

# First Baptist Church

"A Comfortable Place to Meet with God"

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## March 2019 Newsletter



Psalm 85:11 ~

**Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.**

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### From The Pastor's Pen



I just finished my 'doing' 2018 taxes last week! What a relief! Good or bad – it is ALWAYS good to finish them. Do you know that our tax refund financed our very first VACATION back in 1982?

As most of you know, Lynda and I married while I was finishing a two-year program in automobile mechanics in 1967 – during my spring break. Within a couple of months, I joined the Georgia Army National Guard with its 6-year obligation. So – for the next six years, our vacations were my being gone each summer for two weeks! During the first few years, my pay was so little that I took the one week of vacation pay from the car dealership where I worked to supplement the two-week pay from the Army. Needless to say, we struggled just to make ends meet. Even when I earned several promotions, the pay wasn't great. We might take off for a weekend now and then, but since we taught Sunday School and Church Training – we would be back by Sunday!

I finished my six years in April 1973 and started college in January 1974. For the next three and one-half years, our time was spent studying, working, and living. In August 1977, we moved to Texas so that I could go to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

From that point on, if we could ever scrape together enough money for gasoline to make the trip back to Georgia, that became our 'vacation.' Don't misunderstand me. It was always nice to see family – but I would not always call it a vacation. A couple of times, I even worked those two weeks at the old job I had in the car dealership.

In 1982, we lived in Burleson (TX) where I pastored Bethesda Baptist Church. In the spring, I worked on and mailed off our income tax. A month or so later, we got a check back with a letter informing us that we had miscalculated and we got back \$200.00 more than we thought we would! (Even then, 200.00 was a lot of money!) So, for the first time in our lives – WE DECIDED TO GO ON A VACATION FOR OURSELVES! (Our families in Georgia did not really appreciate our decision).

We took that \$200 and drove to Galveston. We rented a motel (Motel 6) and stayed there. We kept track of our money (motel expenses, food, and fish bait) and decided, "When we get down to \$20 left – we'll fill the car with gasoline and head home. And that is what we did!"

It cost considerably more now to live or take a vacation. Twenty dollars doesn't even fill up a gas tank anymore. We sometimes spend nearly the whole amount of money we had for a week of vacation back then for one night now!

We still make plans to 'get away' every now and then. We took a short trip recently to San Marcos – just to see it! Right now, Someone is preparing a great place for Lynda and me to retire to one day. (He's also preparing that place for you, as well). Read again Jesus' words:

John 14

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going."

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." NIV

Don't get me wrong! I hope not to go there just yet. But it's a tremendous blessing just to know it's there – ready!

*Calvin*

### Happy Birthday!



### ~March Birthdays~

Seth Reid	March 1
Chloe Peikert	March 4
Susan Bell	March 6
Shelly Mull	March 17
Joe Woods	March 19
Ava Freitag	March 31



*HAPPINESS IS  
Homemade*



*Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus...let us draw near to God ...Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing but let us encourage one another— and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**WORSHIP**

**~Sundays~**

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**11:00 AM Morning Worship**

**5:45 PM Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills**

**6:00 PM Evening Worship**

**~Wednesdays~**

**March 2019  
Calendar of  
Meetings and Activities**

**Sunday, March 3**

~Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer Begins~

~Deacon's Meeting~

4:30 PM

**~Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills~**

**4:30 PM**

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**Tuesday, March 5**

~Building & Grounds Meeting~

7:00 PM

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**Wednesday, March 6**

**~Prayer Meeting/Bible Study~**

**6:30 PM**

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**Sunday, March 10**

~Daylight Savings Time Begins~

**~Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills~**

**4:30 PM**

~Business Meeting~

6:00 PM

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**Wednesday, March 13**

**~Prayer Meeting/Bible Study~**

**6:30 PM**

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**Friday, March 15**

~Youth (6th grade & up) will meet for supper~

Please sign up on the sheet next to the organ

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**Saturday, March 16**

~Children (1st - 5th grades) will have lunch at Rainforest Cafe~

Meet at the church at 11:15 AM, please sign up

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**Sunday, March 17**

**~Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills~**

**4:30 PM**

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**Tuesday, March 19**

~WFC~

10:00 AM

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**Wednesday, March 20**

**~Prayer Meeting/Bible Study~**

**6:30 PM**

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**Sunday, March 24**

**~Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills~**

**4:30 PM**

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**Tuesday, March 26**



~Senior Fun Day~

10:00 AM

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**Wednesday, March 27**

**~Prayer Meeting/Bible Study~**

**6:30 PM**

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**Sunday, March 31**

~5th Sunday Benevolence~

**~Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills~**

**4:30 PM**

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**Please note that the Wednesday night prayer meetings are now at 6:30 PM!**

Check out our updated website!  
You may now give your tithes online!  
[www.fcbrookshire.com](http://www.fcbrookshire.com)  
(Under the "Giving" Tab)