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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 1st: New Year's Day, Church Office Closed
Jan. 5th: Missions Committee Meeting
Jan. 8th: Deacons' Meeting
Jan. 11th: All Church Work Day postponed
Jan. 12th: Guest Speaker-Amanda Townes from Pregnancy
Care Center, Children's Ministry Team Meeting
Jan. 14th: Advanced Group Luncheon
Jan. 15th: Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting
Jan. 19th: Sanctity of Life Sunday, Youth Ministry Team
Meeting
Jan. 26th: FBC Ministry Luncheon
Feb. 2nd: Missions Committee Meeting
Feb. 5th: Community Outreach-Jared Hall Event
Feb. 9th: Children's Ministry Team Meeting
Feb. 11th: Advanced Group Luncheon
Feb. 12th: Children—Valentines for Bangs Nursing Home,
Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting
Feb. 14th: Valentine's Day, Valentine's Day Banquet
Feb. 16th: Youth Ministry Team Meeting
Feb. 17th: Presidents' Day

March 1st: Missions Committee Meeting
March 4th: Deacons' Meeting
March 7th: All Church Work Day
March 8th: Daylight Savings Time starts at 2 am, no Children's Church
March 9th-13th: BISD Spring Break
March 10th: Advanced Group Luncheon
March 11th: Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting
March 17th: St. Patrick's Day
March 22nd: Youth Ministry Team Meeting
March 29th-April 5th: Week of Prayer for North American Missions and
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 29th: Fifth Sunday Breakfast, Sunday School Teacher Training,
no Children's Church
April 1st: Deacons' Meeting
April 5th: Special Offering for Annie Armstrong & North American
Missions, Missions Committee Meeting, Children's Ministry & VBS
Training Meeting
April 8th: Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting
April 10th: Good Friday, Church Office Closed
April 12th: Easter Sunday, Lord's Supper, no Children's Church, no
evening services
April 14th: Advanced Group Luncheon
April 26th: Kids' Spring Musical, no Children's Church, Youth Ministry
Team Meeting



Daylight Savings Time starts at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead
one hour on Saturday night, March 7th or you will be late for Church!



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Words of Encouragement....

2 Corinthians 9: 6-7 ➤ *“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also
reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each
one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God
loves a cheerful giver.” NIV*



God calls on us to be good stewards of what He has entrusted to us.
According to the American Heritage Dictionary, a *steward* is “one who manages
another’s property, finances, and other affairs.” Thus, God expects each of us to
manage well the resources He has given us.

It’s not a question of what or how much God has given us. He wants us to be faithful and act responsibly with
everything -- whether it’s our spiritual gifts and talents, or our financial resources, or our personal time and energy.
There are plenty of scriptural references that highlight the fact that *the act and heart* of giving is far more important
than the amount or size of the gift (e.g., the widow’s mite; “he who is faithful in little”).

Let’s begin first with the maxim that God owns it all! (i.e., “the cattle on a thousand hills” and “every good
and perfect gift is from above”) What’s amazing is that *He wants to work in and through us*, not in place of us. He
holds the “title” to our faith, life, and financial assets. We owe Him honor and thanks for everything He has given us.
As stewards, we are called to manage what doesn’t belong to us, but to Him.

Second, it’s much more than an issue of money! It’s an issue of the heart (“where your heart is, there is your
treasure”). If we will first acknowledge that everything we are and have belongs to Him, then we are on the right
path to the *true* treasure. If we get our heart right – our head, hands, and finances will follow.

We need to remember to be faithful managers of what the Lord has entrusted to us. Certainly, that has
bearing on our personal finances. But it also has impact on our Church finances. *We must be faithful to give of
ourselves and our resources* to help carry out God’s call on our lives through the ministries and efforts of First
Baptist Church.

As we begin a new year, I want to encourage you and challenge you to be faithful stewards and givers of all
that God has given you. God has been so very good to us! As I look out over the congregation each Sunday, I am
continually amazed at God’s faithfulness and goodness. God continues to do a good work among us.

Be faithful to do what you know to do. Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit in you and follow His leading.
Love each other. Encourage each other in your walk of service and stewardship; and *give cheerfully*. It will glorify
and bless Him, and you/we will be blessed.

Blessings to you in your journey of stewardship!

Pepper

MAGIC SHOW-ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Jared Hall uses illusions and comedy to present the
gospel of Jesus Christ in relevant,
engaging ways.

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm

at Bangs High School Auditorium.

The doors will open at 6:30 pm.

FREE ADMISSION!

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CHILDREN'S NEWS



Happy New Year!

CAN....YOU....BELIEVE....that....it....is....2020????

Each new year brings the excitement of new goals, bigger dreams, fresh starts and complete awe of what God has brought us through and wonder in where He is taking us this year! Let's agree together to unite as a body of believers who will allow God to do extraordinary things through Bangs FBC.

