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Church Newsletter

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"Have you boys been wrestling?"

My mom really didn't need to ask the question. She already knew the answer. My brothers and I were standing in the kitchen, covered with grass and dirt, grass stains on our pants, and one of us had a bloody lip. We'd been wrestling.

Let me ask you, church, a question; Have you been wrestling? I already know the answer. Some of you are covered with "grass and dirt" and others have "bloody lips." It is wrestling season, after all.

Ephesians 6:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places.

There is always an increase in spiritual warfare during the weeks that precede Easter. "Sunday morning struggles" while getting ready for church, extreme offense over a remark someone made, and scheduling conflicts that pull you away from church are just some of the highlights of the wrestling matches taking place. I am sure you all could make your own list!

We are about to celebrate the most significant moment in the history of mankind; The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. As a church we are becoming more focused on the actual Gospel rather than End Times studies. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper April 2nd, Baptize on Palm Sunday April 9th and then greet the rising sun on Easter morning proclaiming, "He Lives!" April 16th. Gospel focus and proclamation ALWAYS brings spiritual attacks!

Ephesians 6:13 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Put on your armor! Don't let the enemy steal the joy of Easter!

God can and has dealt with "grass" stains -

"Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow!"

He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

God bless,
Pastor Rob

April Calendar

Saturday, April 1

- Worship Team Workshop

Sunday, April 2

- Lord's Supper Services
- Youth Bake Sale

Saturday, April 8

- Women's Simulcast Event

Sunday, April 9

- Palm Sunday & Baptisms

Friday, April 14

- Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 15

- City of Seabrook Easter Egg Hunt
DLife Serve Event

Sunday, April 16

- Easter Sunrise Service
- One Family Easter Service

Wednesday, April 19

- Church Council Meeting

Thursday, April 20

- Ladies Lunch Bunch
- Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, April 22

- Family Fun Day at Seabrook Park

Saturday, April 29

- Youth Service at Houston Food Bank

Sunday, April 30

- 5th Sunday Hymn Sing

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:15 am.....	Adult Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 am.....	Berean Adult Fellowship (studying Philippians)	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 9:30 am	1st Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	Youth Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:15 — 10:30 am	1st Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:15 — 10:30 am	Children's Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
9:30 — 10:30 am	Young Adult Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
9:30 — 10:30 am	1st Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 — 11:00 am	2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Nursery	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
10:45 am — 12:00 pm	Children's Church/Pre-K Church	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
11:00 am — 12:00 pm	2nd Worship Service	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
1:15 — 2:00 pm	Retirement Ministry Worship Service	Regal Estates, 500 Enterprise, League City

Monday

6:30 pm.....	Men's Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
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Wednesday

6:30 — 7:30 pm	Youth Discipleship	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
6:30 — 7:30 pm	Praise, Prayer and Bible Study	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)



Regular Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:30 AM—1:30 PM

The Church office is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. The main office phone number is 281-474-3281. If you call while the office is closed or after hours please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

April 2017 Tellers

- Apr. 02.....John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix
- Apr. 09.....Mary Johnson, Jackie Lally, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
- Apr. 16.....Don Cartwright, Gene & Heather Engel
- Apr. 23.....Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long
- Apr. 30.....Mary Johnson, Linda Long, & Juliet Wall



Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...General Funds

February 2016.....\$26,145.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Birthdays

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Mark Fancher
Colleen Thomas
Ashley Pettyjohn
Juliet Wall
Debra Soileau
Luke Kerry



Cathy Garrett
Jackie Lally
Michael Clark
John Streeter
Louise Abernathy
Scooter Miller
Rick Martinez
John Mayes
Ellen Snow



Worship Team Workshop

Saturday, April 1, 2017
9:00 AM—5:00 PM



Sunday, April 2, 2017

OBSERVANCE OF
**THE LORD'S
SUPPER**

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service

Men's Ministry

Connection, Accountability, Encouragement & Prayer

Men's Monday Night Ministry

Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship

Every Monday

Snacks/Fellowship at 6:30 PM

Bible Study begins at 7:00 PM, followed by dinner

Discipleship Opportunities

We have several DLife groups meeting all over the Bay Area. If you are interested in plugging in to one these small groups please speak with Cheryl Harrison or visit our website: fbcsea-brook.org and click on the "Discipleship Opportunities" page.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Three Adult Sunday School Classes Available

For you early birds... The **Adult Bible Study Class** is led by Bob Wilk and meets every Sunday at **8:15—9:15 am** in the #2 portable building directly behind the main church building.

The **Berean Adult Fellowship** meets every Sunday at **9:15 am** in the #2 portable building directly behind the main church building. This group is starting a new Max Lucado study on the book of Philippians.

