



HOLY PRESENTS SHOE BOX PROJECT

The Colonias of south Texas has a large population of children who live in less than desirable living conditions. FBCTC is partnering with Valley Baptist Mission Education Center ("The Center") in Harlingen for a trip that will truly be a blessing to you and to others. Join us for a life changing experience as we participate in Christmas Shoe Box Distributions this December 8-10.

GO

\$75.00 includes 2 nights lodging and 3 meals at "The Center" -- cabin rooms with twin style bunk beds.

You will need to bring your bedding and towels for the weekend.

\$\$\$ will be needed for at least 3 meals in transit. We will be taking a FBCTC van.

If you would like to provide transportation it would be appreciated.

Mission trip is open to families and individuals.

GIVE

Fill a Box -- Grab a plastic shoe box, follow directions on how to fill it, mark it for a boy/girl/age and include \$5 for a Bible to be given with the box.

Collection Day for filled shoeboxes is **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3.**



Kevon & Avis Rogers

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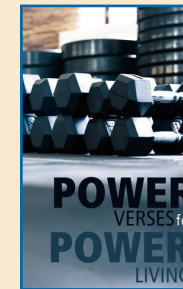
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TEXAS CITY

First Facts

For the week of October 29, 2017



Irene Durdin



SERMON SERIES

POWER VERSES FOR POWER LIVING

- 10-29-17 **"Lifting Up Jesus"**
John 12:32 -- Communion
- 11-05-17 **"God's Plans"**
Jeremiah 29:11
- 11-12-17 **"God's Expectations"**
Luke 12:48
- 11-19-17 **"Grateful Living"**
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- 11-26-17 **"No Other Name"**
Acts 4:12



Heart to Heart...

By Robert Miller

TRUST GOD AND TELL THE PEOPLE

"Trust God and tell the people," is an adage I have tried to practice in my 40 years of ministry. Truth is our church has been declining in attendance and offerings. There are many reasons 'why' both are happening. Obvious reasons are 1) the transition of moving over to the Mall is taking way too long. Maintaining two buildings is very expensive. 2) We are having lots of funerals. This is affecting us greatly because we do not have enough folks coming in to replace those we are losing either numerically or financially. 3) The culture in America is moving away from being church friendly. Church attendance has been declining in America for decades. Lifeway's research found that 80% of the churches are either plateaued or declining in America. Of the 20% that are increasing half of them are only growing off those leaving the 80%. This is much different than when I started ministry. When I began ministry even folks who didn't go to church respected the church. We are living in a culture that is angry with the church. Some scholars have suggested that the culture in America today is becoming a lot like the Roman culture in the first and second century when Christianity was illegal. We have observed government appointees questioned about their Christianity and had elected public officials oppose them because of their Christian beliefs. The millennials are attending church less than any previous generation of Americans. Those who do attend give very little offering compared to past generations.

Last Wednesday evening the Staff, Finance Committee and Personnel Committee shared with the church how we are going to deal with our shortfall in the budget. First, in order to make the payment on the Mainland property (\$12,600 a month) which had previously been paid for with our "Defining Moments" campaign, the Finance Committee recommended and the church approved that we move the \$10,000.00 a month being escrowed for insurance to the building debt budget line item. We have enough money in the insurance designated account to pay the insurance on the buildings through July 2019. The Personnel Committee reported on a budget reduction plan to the church last Wednesday evening that should cut the budget significantly by taking the following measures: 1) Custodial staff be replaced with a Janitorial Service. 2) The office will be open Monday through Thursday with the office staff moving to part time status. 3) The ministry staff annuity match will be suspended.

I read a good article by Matt Chandler who observed that his church was feeling the effects of the cultural shift away from Christianity and the Church in Dallas. He wrote that we should meet the challenge with "boldness" and not "fear." I agree completely. The Church will survive this, and even though we may have to do more with less, history teaches us that the church is more productive in hard times. Please know that no one is giving up and we still see the best days for First Baptist Church are in front of us!

