

FIRST NEWS

Our mission, centered in worship, is to REACH people for Jesus, CONNECT them in Christian fellowship, GROW together spiritually, and SERVE our community and world as we become mature followers of Jesus.

In 2007, our church embraced a vision to renew and update the inside and outside of our sanctuary. When I became the pastor in November of 2007, I fully embraced this already existing vision. In order to expedite our renewing and updating, we decided to borrow money. By moving quickly, we have actually saved money. Now that we are done with the inside and the outside of our sanctuary, I can tell you that I am overwhelmingly pleased with the results. The people who worked so hard need to be commended for the timeliness and quality of their work.

Now that our work is done, it is time to get out of debt. Our church has already given generously to the sanctuary renewal (over \$100,000), but we need to pay off the remaining amount. The remaining amount we owe is \$81,000. On Sunday, August 30th, we will begin our “**DEBT-FREE CAMPAIGN.**” I want to challenge our church in a special way. I want to challenge us to pay off the debt in one Sunday. It sounds challenging, but if every person – every child, teenager, young adult to senior adult- will bring something extra, we can be out of debt. In fact, if 300 people will give \$270, we will be out of debt. I will be the first to give. I also want you to know that no gift is too small. If we don't reach the goal on August 30th, I will keep the campaign in front of the church through December. My hope, though, is that our being out of debt will happen sooner rather than later. Think of the celebration (and we will have a celebration!) and the glory that God will receive if we are able to be debt-free as we enter into September. I am excited to see what will happen on August 30th. The important thing is to give whatever the Lord asks you to give.

Pastor Ross

We Have Books!

Check out the new books and DVD's in the library!
Sunday mornings and Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Visit our Church library!



Children's Books Needed



Many children do not have books in their homes.

We are giving a book or two with each backpack of food this summer.

Used or new books are welcome.

Please Help!

The Benevolence Committee

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The First Family expresses their Christian love and sympathy to:

Family of Dorothy Tolar
Family of C.M. Knight

With Gratitude

We, at Long Pines Baptist Church just want to say thank you for sharing all your VBS supplies with us. This year is our first VBS and we expect God to do great things with the seeds we are planting. Again, thank you for your generosity. God bless you all

Sincerely,
Long Pines Baptist Church

Dear Church Family,

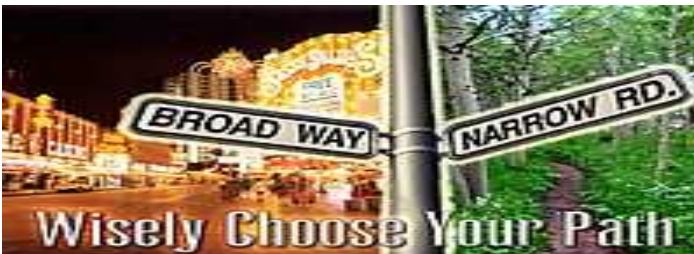
The Lord has blessed His church beyond words with people who pray, care, and love.

Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls, cards, visits, and wonderful food (good cooks) you provided for our family.

Thank you again and may God continue to bless His church.

Love you all,
Janet & James Dean

P.S. A special "Thank You" to Brother Ross & Mark.



August Birthdays

1: Shirley Blake, Patricia Phillips, Cindal Kimbrough 5: Royce Hill 6: Sharon Turner, Riley Walker 7: Joann Davis, Edward Lane 8: Jo Ann Price 9: Dalton Gray 10: Lola Moore, Beth Allison, Vera May 11: Dwain Estes, Loraine Drake, Tamara DeVall 12: Charlie Rudd, 13: Dot Gary, Chris Gallups 15: Gloria Coplen, Kevin Faircloth 16: Shirley Spurlock 17: Marie Cunningham, Marvin Katzen, Sarah Bell, Melissa Fentress 18: Roy Glenn Gay 19: Ashley Carr 20: Margie Collier 21: Greg Dawson, Jessica Browning, Kenny Sanderson 22: Earlene Allison, Laura Elrod 23: Aidan Polk 24: Shelly Wagner, Barret Lane, 25: Louis VanSlyke, Trey Ford 26: Stefanie Miller 27: Ray Johnson, Sharon Broom 28: Bessie Davidson, Anne Garner, Carlie Risinger 29: Dorothy Miller, Betty Sanderson, Cindy Green, Jo Ellen Eagleson, Caleb