The **Young Adult Sunday School Class** meets every Sunday at **9:30 am** in the #2 portable building directly behind the main church building. (18—30 yrs. olds)

AFTERSHOCK

Young Adult Small Group

Meets Every Thursday at 6:45 PM

At the Woodworth's home,
2515 Clover Ridge, League City

This small group is for high school graduates through 20-something year olds. We are focusing on life lessons, Biblical teachings, mission work and having a whole lot of fun and fellowship. If you can't attend try Skype! For more information please call 281-316-0917.



Saturday, April 8, 2017

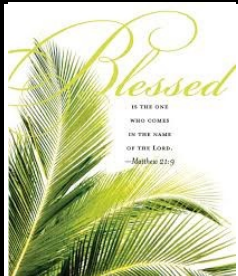
9:00 AM—4:30 PM

at

First Baptist Church of Seabrook

Join women from around the world for this inspiring one-day event with Priscilla Shirer! You're invited to be part of this global, one-day simulcast that focuses on the power of prayer and learning to study God's Word for yourself. Each simulcast message is unique and tailored for a global audience.

Space is limited. If you're interested in attending please see Cheryl Harrison or Gloria Henry.



**Palm Sunday
Baptism Sunday
Celebration
April 9, 2017**

Good Friday Service

April 14, 2017

7:00 PM



DLife Serve Event

**Saturday, April 15, 2017
8:00 am—NOON**



DLife will host a booth for FBC Seabrook at the City of Seabrook Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, 2017 from 8:00 am until noon. All DLife groups are invited to participate. For information please see Cheryl Harrison.



Come Celebrate Easter

One Family Service

Sunday, April 16, 2017

at 10:30 AM

Come Celebrate Easter with us on Sunday, April 16th at 10:30 AM. There will be no children's church on this day so families can celebrate together (the cry room will be open).



Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Church Council will be planning for the months of May, June, July and August. If everyone comes prepared and on time the meeting should only last 20-25 minutes.



R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry (6th through 12th grade)

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Sunday School meets every Sunday, 9:15—10:30 am in the #1 portable building directly behind the main church building.

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Wednesday Activities start at 6:30 pm, ends at 7:30 pm, and meets in the #1 portable building.

Sunday, April 2 ~ Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser



The youth will prepare some delicious desserts to be purchased after each service. Please stop by our table in the foyer to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Sunday, April 16 ~ Easter Sunrise & Breakfast

The youth will continue our tradition of attending the Easter Sunrise Service and then going out for breakfast before returning for our family Easter Celebration Service. Youth...please bring money for your breakfast.

Sunday, April 23 ~ Youth Lead Children's Church



The youth will be teaching Children's Church during the first service. This is always a fun time for the kids and an opportunity for the youth to be servants of the Lord. YOUTH please be in the children's church room no later than 9:15 am.

Saturday, April 29 ~ Youth to the Houston Food Bank



The youth will be volunteering for the 8:00 am—12:00 pm shift at the Houston Food Bank. This is always a lot of fun! Everyone is invited to join us. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Everyone must be registered through the Houston Food Bank and for our shift. All of the information will be on the sign-up sheet and Lori will take care registering everyone. We hope you'll join us!

Ladies Lunch Bunch

All ladies of the church are invited!

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am

This month the ladies will be going to Laredo's Mexican Restaurant on Hwy. 146 in Seabrook. We will not need to carpool so just meet at the restaurant. at 11:30 am.

This is always a time of laughter and fellowship for the all ladies of the church, please join in the fun—the more the merrier!

Deadline
for May 2017

Newsletter Submissions

Thursday,
May 20, 2017

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry ~ Family Fun Day ~

Saturday, April 22, 2017

11:00 am—4:00 pm

At the Seabrook Park

EVERYONE is invited to join R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry youth at the Seabrook Park for a day of fun. We will be enjoying kickball, basketball, food and fellowship. This is an excellent opportunity for our church members to interact and get to know our youth better. If you don't feel like playing games, we are always in need of a cheering section!

We are asking everyone to bring a food item to share. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway.

We hope you will join us!



