



# FBC First Word

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## FROM THE PASTOR, TERRY JOHNSTON

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*  
Galatians 2:20

This year as we have journeyed toward Good Friday and Easter Sunday, in my personal devotional time, I have reflected on two major questions. First: "What needs to die in me?" and second, "What needs to be resurrected?" As Baptists, this is especially true in our practice of the ordinance of baptism. When a person comes to faith in Christ, we baptize them. The symbolism of being buried in the water emphasizes our "putting to death" of our sinful nature, of living life our way, with ourselves as our biggest concern. Likewise, the raising up from the water paints a picture of a new life, risen with the eternal Christ, ready to allow the Holy Spirit to do his work in us and through us.

But our baptism is only our entry point into faith, and for those of us who were baptized long ago, we need a constant reminder of the new life we live in Christ. That's why it's vitally important for us to remember and celebrate both Good Friday and Easter Sunday. On a whole, the Easter season provides an opportunity to reflect upon our faith. Spiritual conversations can be easier to have with others. A door is often opened to the sharing of the gospel with our family and our friends.

My prayer for us this Easter season is that we remember that our role in this world as Christ-followers is not one of privilege that we should hold over the world, but instead as one of responsibility to share the good news with everyone. In Galatians, the Apostle Paul reminds the Church that what God requires of those of us on this side of the resurrection is to live transformed lives.

So who is it going to be? Who are you going to share the gospel with this Easter season? Invite them to join us for worship, or to just sit down over coffee to really converse about their spiritual situation. Don't take for granted the opportunities that are right in front of you for you to share Christ with someone.

Blessings, and Happy Easter!

Bro. Terry



Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Youth 5:30 p.m.



Westview Manor 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
KidZone/JAM Time 6:30 p.m.



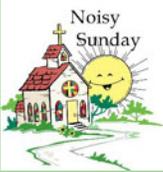
Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday nights 7:30 p.m. in the worship center. Everyone is welcome to come and sing.



### February 2017

Income: \$12,578.60  
Expenses: 9,856.94  
Surplus 2,721.66  
Year-to-date: \$ 5,617.04



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  <b>Men's Ministry Kickoff</b>
2	3	4	5  Westview MINISTRY  Midweek Activities	6  <b>Latham Springs 50+ Adult Day</b>	7	8   <i>Women on Mission</i>
9  <b>Palm Sunday</b>	10	11  	12  Westview MINISTRY  Midweek activities	13	14  <b>Good Friday</b>	15
16  <b>Easter</b>  	17  	18	19  Westview MINISTRY  Midweek Activities	20	21  <b>DBU Hymn Sing</b>	22
23  	24	25	26  Westview MINISTRY  Midweek Activities	27	28	29
30  Lord's Supper/ Benevolence Offering  Baylor Senior Choir	<i>Connecting...Building...Transforming</i>					



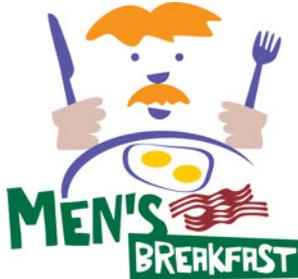
**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

**Westview Manor**

Ann Goolsby Katherine Anderson  
 Joy Erlanson David Zacharias

**PRAYERS NEEDED:**

Please continue to pray for **Mary Jean Snider's** granddaughter Addie, Eric Moeller, Paul Stripling, **Joe Dee Kirkpatrick** and so many others on the church's prayer list.



**Calling all MEN:** We can't let the ladies have all the fun! Join us on Saturday, April 1 (no fooling) at 8:00 a.m. for BREAKFAST. We will enjoy delicious FOOD and discuss ways we can minister to our church and community. Bring a guest who also enjoys food! Sign up in the foyer of the church!



**April 11  
 8:30 a.m.  
 Coffee Shop Cafe**

**April 17  
 12:00 noon  
 Fellowship Hall  
 First Baptist Church**



Stuart Gray	4/9
Sheryl Huffman	4/9
Brooklynn McAdams	4/17
Andrew Craig	4/18
Frances White	4/20
Keith Pierce	4/23
Tracy Ramsey	4/23
Judy Killgore	4/25
B J Killgore	4/26
Brooke Marshall	4/26
Brad Nelson	4/28



Last month I decided to create a bulletin board in the fellowship hall of suggested monthly items to collect for OCC. These are just suggested items to bring each month, please feel free to bring any items you may find on clearance or get a good deal on.

For the month of April suggested items to collect are hygiene items: tooth brushes, combs, hair brushes, bars of soap, wash cloths, stick deodorant for older girl/boy boxes. Due to customs issues, tooth paste is no longer collected. I've found the best deal for bars of soap is at Sam's Club 22 bars of Dial soap for \$8.58, Dollar Tree has some nice colorful hair brushes and Walmart has an 18 pack of washcloths for \$3.92. On the Monday after Easter look for stuffed animals, Easter pencils, toys etc that are on clearance. Thank you Church family for your support of this ministry.

Have a blessed day,  
 Mary Alder

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® will continue through Easter Sunday, April 16. Many thanks to those who have already contributed to this very important ministry that helps support the missionaries as they bring the gospel to the lost.



