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SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Deacon's Meeting 8:00 AM Sunday School 9:00-9:45 AM Morning Worship 10:00-11:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Ephesians) led by 5:00 PM

Paul Allen in the College Sunday School Class

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY Adult Exercise at 8:30 AM

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Men's Bible Study led by Chad Casey 6:00 PM in Sylvia Gambill's Sunday School Class (it's not too late to join) Lauderdale Baptist Church Training Institute 6:00 PM INTRO TO EVANGELISM taught by Dr. David Hopkins

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- Men's Bible Study at Dr. Britt McCarty's office at 5:30 AM
- Precept Bible Study
- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM

MENU: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs

- Kidz WOW at 5:45 PM
- Youth Worship at 5:45 PM
- Prayer Meeting at 6:00 PM
- "What To Do Before You Open Your Bible" at 6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 State Bible Drill at PSDBC

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 Worship Ministry Family Day at the McDaniel's, 11:00 am- 1:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Youth Fundraiser Luncheon

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION...

Lerkys Qunitero's Offering

"And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'"

Mark 12:41-44 ESV

Background

I met Lerkys Qunitero on my first mission trip to Cuba when she worked as an interpreter for the team members not named Martha. It was a difficult partnership in the beginning to say the least. I spoke too fast, said too many words before pausing for translation, mumbled, used colloquialisms she did not understand and did not speak loud enough. Other than these minor problems, I was a perfect "translatee". She requested to be removed as a translator for me.

The Rest Of The Story

Lerkys teaches English in the Cuban school system and was a relatively new believer and active church member at the First Baptist Church of Jatibonico at the time of her employment as a translator. This was also her first time to be a paid translator. Martha convinced her that I was somewhat trainable and should be given a second chance. I was and she did. We have kept in touch for about 10 years, and she made a comment to my most recent Facebook post. I think the Lord has kept her on my mind since then, so I could tell you about this amazing woman.

We had a very successful week, and we all had a lot of one-on-one and small group conversations. She and I became a pretty effective team, as she also worked as a translator for others during worship services. To put it mildly, she was a very busy person who also took care of family duties with her husband and sons while also teaching school.

Get To The Point, Rick

OK, I will. Being a translator on a mission trip to Cuba can be very beneficial financially in a communist country like Cuba. Being paid in U.S. dollars made this at least as valuable as 25% of a person's annual salary from the state. Prior to the last church service before we left Cuba for home, the translators and other local workers were paid in sealed envelopes with U.S. dollars, and I watched Lerkys put the entire envelope into the offering plate without any hesitation whatsoever. This was most definitely a sacrifice, and it taught me a lesson I remember to this day. Think about it and pray for Lerkys.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF CHARLENE CALVERT BY:

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Fleming Dr. and Mrs. David Sullivan Joseph and Rosemary Rhodes Mary Sutter

Cindy and Von Burt

Designated to the Music Ministry by:

Ed and Janet Strickland

IN MEMORY OF WILLO LIMERICK:

Designated to the Child Development Center by Betty and Donnie Smith



Congratulations to Eli Torres who passed the Associational Bible Drill and is headed to the State Bible Drill on April 20.



CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...Dr. Willie Greer and family in the death of his sister.

ATTENTION COLLEGE GRADUATES

Please contact the church office by May 6 if you are graduating from College this year.

ANNIVERSARY

This month Mrs. Veonne Howell begins her 4th year as Administrative Assistant to our Senior Pastor.

THE VERY NEWEST

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robby Null (Stephanie) on the birth of their granddaughter, Maizy Lee Ingallina.
Mr. Dennis Sollie is the proud great-grandfather.

PLEASE NOTE:

Deacon Nominations for 2024-2026 will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Brochures will be mailed the week of April 15. If you do not receive your brochure or need extra copies, please stop by the church office.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT APRIL 7, 2024

Giving To Budget

\$253,014.87

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP 250 274

Giving to budget to date Giving to budget (4-1/4-7)

\$26,472.51