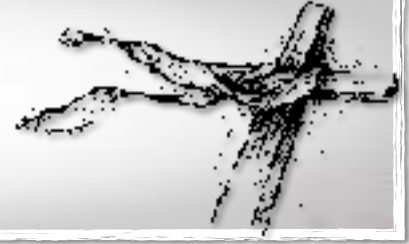


# FAITH FELLOWSHIP *Baptist Church*



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## ✧ Pastor Search Committee News ✧

### April Birthdays

- 1 - Keyonda Moore
- 2 - James Bird
- 3 - Gayle Spradlin
- 5 - Jerry Stewart
- 5 - Rob White
- 6 - Colby Wesseldine
- 7 - Lynn Sloan
- 8 - Dylan Hennington
- 13- Jerry Geisler
- 16- Brittany Griffin
- 17- Terrie O'Dell
- 17- Troy Francis
- 21- Dot Newby
- 30- Gary Clay

In searching for a Pastor for Faith Fellowship we were primarily looking for someone who would preach the word and love the people. For 17 months we have asked you to keep the search committee and the pastor God has for us in your prayers, that God would guide us together. As the Pastor Search Committee, Rob Hanson, Joel Huff, Courtney Lovell, Priscilla McCabe, Jerry Pace, Dale Utley, Steve Wampler, Kathy Wilburn are pleased to announce God has lead us to Garry Jordan and his wife and helpmate Donna. The Jordan's will be coming in view of a call to our church as pastor and wife, Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We believe you will find, as we have, that Garry with the loving support of his wife meet the scriptural qualifications for Pastor.

The Pastor as a Disciplined Man (1 Timothy 3:2,3,6; Titus 1:8) *"...well-controlled, sober-minded, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not a lover of money, not a recent convert..."*

The Pastor as a Family Man (1 Timothy 3:2, 4-5; Titus 1:6) *"...the husband of one wife, manages his own household well, raising his children well."*

The Pastor as a Social Man (1 Timothy 3:2-3,7; Titus 1:6-7) *"...above reproach, respectable, hospitable, not quarrelsome, well thought of by outsiders."*

The Pastor as a Bible Man (1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:9; 2 Timothy 4:1-5) *"...able to teach, able to give instruction, preach the Word, reprove, rebuke and exhort with complete patience and teaching."*

The Pastor as Shepherd and Overseer (1 Peter 5:1-4) *"...Shepherd the flock of God...exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you, not for shameful gain, but eagerly, not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock."*

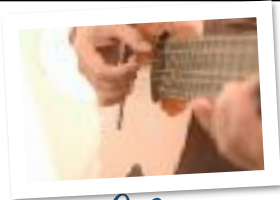
Garry preached for us as pulpit supply in August and November, both times many of you came to us and said "we like him and his preaching". The search committee has been dealing with Garry off and on since then to discern God's will. Issues such as expectations of a bivocational pastor, miles and time spent traveling; and our ability to financially support even a bivocational pastor were the topics of

many discussions and prayers. Garry and Donna Jordan continue to be most interested in listening to God and being obedient to go wherever He is calling. From a human perspective they also wanted to meet the church leadership, Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> to get a feel for how we might fit together.

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If the church votes favorably to call Garry & Donna Jordan and they accept that call their first Sunday would be May 6<sup>th</sup>. That day Bobby Smith will pass the mantle of leadership to the Jordan's and there will be a luncheon in honor of Bobby & Vicky Smith as well as Garry & Donna Jordan.



# Music Notes

Spring is officially here and we are looking forward to Easter Sunday! We hope you make every effort to worship with us on Easter Sunday beginning with the Easter Sunrise service on the tennis courts at 7 am. Following the brief service we will have fellowship breakfast (If you would like to bring something for breakfast that day that would help tremendously) and then our regular schedule of Sunday School at 9:30 and Worship at 10:30. It is going to be an exciting day as we celebrate our risen Savior! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers etc... to come with you!

Don't forget our North American Missions emphasis this month and the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. Please pray for our missionaries and pray how God may be leading you to serve and to give. 2018 Theme-On Mission: Here and Now!

Speaking of missions opportunities, our Missions Group is sponsoring a church-wide baby shower for True

Options Pregnancy Center on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. True Options is one of the groups that our church has supported for years and they are always in need of diapers, wipes and other baby items. We will post a list of items that they need in the bulletin in the upcoming weeks. Please mark your calendars and come and see what this ministry is all about.

Special thanks to the choir for providing outstanding special music in these weeks leading up to Easter and to Sally Southard for her special music on Palm Sunday.

Keep our Pastor Search Committee in your prayers and thank them for doing an outstanding job over the past months.

Looking forward to exciting days ahead!

