



"To know God through
Jesus Christ
and make Him known"

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THE NUMBERS OF HOPE

MARCH 26 & 27
Tickets available in the
Church office

PASTOR'S PITCH.....

By Rick Warren

I recently read an article about what it means to be a Christian.

The author stated that "When we're called to follow Christ; we're also called to belong to the Body of Christ.

"The church is God's instrument on earth. We are his hands, his feet, his eyes and his heart. He works through us in the world. We each have a contribution to make.

The Apostle Paul tells us, "He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing" (Ephesians 2:10, Msg)."

Now most of us have heard this before and would even agree with it. But the author went on to make a pretty radical statement. He stated,

"I can't claim to be following Christ if I'm not committed to any specific group of disciples. Jesus said, "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples" (John 13:35, NLT)."

He went on to explain that God has called us to be in fellowship with other believers and to work together with them to accomplish God's purpose.

"Biblical fellowship is being as committed to each other as we are to Jesus Christ. God expects us to give our lives for each other. Many Christians who know John 3:16 are unaware of 1 John 3:16 (NIV): "Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." This is the kind of sacrificial love God expects you to show other believers -- a willingness to love them in the same way Jesus loves you."

It was pretty convicting to think about laying down my life for other believers. I would certainly lay down my life for my wife or children, but I don't know about doing it for other church members.

In the article he went on to say, "We are called and commanded to be involved in each other's lives. If you know someone who is wavering spiritually right now, it is your responsibility to go after them and bring them back into the fellowship. James tells us, "If you know people who have wandered off from God's truth, don't write them off. Go after them. Get them back" (James 5:19, Msg)."

As I read that I thought that it sounded a little bit messy. Dealing with my own sinfulness is one thing, but dealing with someone else's sin isn't something we like to do in church. But when Christians are in fellowship with other Christians, Satan can get a foothold in their life and separate them from the blessings of God, making them ineffective as testimonies of God's grace.

He concluded the article by stating that, "The Christian life is more than just commitment to Christ; it includes a commitment to other Christians. The Christians in Macedonia understood this. Paul said, "First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God's will, they gave themselves to us as well" (2 Corinthians 8:5, TEV)."

PASTOR'S PITCH.....

My challenge to you this month is to give yourself away to serve others. Use your gifts and abilities to help in a Sunday School class, or teach a Bible study. There are needs in Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry and Adult Ministry.

And if God gives you the opportunity, be willing to help another brother or sister in Christ – even if it does get messy.

Brian Walton
Associate Pastor
FBC Dalhart.

MUSIC NOTES.....

Easter is rapidly approaching and we want you to have the opportunity to celebrate Christ resurrection with us at FBC. We will be doing two performances of the musical 3:16 based on Max Lucado's best selling book. The first performance will be Friday, March 26 at Liberty Baptist Church, the second will be at First Baptist Saturday, March 27. Both performances will be at 7:00 pm. These events will be ticketed although there is no admission charge. Please let your friends and neighbors know about this great evangelistic opportunity. Tickets will be available March 8, so stop by the office and pick yours up.

EXTENDED CARE FOR MARCH.....

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| March 7 | Matt & Christi Turner
Scott Nelson & Kids
David & Joni Foote |
| March 14 | Shane & Krista Turner
Christi Gordon & Bobby White
Wes & Melissa Ritchey |
| March 21 | Herman & Brandi Berngen
Ty & Ginny Patterson
Evan & Lori Dewey |
| March 28 | Nick & Kelley Simpson
Parker & Audra Greene
Cristie Childress & Rachel Blackledge |

HEY, CHILDREN! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

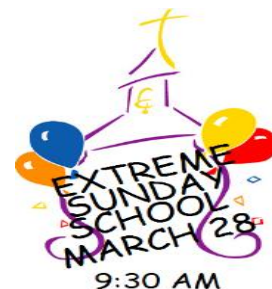
AWANA & WORSHIP KIDSTYLE

Wednesday Evening Children's Programs

**5:15 pm – 5:45 Meal (\$3 adult, \$1 children & families
\$10 maximum)**

5:45 – 6:00 Line up and prepare for class

6:00 – 7:30 Class time



YOUTH HAPPENINGS.....



