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Words of Encouragement...

Isaiah 63:7 > "I will tell of the Lord's unfailing love. I will praise the Lord for all he has done. I will rejoice in his great goodness... which he has granted according to his mercy and love."

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Most of you will recognize this old hymn known as "The Doxology" (Hymn 253). The word doxology is derived from two Greek words: *doxa*, meaning "honor" or "glory;" and *logia*, meaning "to speak or say." Put together, those two words mean "to speak honor and glory." Which is what "The Doxology" does. It speaks of the honor and glory that the God-head deserves. It praises God and gives Him glory... for everything!

How wonderful God has been to our church fellowship this past year! He has poured-out blessing upon blessing in 2022:

We have baptized 12 people who have confessed Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

We have received 44 new members into our church fellowship (the most in one year in more than a decade).

Due to faithful giving, not only have we met all of our budgetary needs, we have also had regular monthly surpluses.

This year, through the month of November, we have been able to put \$25,558 into our savings accounts, and \$22,057 into our activity accounts for various ministry efforts.

Above the church's regular monthly giving, we have received more than \$28,000 in special offerings towards missions and outreach ministries.

We had great summer camps for our pre-teens and youth.

There were successful outreach efforts to our community through "Back-to-School Blessings" in August and "First Blessings" in December.

We have received 3 new ministry leaders to our fellowship: Jarryd Evans (Youth Pastor), Duncan Welborn (Worship Leader), and Kelcy Purcell (Children's Director).

To God be the glory... great things He has done! Clearly God is blessing His church here at First Baptist Bangs.

I am excited about what God is doing and what He has planned for us in 2023. I also eagerly await His blessings in the year ahead.

Would you join with me in praising God for His goodness and blessings in 2022? And, would you join me in praising Him for all that He will do in 2023?

Thank you for your faithfulness in serving the Lord and in your giving to honor Him.

Bro. Pepper

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER! Any and all dates are subject to change.

Jan. 1st: New Year's Day
Jan. 2nd: The Church Office will be closed.
Jan. 4th: PreTeen Camp Meeting, Deacons' Meeting
Jan. 8th: Women's Ministry Luncheon
Jan. 11th: Business Meeting, Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, Youth/Parent Camp Meeting
Jan. 14th: Youth-Basketball & 9 Square Night of Fun
Jan. 15th: Sanctity of Life Sunday, Missions Committee Meeting
Jan. 16th: Sing at Bangs Nursing Home, Mobile Food Pantry@Cannon Courts Apts.
Jan. 18th: Children's Committee Meeting
Jan. 22nd: Youth Lunch Camp Fundraiser
Jan. 24th: Mobile Food Pantry@Bangs Housing Authority
Jan. 29th: No Children's Church
Feb. 1st: Deacons' Meeting
Feb. 5th: Women's Ministry Luncheon
Feb. 8th: Business Meeting, Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
Feb. 11th: Winter Banquet
Feb. 12th: The Lord's Supper, Missions Committee Meeting, Youth Super Bowl Party
Feb. 14th: Valentine's Day
Feb. 15th: Children's Committee Meeting
Feb. 18th: Youth Camp Fundraiser at Bangs Middle School Gym-Basketball Tournament
Feb. 19th: Youth Lunch Camp Fundraiser
Feb. 20th: Sing at Bangs Nursing Home, Mobile Food Pantry@Cannon Courts Apts.
Feb. 22nd: Youth Committee Meeting
Feb. 26th: Youth Lunch Camp Fundraiser
Feb. 28th: Mobile Food Pantry@Bangs Housing Authority
March 1st: Deacons' Meeting, Youth Camp-50% of balance due

March 5th-12th: Week of prayer-Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions
March 5th: Women's Ministry Luncheon
March 8th: Business Meeting, Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
March 12th: Daylight Savings Time Begins, Missions Committee Meeting
March 13th-17th: Bangs ISD Spring Break
March 15th: Children's Committee Meeting
March 20th: Sing at Bangs Nursing Home, Mobile Food Pantry@Cannon Courts Apts.
March 22nd: Youth/Parent Camp Meeting
March 26th: Youth Lunch Camp Fundraiser
March 28th: Mobile Food Pantry@Bangs Housing Authority
March 29th: Youth Committee Meeting
March 31st-April 1st: DNOW Weekend
April 1st: Youth Spring Night of Worship
April 2nd: Women's Ministry Luncheon
April 5th: PreTeen Camp Meeting, Deacons' Meeting
April 7th: Good Friday, Church Office Closed
April 8th: Easter Egg Outreach
April 9th: Easter Sunday, The Lord's Supper, No Children's Church
April 12th: Business Meeting, Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
April 16th: Missions Committee Meeting
April 17th: Sing at Bangs Nursing Home, Mobile Food Pantry@Cannon Courts Apts.
April 19th: Children's Committee/VBS Training Meeting
April 25th: Mobile Food Pantry@Bangs Housing Authority
April 26th: Youth Committee Meeting
April 30th: Youth Lunch Camp Fundraiser, No Children's Church



Don't forget to "Spring Forward" one hour on Saturday night, March 11th before you go to bed! We change back to Central Daylight Savings Time on Sunday morning, March 12th at 2am. Don't be late for church!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



Hello Church Family!