*David*

## BUDGETED OFFERINGS

MARCH 4  
\$3,877

MARCH 11  
\$4,456

MARCH 18  
\$3,279

FEBRUARY 25  
\$1,514

## EXTENDED SESSION SCHEDULE

### Babies

1- Chase & Courtney Lovell

8- Chris & Rachel Wilburn

15- Marijane Wilburn & Debra Fulenchek

22- Jerry & Carol Pace

29- Sharon Lovell & Sharon Lafitte

### Preschool

1 - Rachel Wilburn

8 - Emerald Bartley

15 - Stephanie Canaday

22 - Emerald Bartley

29 - Emerald Bartley

## Greeter Schedule

1 - Debbie/ Chance

8 - Artie/ Hunter

15 - Paces

22 - Randolphs

29 - Canadays

## Wednesday Night Supper

4 - Taco Salad, Sandwiches, Cobblers

11 - Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies

18 - Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Chips, Brownies

25 - Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips, Pies

## Judy White Adult Mission Study

Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30pm

## VBS Workers Lunch

April 15th following the morning worship service.

## Operation Lighthouse Apartment Ministry

Join us Saturday, April 14th at East Coast Apartments on Crawford at 10:00am.

## PASTOR CANDIDATE MEET & GREET

Come meet Garry and Donna Jordan Saturday, April 21 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.



# Student Ministry News

We have just wrapped up our Live Loud 2018 event and it was another great week of service for our students. During this week we had a focus on prayer for our church members and small service projects during the week. On Saturday our students helped to build a ramp and they did such an amazing job! During April we will have a movie night and watch *The Case for Christ*, a movie donated to our youth by the lovely Mrs. Wanda. (Thanks Wanda!) On the 28 we will have a garage sale to pay for hotel rooms and gas for our trip to camp this year. If you need help getting your items to the church please talk to Brad or sign up in the app to arrange a pick up. Have a great April!

## **Church To Vote For Pastor**

The Search Committee is pleased, after seventeen months of preparation, searching and prayer, to introduce you to Garry Jordan, our unanimous recommendation for Pastor. The church will have two called special church conferences: April 15<sup>th</sup> to vote on a covenant between the prospective pastor and the church. This covenant will include basic principles, the pastor's job description; financial commitments and conflict resolution and April 22 there will be a secret ballot vote to call Garry Jordan as Pastor.

If the church votes to call Garry as our Pastor, he will serve in a bivocational capacity. He and Donna will commute to Denison each Saturday and return Sunday evening; Garry will come on Tuesday/Wednesday or Wednesday/Thursday depending on Chaplain responsibilities and approximately once a month he will stay over on Mondays to be a part of the Sports Outreach Night. Garry's goal is to be on the field here in Denison 3 or 4 days a week in order to get to know and build up the church and outreach into the community. In order to save on housing allowance we are looking for homes that might host Garry on Tuesday or Wednesday nights on a rotating basis. If you are interested in helping out in this way let someone on the Search Committee know.

Your Search Committee (Rob Hanson, Joel Huff, Courtney Lovell, Priscilla McCabe, Jerry Pace, Dale Utley, Steve Wampler and Kathy Wilburn) are unanimous in the belief that Garry Jordan is the person God has prepared for our church. This is an exciting time in the life of our church so please prayerfully consider this important decision, continue to faithfully give to the church's ministry and be an active participant when we gather together for bible study, worship, ministry and fellowship.

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## Meet Garry and Donna Jordan



Garry Jordan is currently a Chaplain with Texas Health Resources, Ft. Worth, Texas where he has served on a PRN basis since August of 2016. Garry has been married to Donna for 35 years and they live in Burleson, TX. Donna is a 9th grade School Counselor, and also has a private counseling practice. Donna is a vital partner in ministry with Garry. The Jordan's have three adult children: son Daniel married to Abbey, living in Flower Mound, TX with granddaughter Avery; daughter Rebecca, living in Nashville, TN; and Matt married to Jonelle living in Seattle, WA.

Pastoral Experience: Lead Pastor, NorthPointe Church - Burleson, TX - March 2010-August 2015, Executive Pastor, CrossPointe Church - Madison, Alabama - April 2008-February 2010, Senior Pastor, Jackson Way Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL - March 1999 - November 2007. Prior to these churches he served nine years in a variety of ministry positions including youth minister, worship leader, recreation minister and pastor.

Education:

Clinical Pastoral Education- 4 Units through Texas Health Resources - 2016-2017, Master of Divinity -Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary - 1985, Bachelor of Science in Physical Education --McNeese State University, Lake Charles La. - 1975

Competencies and Passions: Proven mentor and inspirational leader, Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, Enthusiastic Life coach, counselor and disciple of believer, Passionate desire to see people experience the gospel of Jesus Christ, Gifted and empathic in pastoral care for others.

# CHURCH VOTE

SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND

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