**SPRING
BREAK
MARCH 15-19**

THE J.O.Y. PEOPLE (JUST OLDER YOUTH)



*Potluck Dinner
&
Entertainment
March 18, 6:00 pm
at The ROC*

MOM to MOM.....



**MOM-TO-MOM
MARCH 4
9:00 - 11:00 AM**

LIFE GROUPS AT FBC.....

Fireproof

Sunday Afternoon at 5:00 pm
Bible Book Classroom, Contact David & Carolyn Field

Financial Peace University

Monday at 6:30 pm
At the ROC; contact Kurtis Abila, 244-5584

Breaking Free by Beth Moore

Sunday Afternoons at 4:30 pm
Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 am
At the ROC Meeting Room, Contact Kathy Britton or Christi Turner

The Parables of Jesus

Sunday Afternoons at 5:00 pm
16 Canyon View Dr., Contact David and Cari Ahlem
244-1858

Creative Correction by Lisa Whelchel

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 am
Adult 6 Classroom, Contact Kelley Simpson or Jill Morrison

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday at 6:30 pm
Adult 6 Classroom

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

- March 1** Ginger Cleavinger, Lexi Klafka, Rachelle Womble
- March 2** Gavin Martin, Tracy Muno, Kenneth Pack
- March 3** Ben Allen, Trey Frantz, Geneva Moore, Kennedy Zurita
- March 4** Rick Bridgman, Carol Frost, Jodie Schmidt, Jeana Sybesma
- March 5** Emily Clements, Cheryl Prater, Leslie Reagan, Kandis Reynolds, Michelle Saavedra
- March 6** Haleigh Coston, Betty McAlister, Orval Stewart
- March 7** Sharon Cole, Abby Detwiler, David Piehl
- March 8** Debbie Renshaw, Leighanna Routon
- March 9** JoAnn Fisk, Louis James, Bobby Rice
- March 10** Cherylann Carter, Nate Harrison
- March 11** Dana Abila, Rachel Miersma, Destiny Morris, Mary Ann Stovall
- March 12** Jase Gordon, Shayna Harrington, Billy Peterson, Breena Read
- March 13** Hayden Dunham
- March 14** Jodie Jessop, Crystal Ritter, Henry Ritter
- March 15** Blake Dodds, Remington Saavedra
- March 16** Dylan Ballard, Brandi Berngen, Austin Dunham
- March 17** Jacob Pettit
- March 18** Ed Lathem
- March 19** Charlotte Brownlow, John Cover, Shelbi Ellis
- March 20** Anika Figures, Bentley Jones, Bing Seal
- March 22** Tell Atha, McKinlee Gordon, Molly Ritchey, Tripp Trimble, Bobby White
- March 23** Evan Dewey, Rhonda Hancock, Ryan Miersma, Vickie Moore
- March 24** Savannah Ball
- March 25** Christina Barrow, Jo Loehrl, Ilene Walton
- March 27** Kallie Childress
- March 28** Wanda Robertson
- March 29** John Christie, Linda Parry
- March 30** Paul Gore, Chloe McKay, Christi Turner, Stephen Young
- March 31** Thomas Carter, Shaemus Coston, Daniel Renshaw

CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

- March 4** J.O.Y Games & Finger Foods, 6:00 pm
- March 5-7** Band of Brothers, Youth Boys
- March 6** Mom-to-Mom, Fellowship Hall, 9:00-11:00 pm
- March 7** Teacher Training, K-6 Sunday School, 8:30 am
Deacon Meeting, Chapel, 7:30 pm
- March 7-14** Week of Prayer North American Missions
- March 14** **Daylight Savings Time – Spring Ahead**
- March 15-19** **Spring Break**
- March 18** J.O.Y. Potluck Dinner and Entertainment at the ROC, 6:00 pm
- March 26** 3:16 Community Easter Program, Liberty Baptist Church, 7:00 pm
- March 27** 3:16 Community Easter Program, First Baptist Church, 7:00 pm
- March 28** Extreme Sunday School, ROC, 9:30 am

