



First Baptist Church's
Open Door
"Where CHRIST Is the Center"



March 25, 2019

APRIL NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor...

I recommend to our staff and deacons that they read the daily email/blog from Thom Rainer. For many years, Rainer was the CEO of Lifeway Christian Resources, the publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is also a recognized authority in Christian research and ministry. I tell folks that if you want to know what is on the cutting edge of "doing church," Rainer is your man! You can subscribe to his free email newsletter at www.ThomRainer.com.

Two weeks ago, Rainer wrote the following article on church membership and attendance. I wanted to share it with you. It reflects how I feel about FBC Geneva. I love FBC and enjoy worshiping with you and serving with you!

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In a culture that minimizes commitment and maximizes self-indulgence, I have learned the precious gift of church attendance or, more specifically, the church gathered. I do not see church attendance as a burden or legalistic commitment. I view it as joy—a place where I can give and serve, a place where I can focus more on others rather than myself.

I could name many, but here are ten reasons I attend church.

1. **I attend church to serve others.** There is so much greater joy in serving than seeking to be served. I have many opportunities to serve when the church is gathered. Those opportunities are my gifts from God.
2. **I attend church to encourage others.** We live in a world of incredible digital communication. But there is still something irreplaceable about gathering together. When I encounter someone in person at church, I have an opportunity to encourage him or her in person as well.
3. **I attend church to encourage my pastor.** I doubt many of us know how much our pastors serve us and love us seven days a week. The least I can do for my pastor is to be there in person when we gather as a church. I know it encourages my pastor, and I want our pastors to have that gift of encouragement every week.
4. **I attend church to state my priorities.** If I am able to go to work, to go to school, to go on vacation, or to watch or be involved in a sport, I can attend church. I desire to have a "no excuse" clause in my life for attending church.
5. **I attend church to participate in worship.** There is something special and Spirit-filled about worshipping together with other Christians. It is both an opportunity and gift I do not take lightly.
6. **I attend church even if it doesn't meet all my needs.** If I say, "I am not getting fed spiritually," it likely means I am not hungry spiritually. If my church does some things a bit differently than my preferences, I realize I am there, not as a consumer, but as a giver and one who has been called to put others' needs before my own. No church is perfect. No worship style is perfect. No pastor is perfect. And neither am I.
7. **I attend church with frequency, not on occasion.** It is my prayer to be in my church every Sunday. When I am out of town, I can find another church to attend. I pray I will never say, "I need a break from church." I certainly don't want God to take a break from me.
8. **I attend church to set an example for my family.** Couples have healthier marriages when they attend church. Children grow up with countless benefits because their parents took them to church. I need to show the importance and priority of church attendance to those I love.
9. **I attend church because the Bible tells me to do so.** Two-thirds of the New Testament is about churches, specifically gathered churches. The words of the writer of Hebrews in 10:24-25 are powerful:

“And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, *not neglecting to gather together as some are in the habit of doing*, but encouraging each other, and more as you see the day approaching.”

10. **I attend church because I love my church.** I love my church. I love my pastor. I love the members of my church. I love the community my church serves. If I love someone, I will be there for them. I truly love my church.

It is becoming increasingly common to see church attendance as just another activity, an option among many, a place to get consumer preferences met, or an occasional gathering to hide in anonymity.

It has become increasingly popular for some to argue that church attendance is not a high priority because the building is not a church, the people are. But those people are supposed to gather. Indeed, they are commanded to gather.

I love to attend church. I attend church for these reasons and many more.

I thank God for my church.

Thom Rainer

Children and Youth News

April 24th will be a Wednesday night meal to support the Youth going to Wired, as well as a Silent Auction during supper.

May 5th will be Senior Recognition Sunday for seniors in the church.

Saturday, April 20

Kids Easter Egg Hunt at 10 AM



FBC Fellowship Hall

GRIEF SHARE

Weekly Grief Support Group

Thursdays at 6 PM

PURSUIT

NIGHT OF WORSHIP
MEN'S CONFERENCE

2K19

DATE & TIME
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
KICK-OFF TAILGATE @ 5:30 PM
SERVICE @ 6:30 PM

**COME IN PURSUIT
OF THE MAN GOD
CREATED YOU TO
BE!**

**GUEST SPEAKER
BRODIE CROYLE**

EL BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
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BROWN BAG

Brown Bag Ministry



MINISTRY

\$65 will provide a bag of groceries for a senior adult each month for a year.

