



# The Messenger

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*Blessed be the God and  
Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, who according to His  
great mercy has caused us to be  
born again to a living hope  
through the resurrection of  
Jesus Christ from the dead.*

*1 Peter 1:3*

## From the Desk of Pastor Tom...

Praise the Lord!!!! God continues to bless His church. We have seen Him do some wonderful things in our midst. I know that you sense our wonderful Lord is up to something big at FBCLH. Let's continue to work and pray toward that end. The Psalmist wrote: "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." (Psalm 9:1, 2, ESV) I will praise the Lord for all that He is doing!

Let me say a special thank you to all who have given so sacrificially to the work of the kingdom through the church. I am overwhelmed by the tithes and offering that have been given so far

this calendar year. I have shared with you on numerous occasions that giving is a spiritual issue and not a financial issue. That being the case the increase in giving reveals that our church is growing spiritually. That is a wonderful praise to our God who is leading us to a place of generosity. Praise the Lord!!!

I am still marvel at our Sunday night DU attendance. We saw significant attendance growth on Sunday nights and we reached a whole new demographic of people. I praise the Lord for what He is doing. We will be having two DU semesters a year and the next will begin in September. Pray with us as we begin to plan now for a great fall semester. We

have learned some things this past semester that hopefully will make the next DU even better.

Keep praying for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We have already reached our goal but let's continue to pray and give so that our NAMB can do even more to reach North America for Jesus. Reaching our goal before Easter is just another sign of the increased generosity of our people. Praise the Lord!!!

April and May are busy months in the life of our church. Get plugged in and let's make a difference in our community for the Lord. Thank you for the joy of being your pastor!!!

In Christ,  
*Pastor Tom*

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*believe Believe*  
Everything is possible  
for him who believes.  
Mark 9:23

**APRIL**



Jesus is alive! Praise the Lord! Easter is a great time to remember all He has done and how much He means to us. On Wed., April 20 we are going to serve dinner at the Rescue Mission. We will meet at the church at 3:30 and should be back around 6:15. Come and have dinner, play games and enjoy a youth led devotion from 6:15 to 7:30 in The Loft. On Sat. the 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Fellowship with a movie, food and hunting eggs in the dark. Don't miss out. I am so thankful for each of you who participated in the work and mission projects during spring break. It is a lot of fun to serve together.

Rejoice always. 1 Thess 5:16

Matt

Where is the evidence that I'm truly saved and on the right track? It is normal thinking from a carnal or fleshly perspective to doubt my God, and at times yes, even my salvation. This "carnal state of mind" is a direct result of my distance from the very thing I need in my life more than all else; an intimate relationship with a loving and saving savior. This constant struggle between the flesh and the spirit in and of itself leaves little room for doubt concerning our salvation. The apostle Paul knew this struggle all too well (Romans 7:14-25). We suffer trials for reasons! God's desire in the midst of the trials and even their aftermath is for us to turn to Him in broken humility and trust Him. Another aspect of reassurance in my time of "doubting" is the evidence of God working in other people's lives through me. This of course should not enhance my ego or personal pride but should always bring God glory! "He must increase but I must decrease (John 3:30)." We are merely His instruments and it is a great privilege to be used by our Lord.



Is God faithfully waiting on you right now to draw close to Him in the midst of your trial? Is He allowing you to minister to, and love a friend or loved one through their bad situation? These occurrences should be common place in the life of a committed disciple of Jesus. These are also reassurances of a right relationship with our Lord. The things of the spirit are confirmation in my life that God is real, alive, and working! Praise Him for the opportunities! Praise Him for the pain! Praise Him for His faithfulness! Praise Him for unmerited forgiveness! Come worship Him with us this Sunday!

Ephesians 4:1-6  
Growing Together in Unity,  
Brother Grady



God has given us the wonderful privilege to catch glimpses of Him in both our private and corporate worship, and when we do, it changes us. In fact, reflecting upon Him inspires worship that does more than just give us a temporary feeling. It helps us to recognize who God is – His nature and character, and then by comparison we become painfully aware of whom we are as depraved, unworthy, and sinful creatures. In His grace He cleanses us, and we respond with willingness to serve out of gratitude.

In Isaiah 6 we see a wonderful example of this. Verse 1 says, "In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple." It continues with the description of seraphim flying around the throne proclaiming God's worth. "And one called out to another and said, 'Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.' And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke." (vs.3-4) Isaiah saw God for who He is, and it made him aware of his depraved condition. "Woe is me for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." (v. 5) We see Isaiah's cleansing when a seraphim touches his lips with a coal from the altar and says, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is forgiven." (v. 7) Isaiah's natural response is answer God's call to service by saying, "Here am I. Send me!" (v.8)

True worship follows this pattern. 1) Recognizing our glorious God for who He is, 2) by contrast, recognizing our sinfulness, 3) allowing God to cleanse us, and 4) then answering His call to service. Anything less is superficial and incomplete worship. Don't settle for less!

I look forward to seeing you in worship this coming Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

In Christ,  
David Watson



# April Events

\*See back page for information on recurring events.

