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BODY LIFE

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Attendance/Offering Report – April 18, 2010

Sunday School: 68

Weekly Offering: \$4,035.00

Monthly Offering: \$16,213.41

Monthly Budget Required: \$16,279.00



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The Article I Wish I Never Had to Write

Yes, you read that right! I wish I did not have to write this article, but I absolutely have to do so. I would much rather write about just about anything else: underwater basket weaving, how to watch paint dry, making salsa.....anything but this topic! But, the world that we live in dictates that I must write this article.

If you have watched the news lately (or anytime the last decade) you know that several denominations have struggled greatly because of the abuse of children at church. This is tragic and should not happen! Children are an absolute treasure to God. Jesus warned: "But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea" (Matthew 18:6). Those are some of the strongest words in the entire Bible! Abuse and molestation always causes the victim harm beyond just the physical. Often even just one act of abuse or molestation causes a lifetime of pain, grief, confusion, anger, and can even result in the abuse of someone else. It is a vicious cycle. Child abuse is a worldwide problem. You might think that our community is immune from such unacceptable behavior. Actually, there were 91 confirmed cases of child abuse in our county in 2009, sadly well above the Texas average per capita. Yes, there is child abuse in our community and there are child molesters in our community as well. What is the churches role in the community regarding this issue?

1. We must stand up against those who abuse children. It is our Biblical duty as Christians to be "a voice" for those who have none, to do what we can to protect the innocent. The Golden Rule is needed here. We must also stand up against those who abuse children.
2. We must support those who have been abused. One of the ways we can do that is to support those who work with abused children. Both need our care and our prayer.
3. We must insure that children in our care at First Baptist Church are safe at all times. Nothing will bring a church to a swift end faster than a child being abused or assaulted on church property. For this reason, we have been working for well over a year on a Child Protection Policy at First Baptist Church. It will be presented this Sunday, April 25 at 5pm and also Sunday, May 2 at 5pm. It will be voted on at our June 13 business meeting. You might be tempted to think this is a "I have kids at church" issue. I assure you it is not! This is a whole church matter that needs your attendance, education, and input. Please be sure to attend one of these two very important meetings.

The LORD Be With You,
Jonathan



CHURCH FAMILY SPRING PICNIC

Saturday, May 15, 5-8 PM

CAMP TEJAS (1038 PR 2191, Giddings)

more details to come

APRIL

Tues., April 20	6:30 pm	Ladies Group
Sun., April 25	12:00 pm	Guest Luncheon
	12:00 pm	Teddy Bear Picnic
	5:00 pm	Presentation of Child Protection Policies
Wed., April 28	5:00 pm	Finance Committee

GUEST LUNCHEON

Our guests are invited to join us for a guest luncheon this Sunday, April 25, following the morning worship service.



MAY

Sun., May 2	12:00 pm	First at First
	4:00 pm	Church Council
	5:00 pm	Church Conference
Sat., May 8	11:00 am	Mother's Day Brunch
Sat., May 15	8:00 am	FBC Bake Sale
	5:00 pm	Church Picnic
Sun., May 16	5:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
Tues., May 18	6:30 pm	Ladies Group
Wed., May 19	4:30 pm	FBC Drive-thru dinner

In an effort to help reduce the cost of preteen camp, we are having a Bake Sale from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 15 at Wal-Mart. Don't forget to stop by! If you would like to donate a baked item, please contact the church office.



Weekly Worship/Classes

SUNDAY

- 9:00 AM Fellowship in Parlor
- 9:15 AM Sunday School
- 10:15 AM Fellowship in Parlor
- 10:30 AM Morning Worship
- 6:00 PM The Journey

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting and Youth Class

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April Greeters
Stuart and Gloria Lee

May Greeters
Ken and Betty Powell

Hospice Brazos Valley Grief Support

First Steps—Meet others who have experienced the death of a loved one: first Tuesday of each month in Giddings at First Baptist Church 11am-1pm, and the third Tuesday of each month at the HBV office in La Grange 11am-1pm.

Loss of a Child—This is a support group for those who have experienced the death of a child: first Monday of every month at the HBV Brenham office, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Contact Marlise at 979-968-6913 or marlisej@hospicebrazosvalley.com



FBC YOUTH MINISTRY

Leaders: Dave and Heidi Ehler



Sunday mornings
at 9:15 am



**YOUTH GROUP MEETS
ON WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM!**

**Teddy Bear
Picnic**



Families with children nursery and pre-school age are invited to join us at White Rock Park after church on April 25 for a Teddy Bear Picnic! Bring your favorite picnic food to share! Children are encouraged to bring their teddy bears. For more information, please contact Ms. Heidi at heidi@fbclagrange.net or 968.6084.

Mother's Day Tea

We will host a tea in honor of mothers from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2010. If you would like to bring your mother, please call the church to make your reservation.



Did you know that since July 2009 there have been seven family fires in our area? Have you ever known someone or you yourself have been helped by the Red Cross? Your local Red Cross needs your help in raising funds to support disaster relief, assistance for fire victims, emergency military communications, first aid and CPR training as well as disaster preparedness information for our community. If you are so moved, please contribute by either donating in the Red Cross Canister located in the hallway or you can speak to Vanessa Floyd. Checks should be made out to the "Red Cross." Your contribution could make a world of difference for a neighbor, a friend, a family in need or another community member.

The 2:42 @ 2:42 Challenge

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
ALARM FOR 2:42!

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH DAILY!

Vacation Bible School

If you would like to purchase a VBS t-shirt for you and/or your child, please contact the church office. Pre-ordered t-shirts are \$7 each. The deadline for ordering t-shirts is May 17, 2010.

This year's theme is Lifeway's Saddle Ridge Ranch where we will be "Rounding up Questions and Driving Home Answers." VBS will take place July 11-15, 2010.

The next VBS training dates are Sunday, June 6, at 6 pm for teachers, and Sunday, June 27, at 4:30 pm for all volunteers.

First Baptist Church will be hosting a drive-thru dinner on Wednesday, May 19. We will be serving a roasted chicken breast dinner and the proceeds will go toward the funding of the Germany mission trip this summer. Tickets will be available next week. If you would like to purchase a dinner ticket, please contact the church office.

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