April 2017 Lamplight ~ It's Personal

In 2006 I wrote a seven day devotional series — *Conversations with Jesus* — that was subsequently published in *Fruit of the Vine*, a Barclay Press Publication. The series highlighted Jesus' conversations with **Nathaniel** (*I Saw You*), **Nicodemus** (*I Tell You the Truth*), **The Samaritan Woman** (*I Who Speak to You Am He*), **The Paralytic** (*Do You Want to Get Well?*), **The Leper** (*I Am Willing*), and **Thomas** (*Blessed Are Those.*). To this day my favorite part of the series has remained to be Nicodemus and The Samaritan Woman. What follows is a portion of both:

Nicodemus -- "I Tell You the Truth" (John 3:1-15; Deuteronomy 18:15, 18)

Why did Nicodemus come at night? Nobody knows for sure, but the most important thing for us to understand is that... *he came*. Why did Nicodemus come to Jesus? He came because of miraculous signs; but he still failed to recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah. Nicodemus was a well educated religious leader of Israel, and at the very least he should have recognized fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy: *"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him"* (Deuteronomy 18:15).

The correlation of Jesus' words, *"I tell you the truth,"* with the ancient words of Moses, *"You must listen to him,"* should have spoken volumes to Nicodemus, but the consequences of unbelief had deafened him. Nicodemus failed to realize that he must let go of his dependence upon Moses (the law) and enter into a personal relationship with Jesus (eternal life). Thus, instead of responding with understanding and action, Nicodemus remained confused and noncommittal. Even though the narrative doesn't clearly state that Nicodemus received God's gift of salvation, tradition holds that he did. A hint of softening near the end of the Gospel offers valuable insight not only into Nicodemus's heart, but also into our own. The Lord offers everyone an opportunity to hear the truth; how we respond remains our choice.

Samaritan Woman -- "I Who Speak To You Am He" (John 4:7-28)

Nicodemus and the woman at the well lived at opposite ends of the cultural spectrum. He, a Pharisee and respected member of the Jewish ruling council, most likely would never cross paths with such a woman. She, an uneducated, Samaritan woman, knew rejection all too well, and no man, especially a Pharisee of good reputation would dare come near her.

The differences between Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman far exceeded social and cultural status. Remember, Nicodemus sought Jesus under the cover of darkness, and though he was highly educated, at the end of their conversation he remained confused and noncommittal. In contrast, Jesus intentionally waited by the well for the Samaritan woman to arrive. He knew she had grown accustomed to rejection, and though most people recoiled from her presence, Jesus purposely drew near to her. Thus, a forbidden conversation in man's eyes soon lifted this shamed woman to a new understanding of God. She knew about Israel's promised Messiah, and this pivotal moment in her life, the Samaritan woman received divine revelation. Jesus revealed his true identity... "I who speak to you am He." Unlike Nicodemus, the woman responded with faith and action.

At the time I wrote these devotionals I was intrigued by the comparison between Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman; not only by the contrast in their response, but also that Jesus chose to reveal his true identity to a "rejected" woman. These passages in John have always been on my list of favorites. I have listened to sermons, read devotionals, done bible studies and word studies; however, a few weeks ago I found something new. Don't you just love it when that happens?

Yes, Jesus and the Samaritan woman conversed about many things. There was back-and-forth about thirst and the spring of water that wells up into eternal life. They spoke about personal relationships, places of worship and true worship. Jesus even revealed to her that He is the promised Messiah. But when the Samaritan woman left her water jar and ran into town and witnessed to the very same people she was avoiding... she didn't say, "Come see a man who told me about a spring of water that leads to eternal life." She didn't recant their discussion about places of worship and true worship. She didn't tell them about his true identity. On the contrary she said, "Come see a man who told me everything I ever did!"

The Samaritan woman responded with faith and action because of her conversation with Jesus, but what impacted her most was that Jesus got personal. Jesus "knew" all about her, but he still revealed truth to her. We can learn a lot from the Samaritan woman, but today I pray that we will grasp the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus. We may shy away from it, but Jesus definitely wants to get personal.

Remember this... you are loved, and you are always in my prayers.
In Christ, Cheryl



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 am-5:00 pm Worship Team Workshop
2 Youth Bake Sale  9:30 & 11:00 AM Lord's Supper	3 Men's Ministry 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship	4	5 Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	6	7	8 9:00 am-4:30 pm Women's Ministry Priscilla Shirer Simulcast Event
9  Palm Sunday Baptism Sunday	10 Men's Ministry 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship	11	12 Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	13	14  7:00 PM Service	15 8:00 am - Noon DLife Serve Event @ City of Seabrook Easter Egg Hunt
16 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 10:30 AM Celebrate Easter Family Service	17 Men's Ministry 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship	18	19 6:00 PM Church Council Mtg. 6:30-7:30 PM Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	20  11:30 AM Ladies Lunch Bunch Newsletter Deadline	21  ←←←←←	22  11:00 am-4:00 pm Family Fun Day At Seabrook Park
23	24 Men's Ministry 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship	25	26 Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	27	28	29 houston  foodbank 8:00 am-Noon Youth Serve at Houston Food Bank
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