



The Current

Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church of Doniphan
April 2017

Mark Your Calendar

April 1st
OFRA Children's Festival at 10:00 am

April 2nd
Deacon's Meeting at 4:00 pm
Leadership Meeting at 5:00 pm

April 5th
Walnut Street Home Ministry at 3:30 pm

April 8th
Men's Breakfast 7:30 am and
Spring Cleaning at 8:30 am

April 9th
Williams Baptist College Drama Team at
FBC at 6:00 pm

April 12th
Colonial Home Ministry at 3:30 pm

April 13th
Small Group Discipleship Class with Jim
Gentry at 6:30 pm in FLC

April 14th
Good Friday

April 15th
Bread Shed at 6:30 am

April 16th
Easter Service at 10:15 am
No PM Service

April 19th
Current River Home Ministry at 4:00 pm
Finance Meeting at 5:30 pm

April 29th
YAH-hoo's Meeting at 11:30 am
Youth Lock-In at 11:30 thru Sunday at
11:30 am

April 30th
Youth Leading PM Service

RESURRECTION REPORT

April is always a special time of the year, with spring getting into full bloom, the weather warming up, and for hunters, the turkeys gobbling (had to throw that in there).

But this year, Easter falls in April and Easter is the most important time in the church, when Jesus, on Good Friday gave Himself on the cross, He was buried, but on that glorious morn—He arose from the grave, for the grave could not hold Him!

Our message on Easter morning will ask a hypothetical question: What If There Was No Easter? Have you ever imagined that? I am so thankful we don't, for Christ did rise from the grave and now forever lives to make intercession for us.

The theme of the apostle's preaching, after Pentecost (receiving the Holy Spirit), was Christ crucified, buried and raised from the dead. God blessed their message and the church exponentially grew.

We must keep the main thing—the main thing! Our message must remain the same and must be preached with the same fervency. "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3—4).

Happy Easter

Bro Monty

Matthew 28:5

But the angel answered and
said to the women,
“Do not be afraid, for I
know that you seek Jesus
who was crucified.

Matthew 28:6

He is not here;
FOR HE IS RISEN,
as He said.
Come, see the place
where the Lord lay.

Youth Pastor's Pen

By Bro Drew Simmons

Spring greetings, church family!

I can't believe summer is just around the corner. After our very mild winter, I hope we get a very mild spring and summer. I love the cold weather and snow, but maybe that's just me!

God has been blessing our student ministry immensely in 2017 and I pray that He will continue to do so. Our fundraiser banquet was a HUGE success last month! We were able to raise almost \$2500 to put toward church camp in July. The monies will go toward supplies needed for camp and also for student attendance fees for those who are unable to pay the full price. I am SO thankful for such a wonderful church family who love our young people and the generous blessings provided so our youth can have a summer filled with Jesus! What a blessing it is for me, as your youth pastor, to be a co-laborer with you for the honor and glory of God. Unfortunately, Satan is still on the prowl doing anything and everything he can to cause problems and create turmoil. Because of this, we must still make it a top priority to pray for our students DAILY and come along side them each chance we get with love and support. All of our students consider the people of this church their family and this building as a second home. That just goes to show you that this is indeed a team effort and we need all the help we can get. So, let's keep on keeping on as we strive to love God and love people (particularly our students) more and more each day! As always church, I love you and I am thankful for all of you!

In Christ,
Drew Simmons

Children's Ministry

JAM'D * NURSERY * KIDZ

By Paula Bodkin

Hey Church Family!

We are so excited for the month of April. Celebrating the risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

Easter can be a very fun family tradition. Hunting Easter eggs, chasing a bunny rabbit, and seeing the kids get Easter baskets are all great memories to share with our children.

As parents, we have an opportunity to share God's Word during this time. This is a great time to go through the walk of Jesus and discuss the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection.

Some Ideas:

Instead of celebrating Easter for one day, begin a new family tradition by opening the Bible every night leading up to Easter Sunday. Spending 30 minutes in God's word as a family can make a difference for your child's outlook or even your family's time together. Make it a fun family night by reading the story of Jesus and why it was important for us to have His Grace! AMEN!



FBC NURSERY

Nursery News!

We will begin our new curriculum on April 2nd! We will provide nursery care every Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. Also, our Nursery has Sunday school at 9:00 a.m. for our little learners!

Things we are implementing:

- *Sign Language*
- *Fun Bible Songs*
- *Bible Lessons*
- *Crafts*
- *Parents Corner – Information provided with our lesson every week. Comes with great family activities and new ideas, plus lets you know what we are learning!*



KIDZ CORNER!!!!

We had another great Bible time in the Kidz Corner at the Bread Shed in March! Mrs. Whitney taught the kids about: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, using a shamrock coloring sheet.

Our Attendance in this ministry has improved every month. This Month, we will be teaching the Gospel.

CRAFT CORNER AT BREAD SHED



JAM'D ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



CRAFT AT FBC

JAM'D APRIL MEMORY VERSE

Romans 10:13-

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.



Women On Mission *by Carol Wilhelmy*

"But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; on Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

The Goodness of God's Plan Lived Out Among the Guatamala Chorti

Regina White an International Missionary, working among the Chorti people, encouraged women, that wherever they are in life, instead of asking what is next, like getting married, having children, looking for the next job, to ask, "Where and how can I serve *here* and *now*? And do it passionately!"

As I read Isaiah 53:5 and reflect upon the Cross, to not just see, but to comprehend He did it for me! The power of that scripture reminded me of the encouragement of Regina White. I would like to encourage you during the month of April while we reflect upon God's Love, Goodness, Redemption, Forgiveness and the Sacrifice upon the Cross, that you would consider that question; "Where and how can I serve *here* and *now*? And do it passionately!" Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again.

What? Can it Really Be? YES!!!

Men (Team Monty) vs. Women (Team Rhonda) and YOU get to decide the outcome



**Men vs. Women
PIE
SHOWDOWN**



There will be an "Offering Competition" for the congregation to participate in – Men (Team Monty) verses Women (Team Rhonda). The Annie Armstrong Offering during the month of April, which will conclude on April 30th. **The team with the least amount collected, will receive a "pie" in the face, administered by the winner.** Cash and undesignated gender checks will be split between the two teams.

Check out the Thermometer in the Foyer for weekly results to see if your team is ahead. Don't forget,

"GO TEAM" Our Annie Armstrong goal is \$1500.00

April Calendar:

- 4/1 - OFRA Children's Festival at Riverfront Park from 10 am to 3 pm
A great time for sharing the gospel and promoting VBS
- 4/2 – Annie Armstrong Kick-off and Pie in the Face Competition
- 4/10 - Associational WMU/Baptist Men Meeting - A fun time of fellowship between churches in our association at Black River Baptist Church in PB from 10-12 pm. Pot luck meal following meeting
- 4/13 – Small Group Discipleship Training – in our FLC from 6:30-8 pm, snacks available and all invited
- 4/16 – Resurrection Sunday – Our Savior and Lord is Alive, the Grave is Empty Invite! Invite! Invite! Invite!
- 4/28-29 – Disaster Relief Training in Springfield

Mark your calendar for May 4th
National Day of Prayer
"FOR YOUR GREAT NAME SAKE"
HEAR US...FORGIVE US...HEAL US
(Daniel 9:19)

Questions on car pooling to events? Please contact me: cell 300-9260

*Thank you for serving along side of us,
Carol Wilhelmy, WOM Director*

