

First Baptist Church of Boaz

A family committed to love God, grow in Christ, & live His mission.

FIRST FACTS

Sunday, March 1, 2015

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance	405
8:30 AM Worship	146
10:30 AM Worship	294
Childrens Honor Choir/Chaperones	11
Total AM Worship	451
PM Worship	135

The People Gave...

Budget Receipts	\$	53,915.00
Building Fund receipts	\$	195.00
Bus Fund	\$	25.00
Other non-budgeted receipts	\$	7,260.11
Weekday Preschool Wage & Taxes	\$	19,762.50
Total Receipts	\$	81,157.61
Budget Requirements to date	\$	195,576.93
Budget Receipts to date	\$	195,093.41
Budget Expenses to date	\$	153,902.80

Sunday, March 8, 2015

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance	376
Weekday Small Group/Bible Study	177
8:30 AM Worship	76
10:30 AM Worship	353
Total AM Worship	429
No PM Worship	

The People Gave...

Budget Receipts	\$	14,875.30
Legacy Receipts	\$	145.00
Bus Fund	\$	25.00
Other non-budgeted receipts	\$	4,731.00
Weekday Preschool Wage & Taxes	\$	-0-
Total Receipts	\$	19,776.30
Budget Requirements to date	\$	217,307.70
Budget Receipts to date	\$	208,708.71
Budget Expenses to date	\$	164,087.82
Annie Armstrong Offering to date	\$	6,229.00

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ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

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Our Goal: \$25,000

Given to date: \$6,229

FBC Boaz will host
Room In The Inn
Wednesday, March 18

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEETING
Sunday, March 22
5:00 PM, Room D200B

The Shepherd's Place
Open Registration for the 2015/2016 school year begins on March 16

SAND MOUNTAIN COWBOY CHURCH



Friday, April 10
Supper at 5:30 PM
Auction starts at 7:00 PM
Sand Mtn. Saddle Club, Boaz

Tickets: \$5
See Marty Diamond for tickets

Devotion and inspiration by special guest speaker

Lee McBride

Drawing for door prizes include: YETI cooler, .243 Marlin youth model rifle & many others
(\$5 supper ticket must be purchased to be eligible for door prizes/must be present to win)

Proceeds will be used to send youth to AFCC Youth Camp, new arena, & general fixin' up around the saddle club

For more details or to donate items, please call Marty Diamond 256.302.2672 or Clay Lester 205.999.8563

CHURCH STAFF

- Dr. Aaron D. Johnson, *Pastor*
- Rev. Tommy Pierce, *Minister of Music*
- Rev. Jonathan Lancaster, *Associate Pastor*
- Jill Arrington, *Children's Minister*
- BJ Faucett, *Student Minister*
- Keith Dodd, *Minister to Senior Adults*
- Pam Whitt, *Pastor's Ministry Assistant*
- Mary Moore, *Financial Ministry Assistant*
- Dana Hill, *Programs Ministry Assistant*
- Renee Pierce, *Music Ministry Associate*
- Carolyn Ledbetter, *Weekday Preschool Director*
- Jason Lancaster, *Media Ministry Supervisor*
- Luke Ledbetter, *Building Superintendent*

Thank You ...

Thank You Church Family!
You have helped me through the loss of my husband, Bobby, with your prayers and concern. Our Church is such a blessing. Thank you being there.
My love,
Betty Shell & family

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the visits, cards, phone calls and especially your prayers during my recent hospitalization and recovery. May God bless each of you.
James Cox

You are invited to join us for a bridal tea honoring Jennifer Davis Bride-elect of Lindsey Goodwin Sunday, March 15 2:00—3:30 PM First Baptist Church Boaz 225 South Main Street

Registered at: Crystal Corner, Belk Bed, Bath & Beyond

Sincere Christian Sympathy is extended by the staff and church family to ...

The families of **Helen Bagwell**, wife of Ken Bagwell; **Karl Marie Ables**, mother of Ann Sisco; **Marjorie Lassiter**, sister of Marston Howard.

Deacons On Call Mar 15
Laine Spruiell and Paul Taunton

Deacons On Call Mar 22
Randall White and Tim Whitt

FROM THE PASTOR...

Aaron D. Johnson

Dear Church Family,

God is doing so much in our family it is hard to know where to begin. Let me just list a few:

1. Last week three souls began a life of sobriety through our Celebrate Recovery ministry.
2. Disciple Now with our students was a wonderful success.
3. Cowboy Church had 86 in attendance and only 6 were from FBC.
4. Room In The Inn has ministered to dozens of homeless men, women, & children in our mission field by providing shelter, food, and transportation.
5. AND! We are AHEAD of budget!

There is so much more to add but time and space prohibit. One of the most exciting things about each of these is the leadership. Every person in charge of one the listed ministries is a volunteer!

The budget line is a special praise. That one item is shared by the entire family at FBC. In short; you are doing well! Because of God's providence and your faithfulness we are growing into a generous church. God will honor everything we do for His glory. With every act of personal stewardship we glorify God. The truth of the matter is that we are GIVING for His Glory! Keep up the good work. There is still so much we need to do.

Our family history reflects a high commitment to missions. We have given generously and even sacrificially to missions through the state convention. We have also risen to the challenge of annual offering goals for home and foreign missions. Please take the two following challenges as a matter of mission commitment.

First, we must reach and exceed our goal of \$25,000.00 for the Annie Armstrong offering for North American missions. As we shattered the Lottie goal a few months ago, let us also shatter the goal for Annie. Every penny is invested directly into missions. Every penny is well invested.

