



# First Baptist Herald

## My Beloved Church Family,



Jesus accomplished so much in the short span of years associated with His public ministry. The sick were healed; the blind regained their sight; and the hungry were fed. Jesus was a great teacher, and there were many instances in His public ministry in which He captivated a crowd by the power of His words. All these things carry with them tremendous theological significance; however, the very core of our belief revolves around the cross of Calvary and the empty tomb of the very first Easter. The Apostle Paul taught many aspects of faith to the churches which he launched, but this great missionary pointed to the events associated with the cross as the centerpiece of our faith. When he wrote to the Corinthian church in 1 Corinthians 15:17 he stressed, “if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.” As a result, the church throughout its history has continued to point people there as the place where God’s love is expressed most powerfully. At First Baptist Church we now join in this great celebration of God’s love. There will be a number of wonderful opportunities to come together collectively as the body of Christ and reflect upon all that He did for us. Our youth will present *Easter Alive* on Sunday night, April 1. On Thursday, April 5, we will gather for the second annual performance of *The Living Lord’s Supper*. The following day at 12:15pm, we will continue the church tradition of a silent, meditative observance of the Lord’s Supper. Finally, on Easter morning we will joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. This is a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect upon what God did for us over two thousand years ago. I hope you will plan to join with us for all these opportunities.

In the aftermath of Easter, Christ sent out the disciples to touch the world. Only weeks after the agony of the Cross, thousand of people embraced Jesus as Lord. The preaching of Pentecost set the tone for the church of subsequent generations. We as a body of believers continue on that path, as we embark on missions locally, in northern New Mexico over Memorial Day weekend, and as we reach to the ends of the earth in Thailand. God is doing great things in our midst, as he raises up new believers. In a few weeks we will be sending two of our men off to seminaries in Texas. It’s exciting to be a part of a church where the movement of God is so very obvious.

I must echo the words of Paul. It all goes back to the cross and the powerful sacrifice of God’s son on our behalf. To Him alone go the glory and the honor!

*Bro. Maurice*

## Educationally Speaking



VBS 2007

July 15-19

Are you ready for the football, basketball, soccer, baseball and darts? VBS will prove to be a fun atmosphere where children and families can learn about how heroes are made by learning about biblical heroes that followed God's plan for their lives.

We need you to join our team. You can volunteer to be a head coach (lead teacher), assistant coach (teacher) or a floater (helper). If you like helping with crafts, recreation, missions or providing snacks and a light meal, there is a place for you. VBS will be great fun as kids get ready for game day, tailgate parties, concession stand and being in the games as they join in the VBS activities. Be a hero and sign up today!

### Fort Lone Tree Children's Camp

Monday, June 11 thru Saturday, June 16

Hey Kids! If you have completed 3rd-5th grade, it's time to get ready for camp. Sign up in the church office with Tammy. The cost is \$289/camper, with a \$50 non-refundable deposit due at time of sign up. Full payment is due by Sunday, May 13.

### Sunday School Leadership Appreciation Day

Sunday, April 22

If you work in Sunday school, we want to recognize you and say THANK YOU. A Continental breakfast will be provided from 8:45-9:15am in Fellowship Hall. There will be a luncheon and entertainment following the 11am service in Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required for lunch. RSVP by Wednesday, April 18 by calling Tammy in the church office (524.3691).

### Thank a Sunday School Teacher Today!

Sunday school attendees, you may want to send a note of appreciation or gift to your Sunday school teacher. Sunday school happens at least 51 weeks-a-year. Leadership seek to meet the needs of members and prospects for teaching and ministry. Let's say thank you for their time and preparation.

### Church Bible Drill for Children

Wednesday, April 18 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall

"Thy Word I Have Hid in My Heart"

Children have learned the Books of the Bible and memorized key Bible verses and passages. Come encourage them as they qualify for the Association Bible Drill on Thursday, April 26.

### Camp Scholarships

If you would like to help send a child or youth to summer camp, donations may be made through the church office.

PRIMARY FOCUS &

LIVING PROOF

Sunday, April 15

at 6:30pm in the Auditorium



Primary Focus, America's foremost elementary school assembly singing teams, are making a measurable difference in the lives of young people everywhere. the organization, headquartered in San

Diego, CA, was created to first reach out to the public school children of America. Their character values-based assembly program "START DREAMIN" features a fast moving and musically entertaining interactive educational format focusing on what they call the "Six Pillars of Character". These Six Pillars are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship and are presented as a counterbalance to the negative influences bombarding our children everyday such as immorality, drugs, tobacco, alcohol, gang violence and dropping out of school. Now with five teams, Primary Focus will reach over 1,250,000 students during their tour year making their program the most seen in America!