Brown Bag Calendar

- March 31 - Bags of Beans or Peas
- April 7 - Condiments, Spices, or Crackers
- April 14 - Bags of Rice
- April 21 - Canned Veggies/Fruit
- April 28 - Canned Meat
- May 5 - Peanut Butter & Cookies
- May 12 - Mac & Cheese/Pasta
- May 19 - Canned Veggies/Fruit
- May 26 - Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, & Tissues
- June 2 - Canned Meat
- June 9 - Bags of Rice
- June 16 - Canned Veggies/Fruit
- June 23 - Condiments, Spices, or Crackers
- June 30 - Canned Meat
- July 7 - Bags of Beans or Peas
- July 14 - Canned Veggies/Fruit
- July 21 - Mac & Cheese/Pasta
- July 28 - Canned Meat

Wednesday Total Attendance

March	6	No Count
	13	No Count
	20	No Count
	27	No Service

Sunday Attendance

		<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Morning Worship</u>
March	3	127	186
	10	108	186
	17	89	153
	24	96	138

Budgeted Weekly 2019	\$7,161.68
Budgeted YTD 2/17/2019	\$85,940.16
Total Receipts YTD 2019	\$76,269.47
Quarterly Missions Offering To Date	\$13,077.75



March 31, 2019

In Memory of Liz and Tyler Mitchum
By The Mitchum Family

April 7, 2019

In Memory of Jack, Louise, and Gladys Bryan
By The Mike Bryan Family

April 14, 2019

In Memory of F. E. Chapman
By Mrs. F. E. Chapman, Mrs James Dixon, Mrs. Terry Newell and Mrs. Mark Calhoun

April 21, 2019

In Honor of the Greenwood Residents
By Emmett and Jan Dixon

April 28, 2019

In Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. W. E. White, Mary Lois White Palmer, Hershel White, Cecil and Sara White, and Orell White and Robert White
By Mrs. Hershel White

Nichols Mission Building

The Mission Building Clothing Closet is open the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of every other month: 9 - 11 AM and 2- 4:30 PM.

Next Open Days: May 1 and 8

If you would be interested in working at the Mission Building, please contact Cornelia Faulk or the Church Office.

Receive your newsletter by email. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please sign up in Welcome Center, call the church office or go to the homepage of our website and give us your email address.



If you do not have email access, you will be able to pick one up at church.

Menus



Wednesday, March 27

No Supper. Spring Break

Wednesday, April 3

Ham, Green beans, Hash brown casserole

Wednesday, April 10

Lasagna, Salad, Garlic bread

Wednesday, April 17

Chicken salad, Pasta salad, Chicken fingers, croissants, crackers

Wednesday, April 24

Youth Fundraiser meal

Please sign up if you plan to eat.

Aden Seay
by Baptism

Welcome to our

John Warren Dyess
by Baptism

New Members!

Derek & Kyshia Cotton
by Statement

Leyton Cotton
by Baptism

Landry Cotton
by Baptism



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Sunday Schedule

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Wednesday Night Schedule

5 PM: Supper in Fellowship Hall
6 PM: Adult Bible Study
6 PM: Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room

Youth/Kids Wednesday Schedule

5 - 5:30: Drop off, Registration and
Game Time in the Gym with Kids
5:30-6: Kids Eat and Youth have Gym Time
6- 7: Kids have Bible Study/ Youth have Youth Service

June 2-6



**AMAZING ENCOUNTERS
WITH JESUS**

JOHN 20:31



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Grief Share, 6 PM	5	6
7 Bible Reading Sermon Fellowship Hall/Gym Reserved	8	9 Brown Bag	10	11 Grief Share, 6 PM	12	13
14 Lord's Supper Palm Sunday	15	16 9:30 AM Martha Ellis	17	18 Grief Share, 6 PM	19 Good Friday Office Closed	20 Kids Easter Egg Hunt, 10 AM
21 Easter Sunday	22	23	24 Youth Fundraising Meal and Silent Auction	25 Grief Share, 6 PM	26	27 Men's Conference at El Bethe;
28 Church on the Go	29	30				



*** THIS MONTH'S *
birthdays**

- 3 Cornelia Faulk
Dawn Wilks
- 4 Dale Mitchum
Lee Peters
- 6 Phillip Mixon
- 7 David McGowan
- 8 Walter Brooks
Avery Nance
- 10 Chase Clemmons
- 11 Joyce Anderson
Kinley Commander
- 12 LoriAnne Skidmore
- 13 Emmett Dixon
Shawn Gilmore
Sean Jones
Stacey Shirah
Lelia Speigner
- 17 Chip Arthur
- 19 Vernon Spence
- 20 Rylee Smith
- 21 Zachary Jones
- 22 Sara Green
Louis Yeomans
- 23 Cameron Mitchum
Conner Mitchum
- 24 Hannah Tidwell
- 26 Shelby Griffin
- 28 Karol Beck
Kendra Culverhouse
Erica Martin
Glenda Roy
- 30 Destiny Yeomans