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This week at FBC-TC October 29 - November 4

Sunday

- 8:15 a.m. Band/Tech Rehearsal
- 8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Monday

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Cross Training Workout-Room 2

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Cross Training Workout-Room 2
- 5:00 p.m. Burgers, Etc. Bunch - Whataburger
- 5:15 p.m. Transitions - Foyer Room 2
- 5:30 p.m. Puppet Ministry - Room 3
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer, Praise & Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. J.A.M. - Youth - Upper Room 9
- 6:30 p.m. AWANA-Crazy Hair Day-Children's Bldg
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Room 6

Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Elmcroft Senior Living Service

Friday

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Cross Training - Bay Street Park

Saturday

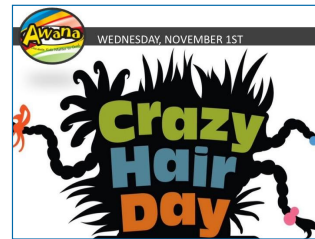
- 9:00 a.m. Weight Watchers

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME -- SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK

FBC Phone Number: 409-986-4950
FBC Website: www.fbctc.com



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!
Help us honor our pastor and let him know how much he is appreciated by bringing a card with you to church THIS Sunday! We will have a basket on the right side of the stage with an orange bow to put your cards in. We will present him with the basket at the conclusion of the service.



AWANA
Mark your calendars and start planning your **CRAZY HAIR!!**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1



CLUB 56
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
TOP GOLF
\$15



Meet in Room 15 in the Children's Building for lunch. Pick up at 3:30 p.m. at the church. Text @fbclub56 to 81010 to get Club 56 updates and announcements. Please RSVP:)

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

Blessed Be the Name Of the Lord
Victory In Jesus
We Believe
How Great Is Our God
Our God Saves

Message: "Lifting Up Jesus" & Communion
John 12:32



Attendance for October 22, 2017

Bible Study	132
Legacy Ministry Visits	12
Worship	243

FIRST STEPS NEW MEMBER CLASS



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12 @ NOON - ROOM 5
LEARN ABOUT FBCTC'S
MISSION, VALUES, PURPOSE, & MORE!
RESERVE A SPOT BY COMPLETING THE WORSHIP
GUIDE INSERT OR AT A
GIVING KIOSK



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST
THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 23
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

1100 meals are planning to be served for the Texas City Community Thanksgiving Feast. If anyone would like to donate a frozen turkey (12-14 lbs.), please do so after November 1. Men are needed to cut up the turkeys on November 21. If any of our men would like to help, please call Barbara White, 409-739-2268, or the Church Office, 409-986-4950. Gently used coats are also needed for the coat drive. Cold weather is upon us and there are children and adults in need of coats.



CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR

We want to "step up" our efforts this year and keep the idea of **CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR LONG** in our hearts and minds. We have a schedule of items that will go into children's shoeboxes for delivery. In **OCTOBER** we are asking for **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**: Sunglasses, hair accessories, small stuffed animals, etc. *Drop boxes are in the office and at the entrance of the Worship Center.*

Financial gifts for October 22, 2017

	Week	To Date
Financial Plan	22,167.89	665,036.75
Financial Receipt	12,622.28	540,691.00
World Missions	145.00	7,086.70

Did You Know...



CHOIR REHEARSAL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
7:30 PM -- ROOM 6
LIKE TO SING AND WORSHIP?
JOIN US!

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

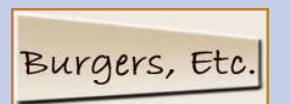


Don't forget about the time change coming up on November 5. Set your clock back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night (November 4) and get that extra hour of sleep and be refreshed for Sunday morning.

VALUES

First place belongs to Christ
I insist on the Bible being our guide
Relationships with God and others
Shame-free environment
Together we can achieve more

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BURGERS, ETC. BUNCH



Come join the Wednesday Night Burgers, Etc. Bunch. We will eat at a different fast food place each Wednesday @ 5:00 p.m. and then attend the Prayer & Praise Service. (These restaurants are close to the church -- not on Palmer.) Here is November's schedule:
November 1 -- Whataburger
November 8 -- Beyond Burger
November 15 -- Whataburger
November 22 -- **THANKSGIVING**
November 28 -- Beyond Burger