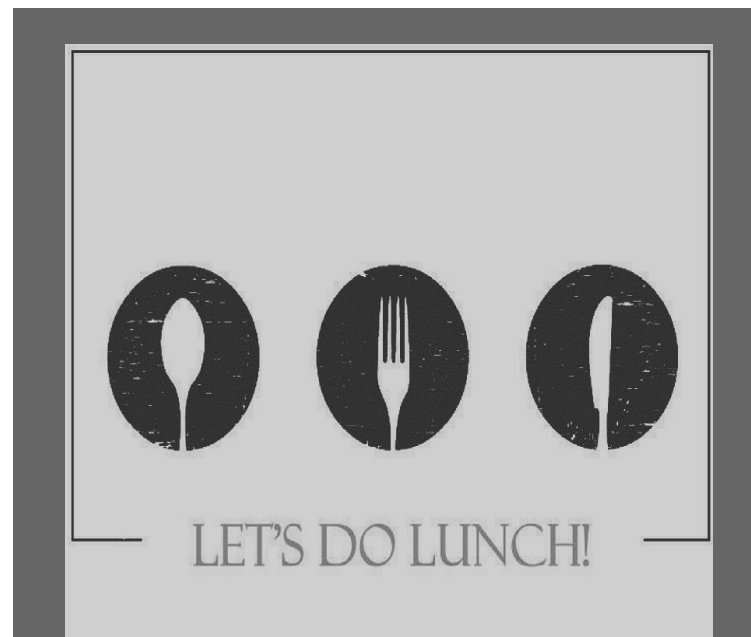
Saturday, April 14:

- 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS Clinic



Welcome to the worship services of First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 8, 2018



Covered Dish Luncheon
 Sunday, April 15 following Worship
 Bring a variety of dishes...Entree's...
 Side dishes...Desserts
 Plan on coming and enjoying good food and good fellowship!

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| Dr. jeff Cook Pastor | Brian Wells Minister of Education & Sr. Adults |
| Derrick Laughlin Youth Minister | Eric Sonnier Children's Minister |

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Morning Worship

"Sing to the King"

Welcome & Fellowship

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

"At Your Name"

"How Great Thou Art"

Scripture Reading & Offering

Children's Dismissal

"10,000 Reasons"

"I Love You, Lord"

Sermon

Dr. jeff Cook

"Living for Jesus"

Evening Activities

Evening Worship 5pm
Conference Room FLC

Discipleship Small Groups 5pm

Kidz Konnection 5pm

Ladies Bible Study 5pm

Sermon Notes

"HERE FOR YOU"

Joshua 22:5

1. Love God

2. Walk In His Ways

3. Keep His Commandments

4. Hold Fast To Him

5. Serve Him >>by loving what is most important to God

Nursery workers for extended session:

- April 8 Nonie Sonnier
- April 15 Carolyn Delahoussaye
- April 22 Cassandra Garbarino

Window/Door Offering

March 19,2017 - April 1, 2018
 \$ 37,270.00 received
 Amount invoiced to date: \$77,210.18
 Offerings and pledges will continue to be received throughout the construction period.

CHURCH FINANCES

Monthly Budget Requirements: \$39,993.17
 April 2018 Receipts to Date: \$ 9,512.00