Second, we must reflect on our own mission field. How long has it been since we started a new work? We were instrumental in starting West Side Baptist Church as well as Bel Air Baptist Church. We must accept the challenge to strengthen other churches in our community as well as seek God's will in starting a new work. Pray that God raises up a few Pioneers who are willing to blaze a new trail and start something new for the Glory of God.

We are all blessed to live in this particular mission field. We have been blessed to have Marshall Dekalb and MUB with all the services they provide in all kinds of weather. We are blessed to have the city workers who make our town a pleasant place to live and work. We are blessed to have one of the lowest water rates in the entire area and it is always in plentiful supply. Please go out of your way to encourage someone who provides you with life's necessities. Let's be quick to cheer and slow to complain. Bless someone who serves you today!

Remember to reach out to every person who was absent in Sunday School last week! It is nice to be missed when you are away isn't it?

Your Pastor,



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jill Arrington



Faith Milestones

Over the past several months, we've celebrated with many new Christians as they have showed us their faith in Jesus through baptism. Their testimony has caused many children to ask spiritual questions. Asking questions is a wonderful and appropriate way to gather information as children travel on their spiritual journey to accepting Jesus as Savior.

It's important that we have a *personal discussion* about the gospel rather than just a presentation of the facts. Here is some general guidance for answering questions children have about faith.

1. Of course, pray asking God's Spirit to guide you and the child.
2. Remember to ask "open-ended" questions; avoiding those that can be answered with a 'yes or no'. For example, you might say, "Tell me more about what you are thinking.", "What made you ask that question?" or "What did you hear or see that makes you ask?"
3. Try to give only the information that the child requests; in other words, they are probably not asking to know EVERYTHING that you know. If they want to know more, they will ask. This gathering and processing of facts is a part of building a strong spiritual foundation.
4. Don't jump to conclusions. A child may ask, "Why did Andy get baptized?" This question may only be a request for information, not a request for the gospel presentation. A child incorporates concepts and information over time.
5. Speak in clear terms. Young children think in concrete terms. Avoid symbolic analogies that may distract from understanding. Rather than saying "ask Jesus into your heart" you could say "become a Christian or invite Jesus into your life to be the boss of your life."

May God bless you as you join your child and other children as they make important steps along their spiritual journey to Jesus. Jill

The previous information is adapted from several resources that I would love to share with anyone wanting more helps with this topic.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Tommy Pierce

Dear Church,

DiscipleNow 2015 was a wonderful weekend!! Thanks to B J and Chastity for all their hard work. I really enjoyed getting to help out with some of the background stuff and the worship service. Pray that all our students will grow into "mighty warriors" for God's Kingdom.

This Sunday night, March 15, the Children's Honor Choir from our church and Mt. Calvary will sing in the music portion of the worship service. This is a beautiful worship experience. Please make your plans to attend, support these children, and enjoy this time of worship. This past Sunday night, March 8, our children did a joint concert with other children's choirs at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. It was simply beautiful!! Thank you to all of you who attended and supported these children.

Last month our Student Ensemble sang for our Room In The Inn neighbors. They are planning to sing again this month on March 18. This is such a tremendous ministry. I am so thankful for Becky Ray asking the Student Ensemble to minister to our neighbors. This is very similar to what our Student Choir does every year on Music/Mission Tour. What a blessing!!!

Student Choir Mission/Music Tour 2015 is just around the corner. Rehearsals are limited and preparation is needed in every area of ministry in this effort. Parents please be sure your student doesn't miss a single rehearsal between now and tour. Also, **this Sunday (March 15), a \$50 deposit is due from everyone that will be participating in tour this year.** See Bro. Tommy or Renee.

I'm very excited about the Adult Choir's presentation of *Crimson Love* on Easter morning, April 5. I pray that this Easter musical will cause many of you to love God as never before and make fresh commitments to our Lord and Savior. I pray this musical will reveal God's love and kindness to all who sing these songs and to all who hear its message. May there be many that will believe in Jesus and make public commitments to make Him Lord(Boss) of their lives. The gospel message is in this musical. Please begin to pray now that God's Holy Spirit will have the freedom to move and work in a great and glorious way during this Easter service!

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



**Boaz Sr. Center Bible Study
led by Bro. Keith Dodd**

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

STUDENT MINISTRY

BJ Faucett

A mark of a mature Christian is that we find contentment in any and all circumstances of life. Nowhere is this more evident than in the life of Paul. Whether he was beat, imprisoned, or floating around shipwrecked, he found joy through the journey. Through all the hardships he endured, Paul viewed the circumstances as light momentary affliction (2 Cor. 11:16-18). Beaten with whips, "LIGHT Afflictions", How???

When our oldest son was born my wife had postpartum depression and Reid had acid reflux and colic. One morning at 2:00 a.m. I fed him 2 bottles and he threw them both up and dirtied 4 diapers. He was crying, my wife was crying, and I was crying and wondering why anyone would have kids. I swore that night to never have anymore kids. Within one year Chastity was pregnant with Addison and it was planned. How could my mind have changed that quick? Over the next few months of Reid's life, the joy he brought us, made all the bumps along the way seem so minor in life's perspective.

Paul saw this as he viewed his faith and took the hardships as opportunities to proclaim Christ and his goodness. Whatever circumstances life has given you, in a few years when we see our Savior face to face everything else will seem so light. That's why Paul could say "for our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Pray with me that our focus and joy will be on things of eternal value and not on this corruptible world.

BJ

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DISASTER RELIEF

Save The Date!

April 10-11, 2015

Shocco Springs

Baptist Conference Center

Disaster Relief Training

Visit SBDR.org/Training to register and learn more about this conference.