New Members



Heath & Shannon Fuller
324 Temple St.
Woodville, Texas
Heath is already a member
Shannon by letter



Lila & Lila Jo Kirkland
1483 U.S. Hwy. 190 E.
Woodville, Texas
by letter



Dr. Raymond & Bobbie Parker
P.O. Box 308
Woodville, Texas
by Letter

A Window into Jacob's Ladder

Our school kids enjoyed the Shivers Library summer reading program.. The party on the last day is always lots of fun! Elijah's Cafe treated all of our readers to a free dinner. The children made their menu choices at Jacob's Ladder. When they arrived at Elijahs, the table was set with their names on their cups and dinner was ready. They had a wonderful time!

Mrs. Shekitha was wondering if her three year old class was really listening to their lesson. Later during free time she noticed they were playing school. The "teacher" was asking the class to identify the colors on the wall. The "pupils" answered correctly.

Our children are always listening. Pray with us as we share Jesus. Even the little toddlers love to give a loud, "Amen" and clap their hands when their teachers pray before meals.

In Christ's Love, Linda

7th Annual SNBA Sunday School Conference "Embracing Kingdom Growth Thru Biblical Teaching"

The Sunday School conference is just around the corner. This year it will take place at First Baptist Church, Buna, Texas. The date is Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The keynote speaker is Dr. Ken Hemphill the national strategist for *Empowering Kingdom Growth* for the SBC. There will be breakout sessions for teachers and directors of pre-school, children, youth, and adults. We had great attendance from our church last year. It would be great if all our teachers and directors could be in attendance this year. Make plans now to attend. To sign up call the church office at 283-2588.



Testify in Concert, Sunday Night, August 30.

Taking the command and promise of II Timothy 1:8-9 to heart, TESTIFY is doing just that: testifying to what God has done in their lives and what He can do in the lives of others. Believing that obtaining salvation is the most important decision anyone can make, TESTIFY wants to do all it can to make sure everyone they meet knows the importance of that decision.

Mount Gilead Baptist Code Blue August 9 We will host the Mount Gilead youth group Code Blue here on August 9. Thank you, Todd Pounds, for making this happen.

Men's Breakfast on August 30 Its that time again guys! Get ready for a great time of food, fellowship, and God's Word. Start time is 8:00 AM Don't be late!

Milton Cunningham to Preach August 16 Our beloved Cunningham's will be back home with us the 16th to lead us in worship. They have touched our lives in a way that will impact this church forever. We look forward to a great reunion with them.

Two Services Begins September 13 When we started thinking about two services, it really made me do some soul searching. I have been thinking about it ever since. As we approach the start date, there are many emotions that are experienced by us all. After much prayer and contemplation, I have decided that God is so at work here! We are so blessed to be here and serve at such a time as this. If the addition of a second service helps one person come to know Christ, it will be worth it all. We will offer an 8:30 service and a 10:45 service. We will call the 8:30 service the Classic service and 10:45 service the Celebration service. You will have the opportunity to attend one or both of these. They will offer different elements of worship. You will be able to prayerfully consider which one or both to attend. We will make this a one year experience and then prayerfully consider whether or not the services are meeting the needs of our church family and our community. Several folks have asked me how they can help. Two ways you can help me personally are: 1. Pray and 2. Be active in the music ministry. We will have two services so there will be two opportunities to lead in worship. It has been my experience that most organizations either grow or decline. There are very few that remain status quo. Get involved and let's allow the Lord to use our church to be the regional church of Tyler County! As we grow the church, this only means that people's needs are being met. The best days are ahead!

SPAM Choir Leads in a Big way at Paramount I am so blessed. I wish all of our church family could have been in worship last week at Paramount to hear our youth lead in worship. They were awesome. They did 5 songs all by memory and the folks there would not quit clapping. They were very complementary of our choir and our youth program. Thanks, so much for all you do to make these types of experiences possible for our youth! Special thanks to our sponsors who gave a week of their time. As I write this, the youth are still at Glorieta and the reports from Todd are glowing! You are loved church!