- Sat., Apr. 2, 16, & 30: Children's Choir 9 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 3: "Buy Down the Gas" Organization Meeting 4:30 p.m.  
Disciple U 5:30 p.m.
- Mon., Apr. 4: Women on Mission 6 p.m.
- Fri., Apr. 8: Adult 6 Redmon Social Event in FH 6 p.m.
- Sat., Apr. 9: Adult Singles Swamp Gravy
- Sun., Apr. 10: Picnic at the Park 4 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 12: Silver Saints in FH 10:30 a.m.
- Sun., Apr. 17: Lord's Supper  
Lunch  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Testimony Service 6:30 p.m.  
Deacon's Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 19: Body Building State Convention  
Silver Bells 10:45 a.m.  
Willing Workers 12 p.m. @ Bonnie Elkins Home
- Wed., Apr. 20: Youth Outing 3:30 p.m.
- Fri., Apr. 22: Office Closed for Good Friday  
Passion of the Christ Movie in FH 6 p.m.
- Sat., Apr. 23: Youth Easter Fellowship 5 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 24: Easter Presentation A.M.  
Family Worship Day  
No P.M. Service
- Tues., Apr. 26: Silver Saints 10:45 a.m.



Egging Sunday

April 17<sup>th</sup> after the morning service. The church will provide chicken & tea. Please bring your bring favorite side item. The Easter Egg Hunt will follow after lunch. A collection box for the pre-filled eggs is in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your donations.



## Wednesday Night Meal Assistance

The Adult 4A SS Class is to assist with the Wednesday night meal for the month of April.



- 1 - Laura Holt
- 2 - Johnny Landingham
- 3 - Keith Bass
- 5 - Trish Craig
- 7 - Jessica Ard, Frank Redmon, Jarrett Stidham, Linda Webb
- 9 - Bradley Bromlow, Maya Ramsey
- 10 - Nancy Ivey
- 11 - Gina Massey, Renee Stanley

- 12 - Willie Best, Lorraine Gill
- 15 - Donna Halstead, Carol Lee
- 16 - Justin Nickey
- 18 - Linda Alban
- 19 - Jesse Harris, Kade Lishbrook
- 20 - Stacy Bromlow, JoAnne Poteete
- 21 - Megan Landingham
- 25 - Steve Sumner

- 26 - Marie Brabec
- 27 - Chuck Carr, Justin Franklin
- 28 - Beau Green
- 30 - Sandra Taylor

## Birthdays



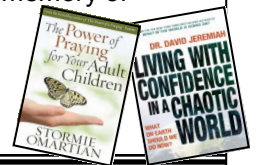
**Attention Parents:** This month the children are especially invited to the Library to visit the display of Easter stories on tape as well as books. They will receive a gift for each visit.

- We have received the following memorial gifts:
1. "The Power of Praying for your Adult Children" by Stormie Omartian in memory of Mrs. Alma K. Barrett, sister of Sue Holcombe, given by Lee and Dianne Newton.
  2. "Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World" by David Jeremiah, in memory of

Melba Joan Ard, daughter-in-law of Nell Ard, given by "Love in Jesus" Sunday School Class.

The Media Library Staff graciously thanks each donor for your special gift. Beginning Sunday April 3 the Library extends its hours to be open at 5 PM.

*God Bless,  
The Media Library Staff*



March 2011 Attendance Averages	March 2011 Giving Totals	April Prayer Partners
Sunday School: 248	General Fund: \$54,725.51	Apr. 3: Dianne Owens & Louise York (265-8133) (265-3422)
Morning Worship: 332	Building for the Future: \$1,472.00	Apr. 10: Irene Domico & Joyce Burchfield (763-3826) (722-8433)
Evening Worship: 131	BFF to Date: \$141,877.04	Apr. 17: Ruth Baxley & Jan Everett (872-9156) (265-0620)
Mid-week Service: 242	Annie Armstrong to Date: \$3,190.00	Apr. 24: Jesse & Linda Johnson (784-0434)
Midweek does not include Mar. 27 Data.		



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 Paul Durden.....Pianist  
 Lee Newton.....Security Custodian  
 Fred Russ.....Custodian

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<b>Sunday Schedule</b>	<b>Wednesday Schedule</b>
8:45-Library Open	5:00-Evening Meal
9:15-Sunday School	(Adult 4A SS Class to Assist)
10:30-Morning Worship	Library Open
5:00-Library Open	5:30-Orchestra Rehearsal
5:30-Disciple U	6:00-Prayer Time
	6:15-Youth @ the Loft
	6:30-Wednesday Worship
	7:30-Choir Rehearsal

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# PICNIC AT THE PARK

April 10  
 @ 4:00 p.m.



Come and have a blessed picnic at the park with good food and fellowship. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs & tea. Please bring your favorite side dish for the cookout & chairs. It will be at the Lynn Haven Sports Complex off of Hilltop Rd. by Derby Woods on Hwy. 390. You can bring any outdoor activity & there is a playground for kids.