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Pastor's Corner

I'm still reflecting. Here's what I mean. As I wrote this article, I had the wild idea, "I wonder what's going on in Skopje, Macedonia today." Via astounding technology, I was able to find a website with a camera looking at one of the main shopping districts in Skopje – a place I recognized! Then, I had another wild thought. God took me halfway around the world to show me who my neighbors really are. I pray that this week we will both continue to reflect on love for God and neighbor by simply being aware of those around us here in Tulia – friends or enemies. Our cookie project did much to achieve these ends, but there is so much ministry to be done here, and oftentimes ministry can be and ought to be done right next door.

So, how can we love our neighbors this week? Here are a few ideas that I'm thinking about. See if you resonate with them...

1. Greet a neighbor. Write them a card or get to know them if you have not already. There are still people to get to know even in a small town like Tulia.
2. Be Jesus to a neighbor. Look back at the Gospels, and see some of the basic things that Jesus did for people such as: speaking words of encouragement, praying with hurting people, hanging out with "the little people," and so on.
3. Take a step back this week. Have you slowed down yet this year? Is gaining one more dollar really all that important? Are there just a few more minutes that you could set aside to be with your family this week? Can you turn off the TV, computer, and cell phones for meal time? Try it this week.

Converge Study – Our Converge study continues THIS WEDNESDAY at noon in the Fellowship Hall. This is a bring-your-own-lunch event. We watch a 15 minute video followed by discussion about how faith and daily living "converge." This week, we're talking about how the gospel impacts a fallen world. Then, starting next week, we'll talk about how to meet God in everyday living.

Becoming Like Jesus – A few Sundays ago, I shared a vision with you for our church to "become like Jesus." I'm going to unpack this concept a bit more on Sunday mornings for the next few weeks. I pray that you will come to Sunday school and worship services in order that we can journey through this vision together.

Renewal Sunday – Our Renewal Sunday is scheduled for March 7. Dr. Steve Vernon, Associate Executive Director for the BGCT, will preach and Robert Black will lead worship. This is a high attendance emphasis day for our Sunday school, as well. After the 11 am worship time, we will gather in the Fellowship hall for a soup and salad lunch, prepared by our youth group.

Good Friday Service – This year, we're trying something that is "out of the box" in our preparation for Easter. A couple of weeks ago, I visited with Greg, Matthew Veals, and Joe Barerra about doing a combined Good Friday (April 2) worship service in our sanctuary. They were all excited about the idea. We are working out the details at this point, but I hope that you'll pray for and attend this special and unique event. We will have a worship band and guest preacher. Plus, this service will have a community emphasis. We want to offer a challenge to our community to worship with us on Good Friday and learn the importance of Christ's sacrifice for us.

Happy Birthday

- 26 - Zane Burrow, Sheila Dunn, Barbara Foreman, Roy McCasland, Tish Murrell
- 28 - Ricky Fudge, W.D. Inglis
- March
- 1 - Jacob Bentley, Marilyn Foster, Carlton Gardner
- 3 - Whitney Stephens, Jack Todd, Holly Westfall
- 4 - Shenae Brock
- 5 - Neta Gore, Johnny Nix
- 6 - Ron Gastineau
- 7 - Mary Garrison, Polly Scott, Boyd Vaughn
- 9 - Denise Gastineau, Sherella Lewis, Bill Marten
- 10 - Nick Nelson

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Friends,
 I just want to thank the ones that remembered me at Christmas and on my birthday with the beautiful cards. Each one meant so much to me and I appreciate your caring. Also thanks for sending the Journey magazine each month. I enjoy the daily devotionals and scriptures. May the Lord bless and keep everyone.

*Love,
 Barbara Fudge*

First Baptist Church,
 I just wanted you all to know that I sincerely appreciate all of the prayers that you have sent my way over the years. I have had many trying times in my life, but I have always been blessed with so many people like you praying for me. I would like all of you to know that I am praying for you, and hoping that God will pour his great blessings upon you.

*Sincerely,
 Jacob Maxwell
 Miles & Jo Anderson's grandson*

Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Betty & J.C. Mabry and family in the death of her mother, Louvenia Kimbell.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Van & Lynn Latham and family in the death of her father, Herman Atkins.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Clyde & Marla Johnson and family in the death of their brother-in-law, Bill Talley.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to the family of Norman Singer in his death.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHOICES

**Supper begins at 5:45 pm.
 Studies begin at 6:30 pm**

1 & 2 Samuel Study

Led by Diane Hall

Meet in Fellowship Hall

No Limits

Led by Micheal Summers

Meet in the Chapel

Basic Training

Led by James Hassell

Meet in Adult 2 Class


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On Profession of Faith for Baptism



Chris Chadwick
722 NE 1st Place

*Monday nights at
 7 pm at CVS
 (Ben Howard's clinic)
 1 mi east on Hwy 86*



***The Future is Missions.
 The Future is Now.
 How are you being a
 missionary today?***

DiscipleNow News

Thank you to each one who had a part in making DiscipleNow 2010 a wonderful experience for the over 60 students who attended.

Our host homes this year were, Barnie & Doris Latham, Greg & Camille Northcutt, Dusty & Kim George, Jeff & Shavonne George, Gary & Cheryl Vaughn and Paul & Dera Rousseau. Jeff & Delynn Mabry prepared the meals and snacks. Kevin Burrow enlisted the team leaders from Wayland. If you have opportunity, please let them know how much you appreciate them helping out.

Thank you for your donations for scholarships, your prayers and for encouraging the students in their walk with God.

***Join us this Sunday for
 fellowship, Bible study and
 worship. There is a place
 for everyone!***

RSVP Free Tax Help

The Swisher County RSVP is offering free tax help and E-Filing again this year for taxpayers with middle and low income. Special attention is given to those ages 60 and older. The tax service is offered at the Swisher County Community Computer Lab, 321 SW 2nd, by appointment only. Please call 995-2104 to make an appointment.

Angel Food will be distributed on Saturday, Feb. 27. Volunteers are asked to be here by 8:30 am to distribute food from 9-10 am.

All announcements and other information are available on our website www.fbctulia.org
 Check us out!

- Wednesday Night Menu**
February 17
 Beef Stew – Cornbread/Crackers
 Tossed Salad – Cookies – Beverage
- February 10**
 Charbroiled Patties
 Baked Potatoes – Tossed Salad
 Bread – Jello – Beverage



TEXAS HOPE 2010
PRAYER. CARE. SHARE.

Cookie Thanks

We have received many thank you notes from people in our community following the "Cookie Outreach". Sentiments from "what a blessing" to "I hope you do it again!" were expressed by several. If you would like to read these notes they are available in the church office.

Don't forget we will be following up on many of the homes with CD's in the next few weeks. Be watching for details.



**89th Annual Panhandle
 Plains Pastors' and
 Laymen's Conference
 Wayland Baptist University
 March 1-2, 2010**