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FROM THE PASTOR, TERRY JOHNSTON

So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. Walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

--Deuteronomy 5:32-33

As spring is in full force, school winds down, and we move into the rhythms of some of our best weather of the year, it is important to remember the importance of keeping connected with your church family. Beginning May 5 and continuing into the summer, we are beginning a new sermon series I'm calling "Words to Live By: More than Just Good Advice." In this series, we will be looking at the importance of the Ten Commandments for us. These ancient words are still valid even in our culture today! More than just a legal standard, the Ten Commandments represent the covenantal relationship between God and his people. Jesus himself gives flesh and blood to the Commandments, giving us a living example of how to order our lives around God's words. In Deuteronomy, as the Hebrew people stood ready to enter into the Promised Land, Moses revisited the Ten Commandments as a sign of the covenant between God and the Hebrews. Today we would do well to write the same words that were first carved in stone onto our hearts so that we can truly live the best life God has for us right here, right now. They are more than just good advice; they are timeless words of God's faithfulness and love for all of his people.

Blessings,

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.



The March and
April financial
information will be
included in the
June newsletter.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	2 National Day of PRAYER 	3	4
5	6	7	8 Westview MINISTRY Midweek activities	9	10	11 Women's Brunch
12 Mother's Day	13	14 	15 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	16	17	18
19 	20 	21	22 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	23	24	25
26 	27 MEMORIAL DAY Church office closed	28	29 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	30	31	



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Westview Manor

Joy Erlanson David Zacharias
Kathryn Hoy

PRAYERS NEEDED:

Please continue to pray for **David Zacharias, Dorothy Drew, and Cissy McKown**, as well as all the others on our church's prayer list.

Mary Spoonts, mother of FBC member, **Suzanne Bohne**, passed away May 1 at Westview Manor where she had been residing for a while. Mary is a former member at First Baptist Church.



Thank you for the lunch in memory of Frances Nell Rogers. Our family and friends greatly appreciate the love that was given to us.

The Rogers Family

Men's Breakfast

There will be no men's breakfast for the months of May and June due to scheduling conflicts. The next one will be held on Saturday, July 27, at 8:00 a.m.



May 14
8:30 a.m.
Coffee Shop Cafe

May 20
Noon
Fellowship Hall



- Dorothy Drew-----5/2
- Joe Kirkpatrick-----5/2
- David Zacharias-----5/6
- Lauren Ramsey-----5/8
- Cordelia Sloan-----5/8
- Johnny Brisby-----5/9
- Thomas Mullens-----5/12
- Caleb Hobday-----5/15
- Kayla Lawson-----5/17
- Billy Etheredge-----5/20
- Mary Jean Snider-----5/24
- Mickey Owens-----5/25
- Kim Johnston-----5/26



Chad and Kendra Miller joined First Baptist on April 7 by a transfer of letter from a sister church. They have a daughter, Mabry, and a son, Kendal. Welcome to the family, Millers! We're so happy you've joined us!

O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master, the Bible read, the precious hymns still sung; where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster, and praise is natural speech to every tongue.

—Barbara B. Hart

Hey Church,

We're about half-way through Spring and we couldn't have had a nicer day for our Easter-egg hunt. Thank you to all who contributed to providing candy and eggs for our children. Now... I'm not sure if there *is* a thing as too many Easter eggs..? But, when I heard one child complain, "I have so many eggs in my basket, my back hurts.." - I knew that we had done well, Church. It was great fun for the kids and the adults who scrambled to figure out what to do with all the candy that would soon be entering into their home. Thanks everyone who contributed to this event for our children.

Don't forget about a Camp meeting for our Preteen camp coming up this Sunday after service in the fellowship hall. We will have a Q/A about camp and registration information will be provided.



Though they don't yet know it - over the next few weeks, our Youth are going to be working on a project upstairs to transform one of the rooms into a full-on Jungle that will be used for Bible lessons during VBS. Prep for VBS in other areas is well underway and it's shaping up to be an epic week for our Children. Misty and Caleshe have been working up a storm, coming up with fun decorations, crafts, and just about everything else that goes into planning a great VBS for our kiddos. If you would like to sign up to help volunteer at VBS, the sign-up sheet is in the foyer. We'd love to have you!

Looking forward to all God has in store for His people big and small.

