Staff
Dr. Jason Martin - Senior Pastor
Rob Jones - Administrative/Discipleship Pastor
David Wilson - Associate Student Minister
Megan Frederick - Minister of Preschool & Children
Stacey Bridges - Mother's Day Out Director
Steve James - Interim Minister of Music and Worship
Tracy Cutrer - Pastor Ministry Assistant
Keyla Poss - Financial Ministry Assistant
Terrie VanderWeg - Ministry Assistant

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724-0163

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The Vision
"...Where there is no vision, the people perish..."
Proverbs 29:18

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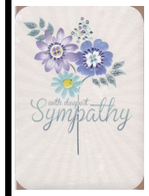
CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Sympathy to the family of Don Beavens; to the family of Lennie Allen; to Chuck Williams on the loss of his grandmother; to Janell Richards on the loss of her mother; to Bonnie White on the loss of her brother and to Doug Cutrer and Becky Ramke on the loss of their cousin.

Congratulations to Shawn Hanley on the birth of her granddaughter; to Randy, Noah, & Cutter Jackson on the birth of their nephew.

A thank you was received from Lamar BSM.

MEN'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Tuesday, March 12 , 2019
6:00 am
FBCPN - Koinonia Room

Speaker: Dr. Jason Martin
Pastor, First Baptist Church Port Neches

BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday
February 24, 2019
6:00 pm

NEW HOPE, NEW DIRECTION

Monday, March 4, 2019 @ 6:00 – 8:30 pm

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Pastor's Page

As you are reading this article, I will be deep in the Amazon Jungle of Peru. Three other preachers and I will be teaching various aspects of being a pastor to the local pastors. The conference is located in a little village called "The Ninth of October." It gets its name from the day it was officially recognized by the Peruvian government. Some of the pastors will have walked up to 10 days through the jungle to get to this conference. Please be in prayer for these men as they will have to walk back after the conference is over. Many of the men, have never had any kind of training and are very eager to learn.

Also, be in prayer for my 4 lectures. 1. The Privilege and Significance of Preaching. 2. The Important of Context in Writing a Sermon. 3. Analogies, Word Pictures, and Parables (Part 1) 4. Analogies, Word Pictures, and Parables (Part 2). Then I will have four sermons demonstrating what has just been taught. Followed by discussion. I will also be teaching six Bible stories to first time attenders. To say the least, there is a lot that I will be doing.

If you want to use your map app, the nearest town is Nauta. Follow the river west about 30 miles. The village does not appear on the map apps, but it is there.

Your Pastor,

Jason

SUMMER INTERNS

Our 2019 budget allows for two summer ministry interns; one for the Children's Ministry and one for the Student Ministry. While these positions will be age graded specific, they will not be limited to those areas of ministry. We may choose to utilize them in another area of ministry if there is an opportunity for them to gain experience and/or if there is a down time in their assigned area of ministry.

These intern positions will last ten weeks at $150 per week. The interns will be expected to work a minimum of 20 hours per week except during peak times of ministry such as camp weeks, mission trips, VBS, etc… Those times will be detailed in their individual job descriptions before being hired.

Intern Manuals/Applications are available in the church office. Specifics for the internships can be found in this manual; function, responsibilities, qualifications, etc… We will be accepting applications through March and make a decision on the hiring process in early to mid-April.

LONG RANGE PLANNING TEAM

Our Long Range Planning Team has had several meetings since the church elected them late last year. If you drive by the church during the week you will see a group from Marsh Waterproofing working on the exterior of our building. In January's Business Meeting they were awarded the contract to:

-Chemically clean all masonry surfaces
-Repair mortar joints deemed defective
-Replace broken bricks
-Caulk all horizontal and vertical joints in brick and stone
-Paint all previously painted surfaces that were repaired such as windows, vents, doors, handrails, etc…
-Transparent waterproofing to all brick and stone

The church also voted to finance up to $275,797 of this project ($250,725 + 10% for contingencies). We will not know the total amount until after the project is finished. At that time our bank will cut a check to the church for that amount and we, in turn, will pay Marsh Waterproofing. Once the job is completed, as brought up in the January business meeting, the church will amend the budget to take on another loan (5 year) for the cost of this project.

This decision to take on the loan was made because this is the first step of a very long process.

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Long Range Planning

There are significant projects that need to be taken on in the church to remodel our facilities. The Long Range Planning Team believe that if we sought individual donations for the weatherproofing we would hit a standstill in the actual remodeling process. We trust in the faithfulness of God's people and believe that even with the amended budget that will include a loan, we will be able to pay for the loan out of budget gifts.

