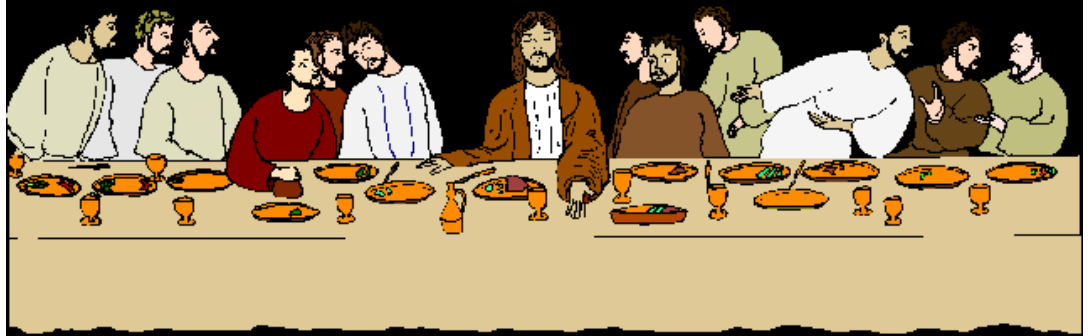


## How Will You Remember and Respond To Easter This Year?



For the Christian, the observance of Easter is the very center of our faith. All that we are, all that we believe, all that we do as a church must go back to that momentous time two millennia ago when God gave His own precious son to take on our sin and provide a means whereby we, as sinners, might come back to the holiness of God. The prophet Isaiah set it all into context centuries before the birth of Christ. He tells us, *“Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed (Isaiah 53:4-5 NASB77).”* Obviously, the greatest gift God would ever bestow upon His creation was the grace that was displayed at Calvary, when Jesus took all of our guilt and shame upon Himself. Now, as believers, we can rejoice in the fact that we belong to the family of faith. Let me challenge you to make Easter more than it has ever been. I know that you will be blessed, if you do.

On Thursday night, April 13, 2006 at 7pm our church will worship together with a Living Lord’s Supper. You will have the opportunity to hear the thoughts of each of Jesus’ disciples, as they interacted with Him long ago, when Jesus explained the relevance of the new covenant which was sealed in His blood. On Friday, April 14, 2006 at 12:15pm, we will continue in our tradition of a silent observance of the Lord’s Supper. This will be a quiet time of worship and reflection at the lunch hour. Then, on Sunday morning, April 16, 2006 we will come together to celebrate the glory of the empty tomb and the promise of our place in eternity with Christ.

I would challenge you additionally to live all year long in the afterglow of the Easter season. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. We will continue in that practice locally, as we launch our G.R.O.W. outreach efforts. I hope you will enthusiastically become part of one of our G.R.O.W. teams.

In addition, we are planning a fall mission trip to Thailand to distribute Bibles. In the coming days we will hold an informational meeting about the trip. Please begin praying now about the possibility of being a part of the group to distribute Scripture to Chinese tourists who are vacationing in the tropics.

Let the joy of Easter touch you and your family all year long!

Bro. Maurice

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## **Educationally Speaking**



### **G.R.O.W.: Outreach Teams That Win?**

**Begins Sunday, April 30 from 4:30 to 5:45pm**

Have you had the opportunity to sign up to participate in G.R.O.W.? There is plenty of time as we encourage members to commit to one time a month for one of the G.R.O.W. teams. It is an effective way to visit guests and members, make a phone call or write a note to an inactive Bible study member or newcomer to Las Cruces. A team captain for each team will be enlisting people to serve on their team. Say yes or sign up at the G.R.O.W. table.

**How else can you be involved?** Share a name of a prospective person who you know or spend time with and they do not attend a church. Let us know their name by filling out the Prospect Search card so that we might invite them to FBC. Remember, you don't reap a harvest unless you plant a seed and God is always providing Divine opportunities to Christians to share His love. Sign up today.

### **Bible Study High Attendance Day**

**Sunday, April 23**

As we move towards G.R.O.W., let's make a great effort to contact and invite prospects and those who have not been in Bible study for awhile. Be thinking about a goal to shoot for on High Attendance.

### **Parents Night Out—Friday, April 21**

Contact Tania Delgado to make a reservation for child care for children, babies thru 10-years-old. There is a limited number of places for the kids. Then go spend some face-to-face time together as a couple. Sponsored by the College/Career class.

### **Bible Study Worker Appreciation Bar-B-Q at Young Park (Following High Attendance Day April 23)**

If you help in Bible study in some way, you are invited to join other workers for a time of fellowship, food and celebration for the great High Attendance day morning. This is for you to say Thank You. Families are invited. Please RSVP with Tammy (524.3691) in the church office by Wednesday, April 19 so we can have enough food for everyone.

### **TeamKid Pinewood Derby**

Hey TeamKids! It's time to get the pinewood derby car ready for the TeamKid 500. Buy your car at the TeamKid meetings.

- Pinewood Workday to get cars ready: Saturday, April 22 from 9-11am
- Pinewood Derby on Saturday, April 29

### **Youth and Children's Bible Drill Competition Wednesday, April 12 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall**

Children have been working hard learning their Memory Verses, Books of the Bible and Key Passages. Come support them as they qualify for the Association Bible Drill on Thursday, April 20 at Calvary Baptist Church.