Deacon/Counting Committee Rotation

- 03/31** Michael Crews, Al Folsom
- 04/07** Greg Adams, Joey Stephens, Ryan Tidwell
- 04/14** Freddy Martin, Toby Seay, Randal White
- 04/21** Ricky Bennett, Adam Commander, Jason Padgett
- 04/28** Donnie Chesteen, Rufus Kervin, Larry Sharpe

Usher Rotation

- 03/31** Max Crews, Michael Crews, Conner Mitchum, Trent Mitchum
- 04/07** Delton Grace, Ryan Tidwell, Joe Grant, Sam Sharpe, Donald Ray Wilks
- 04/14** David Bilbrey, Brad Bynum, Thomas Fain, Freddy Martin, Zach Shirah
- 04/21** Tim Adams, Adam Commander, Kerry McLaney, Bart Wilks, Wayne Wood
- 04/28** Jack Commander, Patrick Dyess, Keith Owen, Larry Sharpe, Jay Stough

Security Rotation

- 03/31** Patrick Dyess, Keith Owen
- 04/07** Mike Turner, Greg Adams
- 04/14** Chris Chesteen, Brien Sullivan
- 04/21** Kenneth Revels, Phillip Mixon
- 04/28** Steve Shirah, Todd Ausley

Greeter Rotation

- 03/31** Gail Hayes, Quinoma Grant
- 04/07** Ryan & Hannah Tidwell
- 04/14** Brad & Jenny Bynum
- 04/21** Wayne & Susan Wood
- 04/28** Keith & Tammy Owen

Nursery

- 03/31** Babies: Mandy Precise & Jennifer Adams
Toddlers: Renee Clemmons & Sue Earley
- 04/07** Babies: Ashley Peters & Brandie Green
Toddlers: Nikki Dyess & Rachel Sullivan
- 04/14** Babies: Krissy Gilmore & Amanda Faulk
Toddlers: Wilmer & Jill Crews
- 04/21** Babies: Hannah Tidwell & Jami Seay
Toddlers: Brent & Jomanda Johnson
- 04/28** Babies: Allison Crews & Hannah Commander
Toddlers: Bart & Dawn Wilks

Jam Leaders

- 03/31** Loren & Chad McKnight
- 04/07** Lee Peters
- 04/14** Bridgett & Randal White
- 04/21** Lee Peters
- 04/28** Renee Clemmons

Wednesday Night Greeter

- 03/27** No Supper
- 04/03** Michael Crews
- 04/10** Joey Stephens
- 04/17** Freddy Martin
- 04/24** Jason Padgett

Sunday: Tech Schedule

- 03/31** Steve Shirah & Landon Adams
- 04/07** Adam Commander & Larry Sharpe
- 04/14** Adam Commander & Chandler Green
- 04/21** Mike Turner & Derek Cotton
- 04/28** Mike Turner & Derek Cotton

April 2019						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

April Reading Plan

- Monday April 1 1 Kings 6 - 8
- Tuesday April 2 1 Kings 9 - 11
- Wednesday April 3 1 Kings 12 - 14
- Thursday April 4 1 Kings 15 - 17
- Friday April 5 1 Kings 18 - 20
- Saturday April 6 1 Kings 21- 22| 2 Kings 1
- Sunday April 7 2 Kings 2 - 6
- Monday April 8 2 Kings 7 - 9
- Tuesday April 9 2 Kings 10 - 12
- Wednesday April 10 2 Kings 13 - 15
- Thursday April 11 2 Kings 16 - 18
- Friday April 12 2 Kings 19 - 21
- Saturday April 13 2 Kings 22 - 24
- Sunday April 14 2 Kings 25 | 1 Chron 1 - 4
- Monday April 15 1 Chronicles 5 - 7
- Tuesday April 16 1 Chronicles 8 - 10
- Wednesday April 17 1 Chronicles 11 - 13
- Thursday April 18 1 Chronicles 14 - 16
- Friday April 19 1 Chronicles 17 - 19
- Saturday April 20 1 Chronicles 20 - 22
- Sunday April 21 1 Chronicles 23 - 27
- Monday April 22 1 Chronicles 28 - 29 | 2 Chronicles 1
- Tuesday April 23 2 Chronicles 2 - 4
- Wednesday April 24 2 Chronicles 5 - 7
- Thursday April 25 2 Chronicles 8 - 10
- Friday April 26 2 Chronicles 11 - 13
- Saturday April 27 2 Chronicles 14 - 16
- Sunday April 28 2 Chronicles 17 - 21
- Monday April 29 2 Chronicles 22 - 24
- Tuesday April 30 2 Chronicles 25 - 27