Their second emphasis, as *Living Proof*, is to minister on Sunday's in over 400 churches, encouraging believers and challenging unbelievers to give their lives to Christ. With their ninth Gospel album, *Great Is Our God*, these young men and women present to churches a message of hope; and encourages their listeners to reach out to their community and the world around them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Will You Help Us Secure A New Organ?

Our church bought the present organ in 1966 and we have been blessed by it in worship for the last 41 years. However, it has reached the point at which we can not repair it any longer. Parts are simply no longer available. At our last quarterly business meeting, Bro. Mike shared this with the church. A motion was made to establish a fund for a new instrument. To date, we have \$57,314.91 available, but an instrument of this caliber will cost \$109,930 to replace it. It is an integral part of our weekly worship, and this new instrument will be one which potentially can contribute to all of our worship services, given the technology associated with it. Hopefully, we will have the funds available by this summer, so that it can be in place for the 2007 performance of *The Living Christmas Tree*. If you feel led to give beyond your tithes and offerings, please consider the need for a new organ. Many of you periodically send memorial gifts to the church. This would be a great way to honor the memory of friends and family.

## First Baptist Scholarships Deadline is April 1

### Whitlow Scholarship - Christian Service

Members of First Baptist Church who have publicly announced to FBC that they plan to pursue full-time Christian service in a Southern Baptist church or environment are invited to apply.

Applicants must have been an active member of First Baptist Church for at least one year immediately prior to their application and maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

Also, eligible to apply for the scholarship are former members of FBC who were active members at the time of their graduation from high school and who are graduating from a college or university and plan to enroll in a Southern Baptist theological seminary. For more information or to apply, contact Dr. Hollingsworth or Sharon (524.3691).

### Mayfield Memorial Scholarship - Education

Members of First Baptist Church who intend to pursue a degree in Education in a four-year college or university are invited to apply.

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 FBC. For more information or to apply, contact Richard (524.3691).

### Horton Scholarship - Agriculture/Home Economics

Members of First Baptist Church pursuing a degree in Agriculture/Home Economics at a four-year college or university are invited to apply.

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 of FBC. For more information or to apply contact Sharon (524.3691).

## Special Easter Celebrations



### Easter Alive

A Musical Presented by our Youth Choir

Sunday, April 1 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium

### The Living Last Supper

Thursday, April 5 at 7pm in the Auditorium

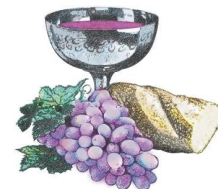


### Silent Lord's Supper

Friday, April 6

at 12:15pm

in the Auditorium



## Media Library



### Library Hours

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

## Monthly Mission Project, Sponsored by Women on Mission

April - Doña Ana County Detention Center  
Paperback Books      Paperback New Testaments  
Paperback Bibles



Sundays at 4:30pm  
in Fellowship Hall

### Schedule

April 1	W. Team	April 8	Dismissed
April 15	G. Team	April 22	R. Team
April 29	O. Team		

## After Office Hours Emergency Number

526.9321 - Follow the instructions.

## Beginning Again Workshop

Friday, April 20 & Saturday, April 21

Cost: \$15/person Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 18

Beginning Again is an interdenominational weekend workshop for those who have endured the loss of a significant relationship. Participants learn to make a fresh start by bringing closure to the past. Register in the church office or fill out the registration form and mail to the church. Brochures are available in the church office or in the hallway display. Child Care Will Not Be Provided.

### First Baptist Church of Las Cruces Staff

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## Dear Church Family

We do thank each of you for your concern, your prayers, phone calls, food and your love, during June's stroke and hospital stay. June is much better and improving each day. I know it is the prayers and love of each of you. May God's blessings touch each of you. We love you.  
June & Tom Saunders

We thank all who helped us with food, visits and most of all prayers during our recent hospitalizations. First Baptist Church is filled with nothing but the finest and best. Absolutely nothing beats God and Christian friends. We hope to be worshipping together again soon.

O.D. & Jann Maes

I may be small, but I know what love is. When I was very sick, you prayed to Jesus for me. You called my mommy and daddy to see what you could do to help. You sent us cards to say you love my family. You even came to visit me at the doctor's house. Thank you for the purple bear to hold, Ms. Rae. Jesus loves me, this I know for you all have shown me so.

Love,  
Grace Campbell



## Submissions

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