As the Long Range Planning Team moves forward, your input as a church is going to be needed. In the upcoming weeks you will receive a survey asking for your input concerning things that need to be accomplished during the remodeling process. You will be asked to give your input for aesthetics and functionality of our buildings and age graded ministry areas. You will have a couple of weeks to think about, pray over and turn in the surveys. From there, the Long Range Planning Team will go through the surveys and prioritize the collected scope of work. Once that is completed, the Long Range Planning Team will present them to the church with a financial strategy on how to accomplish their findings.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

During the Intentional Interim time our church agreed that it had gotten very complacent with its interest in the business of the church. We saw attendance in our meetings almost triple as committees functioned and brought reports and made recommendations. In the last year there has been a slow waning in attendance. It is great that the church trusts our committees and teams, but the lack of attendance has done a few things.

1. Created disconnect for a majority of our people. As a whole, we have discovered that individuals are not aware of what is going on.
2. There isn't much discussion. We love and trust our committees and teams, but sometimes discussion on topics is needed to bring about better ideas or to remind the church of past issues that have occurred during similar situations.
3. It is difficult to cast vision for changes and things to come. Typically, those that attend meetings are the leaders of the church and those who show the most interest. We need YOU there to get behind the business of the church.

SUMMER EVENTS:

May 19, 2019: Graduate Recognition Sunday
June 6, 2019: Kids Fun Day
June 16, 2019: Father's Day
June 17 - 21, 2019: Youth Camp
June 22, 2019: Amazing Grace
June 22 - July 4, 2019: Youth Fireworks
June 30, 2019: Church Wide Dinner on the Grounds
4th of July - Fish Fry
July 7 - 10, 2019: VBS
July 13 - 17, 2019: Youth Mission Trip to Waco
July 22 - 26, 2019: SMAK
July 27 - 31, 2019: Children's Camp
August 18, 2019: Sunday School Promotion Day

YOUTH NEWS

Our year has started off with two youth students rededicating their lives to the Lord at Hot Hearts. Praise God! Please be in prayer for these students as they stand firm in the faith.

On Saturday, February 23rd, our youth group is invited to ride a bus to Urban Air in Beaumont. The $40 dollar cost includes everything. Please start inviting your 7-12th grade friends!

The first half of spring break, March 10-12, our youth group is partnering with an organization called BOUNCE at First Baptist Church Nederland. BOUNCE is a disaster relief group that partners with local church's to bless those who are affected by a disaster. I'm excited to show the love of Jesus to our community alongside students.

FBCPN staff is looking for a student ministry intern for the summer. They need to have already graduated High School, be a growing Christian, be able to take instruction well, and be a people person. Talk to Rob Jones or David Wilson if you have any questions.

-David Wilson (Associate Student Minister of FBCPN)

Daylight Savings Time begins

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Don't forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

CHILDCARE WORKER POSITION OPEN

Applications are being accepted for the position of paid child-care worker. The job involves working Sunday mornings during worship service, Wednesday nights, and various other times for special events. The beginning wage is $10.00 an hour. Applicants must be 18 or older, dependable and someone who loves preschoolers. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, come by the church office for an application.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 9, 2019 our church will be hosting an apologetics conference in partnership with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. We will have two keynote speakers and a couple breakout sessions.

We just learned that Dr. J. P. Moreland will be one of the keynote speakers. Dr. Moreland is an American philosopher, theologian, and Christian apologist. He currently serves as a Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Talbot School of Theology at Biola University in La Mirada, California.

Mark you calendars now! This information hasn't been published by the BGCT yet, so as soon as they release details we will let you know of the cost and schedule.

Choir

MUSIC NOTES

I want to express, again, my deep appreciation of our sanctuary choir and instrumentalists, who went above and beyond the call to provide meaningful leadership and support for our revival worship times. Thanks also to the kids from our children's choir who were able to sing on Monday night of the revival. What a blessing it was for everyone! Our guest worship leader, Matt Martin did a wonderful job leading us each night as well as providing music for the noon gatherings. He is blessed not only with an amazing voice, but a very genuine spirit and attitude. He did a great job of putting together powerful songs that helped us to truly worship our Lord!

Thanks to all of you who give of your time and energy to contribute to our music ministry!

Bro. Steve

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

UPCOMING DATES

March 3rd: VBS meeting, following morning church. Any one who passes a background check can volunteer so swing by and see what opportunity catches your eye!

March 31st: 5pm in Koinonia Room - Camp meeting for parents. This is for boys and girls 3rd grade and up. Camp details, fundraiser info, costs, etc. will be discussed.

April 14th: 6pm - Easter Family Event, Rise Up with Jesus. Families will rotate together and discover how Jesus conquered death.

July 7th-10th: VBS

July 22nd-26th: SMAK

July 27th-31st: Camp

Please don't forget to sign up for VIP! You can be a part of the first memories made in church! You can go to the link below to sign up online.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/fbcpnvip

There will not be any preschool or children's activities on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 due to spring break.

Megan