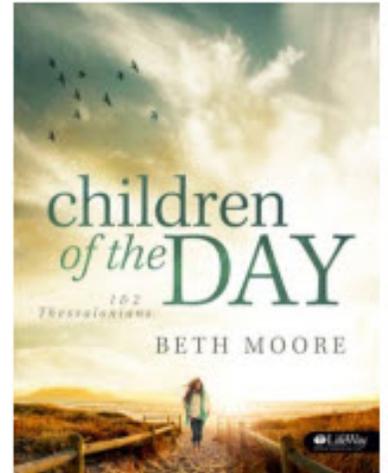
- Austin Molnar



Lets get together!!!
 Women's Brunch
 Special guest speaker
 May 11 at 9 a.m.
 In the fellowship hall

A women's Bible study will begin on Tuesday June 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. Join us as we step into 1st and 2nd Thessalonians with Beth Moore. The New Testament believers carried the Spirit of God as they walked along the shores of Thessalonica, just as you carry that light today. Your circumstances and conditions are not coincidental in your journey. God's timing is impeccable. Join Beth on the Thessalonian shores as you face real crises, real medical diagnoses, real afflictions, real relationships, real doubts, real concerns, and real fears. Let the tide wash your eyes with fresh vision. Don't let pride or timidity come between you and the presence of God. Press in tightly. This is your journey to the shores of Thessalonica where you'll write your name in the sand.

You don't have to be a member of First Baptist to attend the sessions, therefore invite your neighbors, family and friends to join you. The study books are \$16.00 each, payable by cash or check made out to First Baptist Church. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend, so books can be available prior to the first meeting.



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are such a vital part of the operation of our church. What would we do without all the wonderful hours of service that are put in to make our church what it is! Following is a list of volunteer opportunities for men, women, and youth. Please consider signing up for any of these areas where more volunteers are needed. Further below is the volunteer schedule for March, therefore you can see how your time to serve is on a rotational basis. Please call or email the church if you'd like to serve in any of these areas. Thanks!

- **Usher/Greeter**- both men, women, and juniors (4th-12th grade) - you can form your own husband/wife team if you'd like
- **Nursery** - team member and/or substitute (**please consider forming a 2-person team**)
- **Hall Monitors** - needed only the first Sunday of the month during Sunday school, worship, or both
- **Sound Booth** - training provided

Nursery Schedule for May

May 5	Misti McAdams, Kim Johnston
May 12	Tom & Lola Wolff
May 19	Kim Johnston, Viola Mize
May 26	Misti McAdams, Caleshe Voges

Sound Booth Schedule for May

May 5	Mary Jean Snider
May 12	Troy Tucker
May 19	Leslee Hyde/Kaitlyn Hudock
May 26	Mary Jean Snider

Usher Schedule for May

May 5	Carol England, Justin McAdams Hall Monitors Lydia Johnston, Audrey Johnston
May 12	Viola Mize, Judy MacKenzie
May 19	Harold Hunter, Justin McAdams
May 26	Sid Allen, Rex Tucker

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES



Turkey Club Pasta Salad

hiddenvalley.com

- ½ lb. (about 3 cups) uncooked medium shell pasta
- 1 cup Hidden Valley® Southwest Chipotle salad dressing
- 1 cup cooked turkey, diced
- ½ cup (approx. 6–8 slices) cooked, thick-cut bacon, chopped or turkey bacon
- ½ cup coarsely grated cheddar cheese

Prepare shell pasta according to package instructions.

Drain pasta, rinse with cold water and drain well. Transfer to large bowl.

Toss cooked pasta with dressing. Add turkey, bacon and cheese. Gently toss to combine. Garnish with chopped cilantro or parsley. Serve.

Lemon Bars

foodnetwork.com

- 1/2 pound unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- For the filling:
- 6 extra-large eggs at room temperature
- 3 cups granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons grated lemon zest (4 to 6 lemons)
- 1 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 cup flour
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

For the crust, cream the butter and sugar until light in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Combine the flour and salt and, with the mixer on low, add to the butter until just mixed. Dump the dough onto a well-floured board and gather into a ball. Flatten the dough with floured hands and press it into a 9 by 13 by 2-inch baking sheet, building up a 1/2-inch edge on all sides. Chill.

Bake the crust for 15 to 20 minutes, until very lightly browned. Let cool on a wire rack. Leave the oven on. For the filling, whisk together the eggs, sugar, lemon zest, lemon juice, and flour. Pour over the crust and bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until the filling is set. Let cool to room temperature.

Cut into triangles and dust with confectioners' sugar.

Easy Avocado Crab Dip

Eula McKown

- 2 ripe avocados, seeded and mashed
- 2-3 tsp. dried minced onion
- 1 tbsp. lime juice
- 1 tsp. soy sauce
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- salt & pepper, to taste
- ¼ cup sour cream
- 1 (12 oz.) pkg. lump crab meat, shredded or flaked OR
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. imitation crab meat, shredded or flaked

Put avocados in a medium mixing bowl, add the lime juice, and mash until fairly smooth. Add the cream cheese and blend until smooth, using an electric mixer. Stir in the sour cream, soy sauce, minced onion, and crab meat and mix well. Refrigerate until ready to use.

NOTE: This is good to wrap in a flour tortilla and eat.

Strawberry Vanilla Smoothie

Eula McKown

- 1 cup fresh strawberries
- 1 cup ice cubes
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup vanilla ice cream

Put all ingredients in a blender. Cover; blend until smooth. Yield: 3 (1 cup) servings

