

Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family,

Are you happy? When you ask most people that question you will usually receive a positive answer, although it may not always be a hearty yes.

A casual look at some of the promises of God may give the distinct impression that those people in the Bible were happy, but that could never be me. "You don't know what I've been through" you might say. The miracle of God's word is that it does know what you've been through and God's promises and direction are pure every time you read. Those promises of God are for you to experience so that happiness can be real in your life.

Every commercial, television show, print ad, self-improvement tape, drug, diet program and salesman will tell you the way to happiness. Every religion, legitimate or cultic, will in some way "sell" happiness. Satan himself covers his evil ways in a soft, snuggly blanket of happiness. So you may be confused. Thankfully, the Bible gives clear answers. The Bible tells us that the pathway to happiness is to find peace, that settled feeling that all will be ok and it only comes from God. It is provided initially when we receive salvation and lift the burden of sin and guilt from our lives. Once that occurs, the fears that haunt our lives, can be overcome with the help of the word of God, and the people of God.

Fears you might ask? Well, if we are honest with ourselves, the list is endless.

1. Fear of success
2. Fear of failure
3. Fear of doom, dying
4. Fear for kids
5. Fear of consequences of deeper commitment to God
6. Fear of change that loses comfort zone
7. Fear of finding who you really are in Christ
8. Fear that your life of discipline might not measure up to God.

When we realize that the Peace of God can overcome those fears, then happiness is overcoming those fears, admitting weaknesses, and giving them over to God. No more isolation from God. Then God gives us the opportunity to be FREE. Free to be ourselves:

1. To say praise God if you want to
2. To laugh uncontrollably, because it's that funny
3. To cry because you need to
4. Free to stand up for what you believe
5. Free from a past you never got over
6. Free to enjoy life

That's Happiness Defined!

I hope you find some happy today,
Blessings, Dr. j

Church News

Father's Day

Join us on June 17th for "Breakfast with Dad" from 8:45-9:15 in the Family Life Center.

Each Dad will receive a special gift. A photo backdrop will be available before and after the services for family photos.

If you are interested in helping with breakfast, please contact Tina Goebel at 246-1708. We are looking forward to honoring our fathers on this special day.



*Dear FBC Jennings,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers for Daniel's service and also the letter that a lot of people signed. All the prayers, love and support has been so comforting and appreciated! So much to work through and deal with during this tragic loss. Our only peace and comfort is our sweet son is with God.*

*Love,
Dan & Michelle & Connor O'Gorman*

Praying & Playing

Bring your prayer requests and favorite game for a time of fellowship each Wednesday at 11:00am in the Family Life Center.

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VBS JUNE 18-22

Please collect the following items for VBS:

Boxes that 12 pack sodas come in

Net bags that onions or oranges come in

Any old sports equipment or items that can be used for decorations

Any size plastic bottle with a lid

Pre-Registration Pool Party

June 14th 6-8pm
Jennings City Pool



Helpers still needed for most classes.



There is a need for additional volunteers to work in the nursery during the worship service on Sunday mornings. The goal is to have at least 26 volunteers so that each person would work **one hour only 2**

Sundays per year. At present there are only 10 volunteers.

If you are able to come to the nursery and help care for these precious children please contact Brian Wells or Nancy Walters.

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Student Ministry

students.fbcjennings.com

Students from 7th - 12th grade are encouraged to join us each Wednesday from 5-7 pm for Bible study.

Opportunities to join in Student Ministry:

Wednesday Nights: 5-7pm

Sunday Mornings: 9:15 - 10:15am

Sunday Nights: 5 - 6:30pm

Youth VBS Meetings

for youth planning to work in VBS

June 10th at 5pm in the Refuge

June 17th at 5pm in the Refuge

*** Summer Mission Camp ***

This summer students will be going to the East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, TX for our Mission Camp, July 2 - 6th.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

Food Distribution will resume on **Monday, June 4th from 3-5pm.**

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



Mission Committee Meeting on Wednesday, June 6 at 5pm in the Family Life Center.

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

Sunday, June 3 - Saturday, June 9

Sunday, June 3:

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

Monday, June 4:

5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise Walking
 3-5 p.m. Food Distribution
 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study - Esther

Tuesday, June 5:

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

Wednesday, June 6:

5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
 10:00 a.m. Jeff Davis Living Center Sing-a-Long
 11:00 a.m. Pray and Play - FLC
 5:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Refuge
 6:00 p.m. Mid Week Prayer Service
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, June 7:

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

Friday, June 8:

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

Saturday, June 9:



Welcome to the worship services of First Baptist Church

Sunday, June 03, 2018



TASTE AND SEE
THAT THE LORD IS GOOD
HAPPY
 ARE THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.

PSALM 34:8, 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

"Our God"

Welcome & Fellowship

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

"Lion and the Lamb"

Scripture Reading & Offering
 Special Music *"Living Hope"*

Children's Dismissal

"Healer"

"At Your Name"

Sermon

Dr. jeff Cook

Invitation

"Softly & Tenderly"

Evening Activities

Evening Worship 5pm

Sermon Notes

What Does the Bible Say About Happiness

Psalm 34

Always Praise God v.1-3

Trust the Lord v.8-9

Seek the Lord v.10

Learn from God v.11

Desire Life v.12

Avoid Evil v.13

Be Comfortable with God's Deliverance
 v.17-22

The Lord is near to One with Broken Heart
 v.18

Nursery workers for
 extended session:

June 3 Nonie Sonnier
 June 10 Martha Phelps
 June 17 Kristian Fontenot
 June 24 Tina Patterson

Window/Door Offering

March 19,2017 - May 27, 2018

\$43,123 received

Amount invoiced to date: \$97,360.34

Window project is completed but we are
 still receiving your offerings and gifts.

CHURCH FINANCES

Monthly Budget Requirements: \$39,993.17
 May 2018 Receipts to Date: \$30,551.11