I believe that God has strategically placed each of us in our areas of ministry, work, families, etc. Our daily mission field and calling is in our homes, offices, job sites, classrooms, communities and church! Each of us plays a vital role in Kingdom work!

Esther 4:14 says "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

Like Esther, Joseph, Joshua, Caleb and many other Heroes of Faith, perhaps we have come to our royal position for such a time as this! I believe that our role as a mom, dad or church member is just as critical as Esther's role as queen. Our families and communities are counting on US!!! I pray each of us will have courageous faith as we actively join together to worship, serve and bear one another's burdens! May the world know that we are His disciples by our love for one another! May God use us this year in extraordinary and mighty ways as we love God and love people with our whole heart!

I love you dearly, **JOY** ☺



STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

When one thinks of 2020, one might tend to think about hind-sight. It's always 20/20, right? However, I want to talk about foresight. I want to look ahead with you and dream. In recent months, we have spent some time dreaming about the future as a church body. I want to take you on a journey into my mind—I know, scary—but, bear with me.



The fight is on for the minds and souls of our students and children. The battle never really stopped. There has always been something that can and will influence us and the next generation. Whether it be books, TV, Radio, or Social Media—"nothing new is under the sun!" With that in mind, I have a vision for 2020 to prepare our students for the battle they will surely find outside the walls of this church building. We will accomplish this in a multitude of ways in the student ministry.

First, we will be launching another intergenerational Bible study on January 12th at 6pm in the Youth Room. It's called *The Secret Battle of Ideas About God* and unpacks five philosophical questions in light of some major non-biblical worldviews as well as in light of the Biblical worldview. This will be a great opportunity for adults and students to collaborate and share thoughts together.

Secondly, we will be shifting our *RealTalk* sessions from Sunday Night to Wednesday Night beginning January 8th at 6:15pm. These "talks" will encourage students to wrestle with questions of ethics, theology, morality, etc. These will be a "round-table" kind of discussion with students. We will still worship and have some fun, too!

Finally, we are in the middle of planning and raising money for 20 students and adults to live out our missional mandate in Seattle, Washington. Students will see firsthand the results of the worldviews they have been studying. They will also be a part of the Biblical solution—which is sharing the love Jesus Christ to a lost and broken world.

I look forward to what 2020 has to offer, and I believe our best days are ahead of use and not behind us! Happy New Year and may the LORD continue to bless you and your family!

Seth

Children's Ministry Upcoming Events!

Jan. 26th: FBC Ministry Luncheon
Feb. 5th: Illusionist/Outreach - Jared Hall
April 5th: CMT & VBS Training Meeting at 7:10 pm - Children's Church Room
April 26th: Kid's Spring Musical
June 12th-15th: PreTeen Camp at HOTBE (2nd Session)
June 28th-July 1st: VBS 5:30-8:00 pm Group's Rocky Railway
Aug 2nd: FAMJAM at Camp Bowie Aquatic Center

He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.
Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.



Wishing you a blessed and joy filled Easter!
Join us in worship Sunday, April 12th at 10:45 am!

MISSIONS NEWS

The Bangs Food Pantry is OPEN the First and Third Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm!

CLOTHES CLOSET

We are still accepting clothing donations. We have partnered with other churches in a program called "Knit Together" for distribution of clothing we have collected or will collect in the future. "Knit Together" is a Clothing shop where foster families and children in the CASA program can pick up needed items for free. It is located on 7th street in Brownwood across from Coggin Avenue Baptist Church.



The Missions Committee will have short meetings once a month in the front of the church sanctuary at noon on Sundays as scheduled in the Church calendar.



We support
New Day Orphanage Zambia

Our Medical Closet!

We have a wide variety of equipment to loan out including wheel chairs, walkers, bed with rails, and shower chairs.



Ladies Fitness Classes will resume on Jan. 6th, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 8am in the FBC Gym. Bring a mat and hand weights and join the fun!

Ladies Bible Study will start up again on Monday, Jan. 6th at 6:00 pm in the Snack Bar.

We will enjoy coffee and sweet treats as we continue to study the Women of the Bible! Our facilitator is Amy Pitman.



The Cindy Evans Honorary Library



Library Hours

Sundays

9:00-9:30 am

5:00-6:00 pm

Wednesdays

5:00-5:30 pm

Thank you, dear church family, for the continued donations to your church library. Our church library is a wonderful resource, and we have a wonderful collection of fiction, non-fiction and biographies thanks to your generosity. It's your library. Come check it out! *The Library accepts donations. So when it's time to organize your bookshelves, consider donating your extra and unwanted books, CD's and DVD's to our collection.

Our Library is in need of volunteer workers to assist in cataloging and shelving books. If you have skills in using computers, organizing books, or setting up bulletin boards, please contact the church office. You would only need to work a couple of times each month.

Beth Eggert, Librarian