Mark



Grades 6-12

MISSION POSSIBLE: REACH SEEKERS – BUILD BELIEVERS

FUGE 2009: What an awesome week! God blessed us in so many ways! I want to thank our Mark and our teenagers for an incredible performance at Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo ... WOW! We praise the Lord for His work in the hearts of teenagers during camp. Colton Grissom and Katelyn Watts made professions of faith and Madison Watts and Kate Webb rededicated their lives to Christ. Kate also acknowledged God calling her to missions and a specific burden for the people of India. Last but not least, I want to express my sincere appreciation to our adult leaders that went on the trip. Thank you Laren Allen, Sharice Allison, Robin Grissom, Darion Pate, Keith Reese, Marsha Watts, and Tammy Watts for loving our teenagers.

Lake House Retreat: August 14 & 15 we will enjoy a weekend retreat at the lake with recreation and intense Bible study. Stuart Henslee, Youth Pastor at Humble Area First Baptist, will lead the Bible study time and Adam McAbee, Youth Pastor at Huntington First Baptist, and his wife Kristen, will lead in worship.

Astros/MercyMe Concert: Saturday, August 22, is Faith and Family Night at Minute Maid Park. The evening will begin with a concert by nine-time Dove award winning band MercyMe. After the concert we will enjoy America's favorite pastime as the Diamondbacks take on the Astros. Tickets are \$30. We have a limited number of tickets so sign up will be on a first come-first served basis. You will be considered signed up for the event when we receive your money for the ticket(s). Sign up deadline is Sunday, August 9.

Youth Revival: August 31 – September 2 we will have our first youth revival meetings in several years. Our focus will be holiness. Mike Satterfield, Sr. Pastor at The Church at Shelby Crossings in Birmingham, Alabama will preach each evening and the Micah Begnaud Band from Buna, Texas will lead in worship.

God Bless,
Todd

WEEKLY EVENTS AT FBC

SUNDAY

Church Library (FLC) 9:00-9:30 & 10:30-10:40 A.M.
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Morning Worship Service 10:45 A.M.
 Church Library (FLC) 4:30-5:00 P.M.
 Evening Service 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY

Library..... 10:30 A.M.-12:00 noon
 Pray & Weigh 12:00 noon

WEDNESDAY

Preschool Play Day (FLC).....10:00 A.M.
 Teacher's Meeting (Chapel)..... 5:45 P.M.
 Prayer Meeting (Chapel).....6:15 P.M.
 ISM (Grades 6-12)..... 6:30 P.M.
 Adult Choir Practice..... 6:30 P.M.

CHANGES OR NEW EVENTS AT FBC

Sunday August 2:

Lord's Supper

Monday August 10:

Deacon's Meeting..... 6:30 P.M.

Friday August 14:

Youth Retreat.

Saturday August 15

S.S. Leadership Conf. (FBC, Buna)..... 9:00 A.M.

Sunday August 16:

Business Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Sunday August 30:

Men's Breakfast..... 8:30 A.M.

Testify in Concert 6:00 P.M.

Monday August 31:

Youth Revival..... 6:00 P.M.

VITAL SIGNS

Bible Study

	<u>5th</u>	<u>12th</u>	<u>19th</u>	<u>26th</u>
Preschool.....	25	21	30	32
Children.....	18	17	18	10
Youth.....	33	30	56	54
Adults.....	129	118	134	137
General Officers.....	5	5	2	6
Total in House.....	210	191	240	239
Bible Study.....	29	14	18	14
Nursing Homes.....	39	39	39	39
Total.....	278	244	297	292
Av. Attendance to Date.....	286	285	285	285

Financial Report thru June

Annual Budget.....	\$679,452.00
Budget Required to Date.....	391,991.70
Budget Received to Date.....	354,018.45
Budget Required Weekly.....	13,066.39
Budget Received.....	41,364.15
Designated.....	16,102.00
Total.....	\$57,463.15

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Office
283-2588

Prayer Room
283-8557

Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Pastor Ross D. Shelton
 Minister of Worship & Music Mark D. Tolar
 Minister to Students Todd Pounds
 Sunday School Director Richard McCullough
 Pastor's Administrative Assistant..... Kay Katzen
 Education Administrative Assistant..... Richard McCullough
 Organist Anne Garner
 Pianist..... Judy Pool
 Director, Child Care Center Linda Boyt
 Building Supervisor..... Orrill Davis
 Chairman of Deacons Sergio Ramos



*Please Pray
For*

Janet Dean
Karen Sikora



**If you can't make it to S.S.
 or church, watch the service
 on cable channel 2.
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Church 10:45 A.M.
 and 6:00 P.M.**

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