### **Children Flyin' High for Christ**



During the month of April as children come to Sunday school, they will receive a piece of a kite they can build and fly on Sunday, April 23. Invite a friend who likes to fly kites and introduce them to your friend Jesus.

### **Medical Personnel/Usher Meeting**

**Sunday, April 2 at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall**

If you are active in the medical health care field or are an usher, this meeting is for you.

## First Baptist Scholarships Deadline is April 1

**Whitlow Scholarship** / Members of First Baptist Church graduating from high school and have been an active member of FBC at least one year immediately prior to applying and who have publicly announced that they will pursue a career of full-time Christian service in a Southern Baptist church or Southern Baptist environment. Also, for former members of FBC who were active members at the time of their graduation from high school and who are graduating from college and enrolling a Southern Baptist theological seminary.

For more information or to apply, contact Sharon (524-3691).

**Mayfield Memorial Scholarship** / Members of First Baptist Church who intend to pursue a degree in Education in a four-year college or university are invited to apply for the *Mayfield Memorial Scholarship*.

Applicants must have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The scholarship will be awarded based on the need of the applicant, grade point average and active membership in First Baptist Church.

For more information or to apply, contact Richard (524-3691).

**Horton Scholarship** / Members of First Baptist Church, Las Cruces pursuing a degree in Agriculture/Home Economics at a four-year college or university are invited to apply for the *Horton Scholarship*. Applicant must exhibit a strong desire to pursue a life-long work in an area of agriculture/home economics.

Applicants must have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The scholarship will be awarded based on the need of the applicant, grade point and active membership of First Baptist Church, Las Cruces.

For more information or to apply, contact Cheryl (524-3691).



## Coming Soon! *The Arctic Edge, Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2006*

**Sunday, July 16 thru Thursday, July 20 from 6 to 8:30pm**

We are still looking for Navigators (workers) who have the courage to journey into the tundra at the Arctic Edge and help kids find their way through God's word. Sign up at the VBS table on the 2nd floor, the stand up XPO (Extreme Polar Outlander) in the preschool hallway or contact Dama Dean (647.4028) or Linda Edwards (382.1202). There is a place for everyone at the Big Bear Lodge, Kayak Cove, Snowshoe Canteen or Glacier Pass.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Missions  | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments |



## Associational VBS Training Clinic—Monday, April 10 from 6 to 8:30pm here at FBC

If you will be leading a team or would like to help in VBS this year, please plan on attending this training workshop. How to use the literature, ideas for planning, door prizes and a light meal will be served.



## Media Library

### Library Hours

Sunday 9:15 to 10:45am  
 Wednesday 5 to 6:30pm  
 Thursday 9:30 to 11am

*Brave Hearts Under Red Skies* by Colonel Jeff O’Leary (Ret). Stories of faith under fire.

*Taking the High Ground* by Colonel Jeff O’Leary (Ret). Military moments with God.

### Herald Deadline

Submissions for the May edition of the *Herald* are due in the church office by **Saturday, April 15.**

### Monthly Mission Project, Sponsored by Women on Mission

April - Paper plates, cups, glasses and napkins for Prison Family Services Hospitality House.

A collection box is outside the Media Library.

### Dear Church Family

We thank each one for all the visits and prayers, the food, cards and phone calls we received during the loss of our beloved son, Gary. A special thank you to all who sent Gideon Bibles in memory of him. We love you all. May God richly bless each of you. Tom & June Saunders

Thank you so much for the meal you provided after Jack’s funeral. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

The Jack Griffith Family

We want to thank all of you for your prayers and sympathy cards regarding the loss of my brother. Bruce & Carla Miers

Thank you, each and every one for your prayers, calls, cards and letters that meant so much to me while I was gone. During my three months of back pain I stayed with my daughter in Phoenix and visited the Mayo Clinic. God bless you. Retha Horton

### Dear Church Family (continued)

I greatly appreciated the prayers, words of encouragement, cards and hospital visits during my recent surgery. Our FBC family really cares! Praise the Lord! Warren Noland

We cannot begin to express our gratitude for your prayers and encouragement through the passing of a dearly loved Grandpa. The staff went above and beyond to help our family through a difficult time. We appreciate the hospital and home visits, cards and phone calls. The Bereavement Committee was so good to take care of all of our family the day of Robert’s funeral. What servants they are! We are so very blessed to be a part of a church today that truly shows care and love over one another. Thank you so much.

With Much Love,  
 Myles & Amy Erwin

On behalf of pastor Alberto Hernandez and his family from the Mission Baptist Church in Palomas, MX, we wish to thank our Mission Committee for the allocation of funds to the Palomas Mission for the installation of a heating system in the Palomas Church and the pastor’s home. We also wish to thank all those individuals who responded to the call and who contributed funds and prayers to the project in Palomas at Christmas time. We are pleased to report that the heating systems are operating and the bills are paid. Praise the Lord!

Stuart & Brenda Hampton

For all the calls, prayers, cards and other expressions of sympathy sent me in the last several weeks, I thank you. It is comforting to know you care and to feel God’s love through your care. Thank you. Frances Rogers and family

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. The cards, calls and your prayers sustained our family as we put Barbara’s mother to rest. God Bless You,

Barbara & Bill Davenport and family

A sincere note to my church family to express my deepest gratitude for all the kindness shown (cards, visits, telephone calls, food, flowers and transportation) during my recent surgery and recovery. A special thank you for lifting me up in prayer. The prayers were answered. Praise the Lord,

Bill Davenport

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