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February Edition for First Baptist Church

| SYMPATHY

Treva Wilson and family, in the loss of her husband, Tom Wilson, on December 19.

Paulette Dowden and family, in the loss of her husband, Charles Bowden on December 24.

Brad Darland and family, in the loss of his father, Bill Darland, on December 26.

The family of Reba Welch, who passed away on December 28.

Sherry Thomas and family, in the loss of her mother, Doris Smith, on January 2.

Becky and Johnny Riley, in the loss of their daughter, Jennifer Wild, on January 5.

| SYMPATHY

The family of Ray Dell Hutchinson, who passed away on January 6.

| DECISIONS

NEW MEMBERS

David & Lisa Gregory
Mallory Loyd
Janet Smith
Jerry & Karen Chancellor
Jamie Wilkinson

West Adults
CAS MS Girls
DT Morris
DT Legacy
DT Bunton

SALVATIONS

Maria Harris
Laine Berger

DT Frank
4th Grade



Sunday, February 11 (Age 2-Grade 5)

- Wear your team uniform or dress for your favorite sport!
- Sports themed snacks & prizes!
- \$5 Upward Registration discount for those in attendance!
- Bring a friend or your whole team!

Campus times at: www.fbcwf.org

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For more news and events check out our webpage at fbcwf.org/events.

Ways to continue your giving to First Baptist Church

1. Online at: fbcwf.org/giving
2. Generosity Boxes
3. Mail in
4. Drop off at Church Office

Please note:
Our Focus is printed in advance. For up to date information, check our social media and your Life Group connections.



Sign up for Upward Soccer now! Age 3 by 12/31/23-Grade 6. Evaluation for skill assessment and uniform sizing: Tuesday, February 27 (6:00 -7:00pm)/Fellowship Hall, Downtown Campus.





A MESSAGE FROM

Pastor Bob



www.fbcwf.org/socialmedia

The month of February offers several great opportunities to draw closer to God.

In this edition of the Focus you will find an article about our 21 Days of Fasting Challenge. I can personally vouch for how much this spiritual discipline can bring a person closer to God, to experience Him more deeply and to find His answers. If you have never engaged in a fast before, or if you have personally experienced the difference it can make I invite you to join me this month for our 21 Days of Fasting Challenge. I have chosen as our scripture for this time 2 Chronicles 20:3. Just as the people of God sought Him by fasting when confronted by overwhelming odds, we can participate in this time of fasting to seek Him more fully.

February 23-25 is the biggest weekend in the year for our Student Ministry, Oneighty Weekend. These days give our students the opportunity to come together while getting away from the day to day that can be so distracting in their spiritual growth and walk with God. Our Student Ministry Staff have designed this weekend to encourage and uplift our students. There are decisions that are made during this amazing weekend that often lead to salvation, rededication and calling to full-time Christian service. We may still be in need of host homes as you read this so please contact our Student Ministry for more information.

Sunday Night, February 25th, we'll welcome the Gaither Vocal Band to our downtown campus for an evening of worship and praise with some of the finest musicians in ministry today. Tickets are available through a variety of outlets including Sundays at our Event Centers. You'll want to be a part of this great evening.

Of course Family Nights continue at all three of our campuses along with LIFE Groups, worship and other opportunities.

Bob McCartney
Senior Pastor

Oneighty Weekend

Oneighty Weekend is February 23-25 and is a D-Now style weekend where students stay in host homes and gather together for worship, biblical teaching and epic amounts of FUN! During this event we combine all campus' and resources to pull off an EPIC weekend that students won't want to miss! Cost is \$99 and you can register at www.oneightystudents.com/weekend.



Director of Women's Ministries

Jayne Wood has known the call on her life - to communicate the value God places on women - for over 25 years. The call has stayed consistent, the audience has changed over time. As a college student at Oklahoma Baptist University, the call to shepherd high school girls was birthed and trained under Jerry & Mary Royal's leadership and investment, as a student intern for several summers, here at FBCWF. While pursuing a masters in Christian education, Jayme had opportunities to work with college and young adult women. After marrying Randy and having children, God gave her moments of investing in women, in many different seasons of life. Jayme grew up as a Pastor's daughter, in Oklahoma. She married Randy in 2007, and he moved her across the Red River. Randy and Jayme have three children: Owens, a 7th grader at Holliday Middle school; Murphy, a 4th grader at Holliday elementary school; and Maggie, a 2nd grader at Holliday elementary school.

Beginning February 1

21 DAYS OF FASTING

JOIN THE CHALLENGE
2 CHRONICLES 20:3

21 Days of Fasting

You're invited to join us for a time of personal consecration as our church engages in 21 Days of Fasting during the month of February. Fasting is a spiritual discipline which involves denying ourselves something we enjoy in order to concentrate more fully on God. Whether you are seeking answers from God regarding decisions you need to make, wanting to know His will or desiring to draw closer to Him - the self-denial of fasting combined with prayer can be life-changing. Fasting can look different for each individual. Some will deny themselves food, sometimes for a meal each day or sometimes for an entire day each week. Others may find staying off social media for a period of time or not watching tv news, sports, etc., will be what they need to enter into an atmosphere which encourages a deeper walk with God. Please do not engage in any fast which might endanger your health but choose a way to participate in these 21 days that will help you to more fully seek God, His presence and His wisdom.

New Life Group Classes Offered

Two new Life Groups classes to be offered at the Downtown Campus. The new classes will begin on Sunday, February 4 at 9:30am. These classes are for all ages!

- What on Earth Am I Here For | Chapel | Lewis Howard
- Empty Nesters | Room 201 | Jordan White

Lunch with the Pastor

Lunch with the Pastor is for new and prospective members to learn more about the Ministry of First Baptist Church! Our next lunch will be on Sunday, February 4 at 12:15pm in the Downtown Campus Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required. Sign up at the Events Centers, our website at www.fbcwf.org/LWP, call Angela at 940-723-2764 ext. 2050 or email abills@fbcwf.org

New Believers Class

New Believers Class just for boys and girls (grades 1-5) who have recently asked Jesus to be their Savior or are asking questions about becoming a Christian. Children and parents are invited to attend this four-week class offered Sunday mornings beginning February 11, 9:30am/DT Campus and at 9:45am/CAS. To register for the Downtown Campus, contact Sherrie Carter at scarter@fbcwf.org or Kaleigh Wakeman at kwakeman@fbcwf.org for CAS. Please register as seating is limited.

Church Business Meeting

There will be a called Business Meeting of the church on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00pm in Room 201, Downtown and at the Church at Sheppard and the West Campus to discuss the Proposed 2024 Budget. The church will vote on the approval of the church budget at the conclusion of all worship services on Sunday, March 24.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 6:00 PM
FIRST BAPTIST WORSHIP CENTER