I am very excited to have the opportunity to continue to serve and grow our children. My goal in children's ministry isn't just teaching Bible stories, but helping children know Jesus as their Lord and Savior while also building a place where they can ask questions and grow their own faith toward becoming members of His family. I look forward to the spring season where we will continue our Wednesday night studies through The Gospel Project, which breaks down the Bible in order book by book for the children. And in April we will have our Easter outreach event on the 8th, welcoming the community to come join us. I can't wait to get going in the new year and look forward to the time spent with the children.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Jan. 4th: PreTeen Camp Meeting
- Jan. 18th: Children's Committee Meeting
- Feb. 15th: Children's Committee Meeting
- March 15th: Children's Committee Meeting
- April 5th: PreTeen Camp Meeting
- April 8th: Easter Egg Outreach
- April 19th: Children's Committee Meeting/Vacation Bible School Training

Keley

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Happy New Year to you and may it be blessed. Going into the new year we will be digging into spiritual disciplines and how that effects our everyday life, starting out with prayer. This will lead us into our DiscipleNow weekend March 31st-April 2nd. This event will be focused on Ephesians 3:20-21 and how in God, we have and find So Much More than we could ask for. Coinciding with the DNow we want to show the youth attending what it means to worship with other believers. We will be doing another Night of Worship, Saturday, April 1st.

We are excited to go to Camp Eagle this summer for our big youth camp. We have almost 30 people signed up to go to camp this year. With Camp Eagle being an amazing camp, it comes with a cost. We have planned a few fundraisers for the year, with youth-served "after-service Sunday luncheons", toward the end of every month and a basketball tournament on February 18th. Thank you again for your support and prayers as we go through this new year.

Jarryd

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 11th, Youth/Parent Camp Meeting in youth room @7:30pm after youth lesson
- January 14th, Basketball & 9 Square Night of Fun in church gym @6pm
- January 22nd, Luncheon Fundraiser after Sunday service in Fellowship Hall
- February 12th, Super Bowl Party in youth room @6pm
- February 18th, Basketball Tournament Camp Fundraiser @Bangs Middle School Gym
- February 26th, Luncheon Fundraiser after Sunday service in Fellowship Hall
- March 8th, Youth/Parent Camp Meeting in youth room @7:30pm after youth lesson
- March 26th, Luncheon Fundraiser after Sunday service in Fellowship Hall
- March 31st-April 2nd, DiscipleNow Weekend – "So Much More" (at the church)
- April 1st, Night of Worship in Youth Room @7pm



WORSHIP MINISTRY NEWS

Church family,

I'd love to start by saying just how grateful Mary Beth and I are for your kind gifts and for the thoughtfulness of those who organized our shower. Your generosity to us is beyond touching. We are also very appreciative of those who remembered us with their Christmas cards and gifts.

I am excited to share with you some exciting things happening in the life of our worship ministry in the near future. You may have noticed or attended our night of worship in the Fall. We assembled a band of local worship leaders to join us for a night of contemporary worship. We will continue these quarterly and are excited to see where they lead especially as a way of fellowship with other churches in Brown County.

We are planning several audio visual upgrades in the New Year as well. This will allow our musicians to perform to the best of their abilities and secure the longevity of our audio equipment as a whole.

We also enjoyed singing a few songs with the ladies' ensemble on the 4th of December. This is something we hope to do for special occasions and we would appreciate the participation of any men who are interested in singing with us a few times a year.

I would love to personally meet with anyone who is interested in serving on either the worship team or the audio visual team. Our new rehearsal time provides opportunity for anyone to serve even if they attend Sunday school. Whether you would like to play an instrument or sing, or if you love to work with computers (or you can barely work a computer), we have a place for you to serve with us.

I love you church family, and I am looking forward with hope. It is a joy to see the way you glorify the Lord and to see Christ in the way you love. Thank you.

Duncan

MISSIONS NEWS

Bangs Food Pantry is OPEN on the first and third Thursdays from 10 am to 3 pm

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING

Week of Prayer
March 5th-12th

Together For His Kingdom



Our Medical Closet!

We have a wide variety of equipment to loan out including wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, toilet risers and shower chairs.



The Mobile Food Pantry serves the residents of Cannon Courts Apts the third Monday every month and Bangs Housing Authority the fourth Tuesday every month.