

Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family,

The bird feeder went up last weekend. And we watched for a few days and we were disappointed that there was no activity. Apparently, birds don't use Instagram. But then one day, I was watching the feeder, and the squirrels showed up. We did not put out a bird feeder to feed squirrels, but we patiently watched to see what would happen. I took great pleasure in watching the squirrels try to outwit the squirrel proof bird feeder. They would climb up the pole, swing over to the bird feeder, and sit on the perch where the food is distributed, only to find that the perch is a trap door, and the weight of the squirrels was too much to keep the little trap door open. Victory is mine.

So the squirrels tried and tried and maybe got a seed or two. After a day or two, the big birds showed up. The doves, the cardinals and the squawking blue jays seemed to say, "I'll get that seed"!! Squawk!!! But they had a tough time too, because even though they were not heavy enough to close the little trap door, they had to almost hang upside down to get a seed or two, because the opening was too low. They tried and tried and maybe got a few more seeds.

After another day or two, the sparrows showed up. I am not sure how you feel about sparrows, but they are not much to look at. After all, they are brown, and small, and many in number. They are just "common" sparrows. But, sparrows are the perfect size to eat all they want in the bird feeder. In fact, the manufacturer should rename the feeder a sparrow feeder. These sparrows sat on that perch, the trap door didn't close, the food kept flowing, their little beaks were in just the right position to eat as much seed as they wanted. I also observed that the sparrows were not extremely neat in their eating habits. In fact, they were having such a good time, that the seeds were spilling on the ground. There are seeds everywhere under the feeder. Well this morning, the big birds and the squirrels showed up. But, they did not get on the feeder. They went straight to the ground. There is so much seed on the ground, there is no reason to try getting seed from the feeder. The sparrows saved the day!!

I can't help but think that there is a lesson there. And here it is! The little guys are important. You might relate to those sparrows. You might feel insignificant and small. You might feel like you can't make much of a contribution in the world that God made. But the little guys, make it alright for everybody else. Maybe that is why the song is written out of Scripture, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me...!"

We all matter to God, and all of us have a valuable contribution to make. I hope you feel valued as you are in God's house today. And, there is seed (provision) for everyone!

Blessings,

Dr. j

Ps go to www.hereforyou.org today. Scroll down, and find the YouTube HereForYou videos. Share those videos on your social media page.

PSs We are having our covered dish lunch today. Please come. There is food for everyone. We will enjoy spending time together!!

Church News

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

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

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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The next BYAH Luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 17th. We will start to gather around 10:30am and lunch will be served at 11:00am. Plan on coming and enjoying this time of fellowship. Meat will not be provided so some need to bring meat dishes and others bring side dishes and desserts. Our own Brian Wells will provide the program. Hope to see you there!!



VBS Teachers Meeting to be held on Sunday, April 22 at 3pm in the Family Life Center.



Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, April 15th at 4pm in the Family Life Center.

Ad-hoc Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 18th at 5pm in the Family Life Center.

Business Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 18th at 6pm.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

Food Distribution will resume on **Monday, April 16th from 3-5pm.**

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

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Student Ministry
students.fbcjennings.com

RENEW

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.

Carwash Fundraiser: The students are working to raise money for their summer mission camp to Texas. Please come by the church on **Saturday, April 28 from 9am to 1pm** to get your car washed and help our students.



HERE FOR YOU DAY

April 21 7:30 am - noon

Show Up and Serve

Sunday, April 15- Saturday, April 21

Sunday, April 15:

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Covered Dish Luncheon
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 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 16:

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

Tuesday, April 17:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
- 10:30 a.m. BYAH Luncheon

Wednesday, April 18:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
- 10:00 a.m. Jeff Davis Living Center Sing-a-Long
- 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. Business Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, April 19:

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

Friday, April 20:

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

Saturday, April 21



Welcome to the worship services of First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Go THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL nations...

MATTHEW 28:19, NRSV



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

"Everlasting God"

Baby Dedication

Welcome & Fellowship

"Mighty to Save"

*"They'll Know We Are Christians
By Our Love"*

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Baptism

Scripture reading & Offering
Children's Dismissal

*"Great Are You Lord"
"Still"*

Special Music *"Come to Jesus"*

Sermon Dr. jeff Cook

Invitation
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Evening Activities

Covered Dish Luncheon
following Morning Worship at 11:30 am
in the Family Life Center

Evening Worship 5pm
Discipleship Small Groups 5pm
Kidz Konnection 5pm
Ladies Bible Study 5pm

Sermon Notes

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

1. Be a Blessing
Genesis 12:1-3

2. Be Like Jesus
Matthew 20:27-28

3. Show Your Faith
James 2:14-17

4. Share the Gospel
Matthew 28:18-20

Nursery workers for Morning Worship Service

- April 15 Carolyn Delahoussaye
- April 22 Cassandra Garbarino
- April 29 Regilyn Carter

Window/Door Offering

March 19, 2017 - April 8, 2018
 \$37,295.00 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: \$18,907.00