**VBS is June 18-22.** The theme for Vacation Bible School this year is "Rome - Paul and the Underground Church." Experience the thrill of visiting an underground church! Explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tip-toe past watchful Roman guards, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, race chariots, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God's love. If you're interested in help-

ing with VBS this year, the first meeting will be held immediately after worship service on April 9. Terry Johnston and Misti McAdams are co-directors of VBS this year.



The Spring 50+ Adult Day will be held April 6 at Latham Springs. In case you've never attended this day, you've

been missing a wonderful time of worship, teaching and fellowship with others. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the welcome and program starting at 9:00. As always, a delicious lunch will be served at noon at a cost of \$8.00. A special program will take place from 1:30-3:00. Please use the signup sheet in the foyer of the church if you plan to attend. The camp is requiring an RSVP for lunch prior to that day.



The Baylor Senior Choir will be performing right here at First Baptist on April 30 at 6:00 p.m. It's always a treat to hear this choir perform under the direction of Phillip Sitton who sometimes leads our church in worship. Join us, won't you?



### **Dinner and a Movie!**

That's right, ladies. Join us Saturday April 8th at 4pm in the fellowship hall for dinner and a movie. This will be a fun night, ladies, you don't want to miss. Grab a friend and come enjoy dinner and a movie.

The **29th Annual Norvell Slater Senior Adult Hymn Sing** will be held Friday, April 21, at 2:00 pm on the campus of Dallas Baptist University. The Pre-Hymn Sing Concert at 1:30 pm will be provided by the Gold-enaire Senior Adult Choir of FBC Richardson. Details will be forthcoming regarding transportation to the event.



Our goal is to create a revolutionary change in our world by sharing love, kindness, and joy to others. We do this to honor our friend, Rhett Hering (2000-2015).

### **Revolution Day is May 19, 2017**

If you live in McGregor, let McGregor High School staff and students know how they can help you or your neighbor... washing windows, indoor cleaning, raking leaves, ground level trimming, painting, mowing, heavy lifting, etc.

Projects may be submitted to McGregor High School using the online Revolution Project Request Form at [mhs.mcgregor-isd.org/revolution](http://mhs.mcgregor-isd.org/revolution). For more information, call Robert White, MHS Principal (254.840.2853). For those who don't have Internet access, please contact Leslee Hyde at 254-840-3301 to submit your project.

“ we want to give back to the community who has given us so much. ”

#bether**evolution**

“ it's the most important day of the year as students and teachers focus on the needs of others. ”

## Recipes



### Bacon Appetizer Crescents

allrecipes.com

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 8 slices bacon, cooked, crumbled
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onions
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 2 (8 ounce) packages refrigerated crescent dinner rolls

Heat oven to 375°.

Mix all ingredients except crescent dough.

Separate each can of dough into 8 triangles; cut each triangle lengthwise in half. Spread each dough triangle with 1 generous tsp. cream cheese mixture; roll up, starting at short side of triangle. Place, point-sides down, on baking sheet.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

### Easy Grape Salad

allrecipes.com

- 1 pound seedless green grapes
- 1 pound seedless red grapes
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (7 ounce) jar marshmallow creme
- 1 (6 ounce) package slivered almonds

Wash grapes in a colander under running water, and remove all stems. Place in a large bowl.

In a separate bowl, stir together the cream cheese and marshmallow creme until smooth and creamy. Pour the mixture over the grapes. Using a rubber spatula or large serving spoon, fold the mixture into the grapes until well coated. Fold in the almonds.

This salad may be served immediately, or covered and refrigerated for 1 hour to set slightly, and to allow flavors to blend.

### Strawberry Cream Cheese French Toast

allrecipes.com

"French toast casserole is served with a drizzle of warm homemade strawberry sauce."

- 12 slices home-style white bread, cut into 1-inch cubes, divided
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cold cream cheese, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 1/2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 cups half-and-half
- 12 large eggs
- 1/3 cup pure maple syrup
- Sauce:
  - 1 cup white sugar
  - 1 cup water
  - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
  - 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
  - 1 tablespoon butter

Generously grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Arrange half the bread cubes in the prepared baking dish. Evenly distribute cream cheese cubes over the bread cube layer; sprinkle 1 1/2 cups sliced strawberries atop cream cheese layer. Layer the remaining bread cubes over strawberry layer.

Pour half-and-half into a blender; pulse for a few seconds. Blend eggs into half-and-half until fully incorporated. Add maple syrup and blend until smooth. Pour mixture evenly over bread mixture. Cover the baking dish with aluminum foil and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.

Remove baking dish from refrigerator 45 minutes before baking.

Preheat oven to 350°.

Bake the covered casserole in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Remove aluminum foil and continue baking until French toast is puffed and golden brown, about 30 more minutes.

Stir sugar, water, and cornstarch together in a small saucepan. Cook, stirring occasionally, over medium heat until mixture has thickened, about 5 minutes. Mix 1 cup sliced strawberries into the sugar mixture; cook and stir until strawberries are softened, about 10 minutes. Add butter and stir sauce until butter is melted. Serve warm with strawberry French toast.

Note: this recipe could easily be cut in half.

Yummy!