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Church Newsletter

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Matthew 7:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

February 10th was the 15th anniversary of the fire that destroyed our church building and its contents. It was a trying time, to say the least. God was faithful through the entire process as we, together, rebuilt. The Father provided both funds and labor. He also provided unexpected blessings! One of those unexpected blessings was Bay Area

Baptist Church. Nearly every hymnal in the church had been either burned or destroyed by water damage. Bay Area Baptist Church purchased replacement hymnals for us! What a blessing!!!!

Chris and Ashley VanDerbeck are beloved members of our church. Chris is a new deacon and Ashley serves both as Treasurer, nursery coordinator, and the pre-k lead teacher. Ashley's father serves as the Minister of Music at Lanier Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, LA. Lanier Baptist Church was pretty much destroyed by the horrible flooding last year. You can read more in the Outreach section of our website; www.fbcseabrook.org.

We committed to replacing their hymnals, just like Bay Area Baptist replaced ours. What a blessing for us to be able to bless as we have been blessed! They are having a church rededication on April 2nd. Please join them in prayer as they rededicate their space to the proclamation of the Gospel! I remember the day we opened the doors to our building!

Rededicating is sometimes necessary for a church even with an intact building. We easily get distracted by the needs of the day and wander away from our purpose...the glory of God! As winter gives way to spring (I know, it's Texas...visualize!) lets rededicate ourselves to sharing our faith, loving others, worship, prayer and study in His Word. I am sure we can be even more of a blessing to others if we stay dedicated to our primary purpose!!!!

One of my favorite activities of the church happens each March. It's the annual Men's Ministry Chili Cook-off! Contestants, it's time to get your recipe ready. Last year's champion, Alli Mayes, will be ready to defend her title! Date for the Cook-off is Monday, March 20th. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite your friends!!!!

Another annual occurrence in March is VBS recruitment and registration. We're currently recruiting for all staff positions for VBS. Registration for church members and the Seabrook community begins March 1st and then it's opened to rest of the Bay Lake area in April. Please, do not delay in registering your children.

Thank you, church. Gerda and I "...give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; Colossians 1:3-6

God bless,
Pastor Rob

March Calendar

March Mission Focus
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
for North American Missions

Saturday, March 4

- Youth - Kemah Boardwalk

Sunday, March 5

- Lord's Supper Services

March 5—March 12

- AAEO Week of Prayer

Thursday, March 9

- Merry Widows Dinner

Saturday, March 11

- Youth Service Day and Spud Run Prep

Sunday, March 12

- Day Light Saving Time Begins
- SPUD Run Youth Fundraiser

Monday, March 20

- Annual Chili Cook-Off
- April Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, March 26

- Youth to teach Children's Church during 1st service
- Singing Women of Texas Concert at 6:00 pm

Friday, March 31

- 2017-18 Budget Deadline

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
5:00 pm	Women's Ministry Bible Study "Finding I Am"	1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

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.

March 2017 Tellers

- Mar. 05.....John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix
- Mar. 12.....Mary Johnson, Jackie Lally, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
- Mar. 19.....Don Cartwright, Gene & Heather Engel
- Mar. 26.....Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long

Tithes & Offering

A look at the church finances...General Funds

January 2016.....\$26,145.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Need Prayer?

Click Here!

Birthdays

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Hunter Mayes
Shelia Clark
Paula Lilja
Latrena Augustine
Caitlyn Cannon
Melissa Cameron
Michelle Fuhr
Ashley VanDerbeck
Kris Harrington
Ryan Woodworth
Brandon Odell
Linda Cowdery
Clyde Mayhew



Norman Frink
Kenneth Gunter
Linda Long
Robin Drijacha
Michelle Martinez



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: fbcseabrook.org and click the "Discipleship Opportunities" link.

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 Philipians.

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.

Sunday, March 5, 2017



OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

9:30 & 11:00 AM Service

UNFOLDED BY ERIC GEIGER

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



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Week of Prayer: March 5—12, 2017

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering changes lives forever by empowering North American missionaries to bring the gospel to the lost. With over 269 million lost people, North America and its major cities are some of the most spiritually dark places in the world. Join us on the mission to equip every missionary and reach every lost person in the United States and Canada.

100% of gifts given are used efficiently to support and equip missionaries in North America. AAEO gifts are well-stewarded through an accountability process so you can be confident your gift is making a maximum kingdom impact.



Merry Widows Dinner

Thursday, March 9, 2017
Carpool leaves the church at 6:00 PM

The Merry Widows are going to **Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen** on the Gulf Freeway in Webster. Please meet at the church at 6:00 pm and we will carpool or if you prefer you can meet us at the restaurant at 6:30 pm.

All ladies are welcome, you don't have to be a widow to attend. We have a great time! For more information please see Norma Keeler.



Day Light Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 12, 2017



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.

Saturday, March 4 ~ Kemah Boardwalk

The youth will enjoy a day at the Boardwalk. Youth, please bring money for food and drinks and be ready to have fun!!!



Saturday, March 11 ~ Youth Service Day & Spud Run Prep

The youth will meet at the church at 9:00 am to clean and prepare potatoes and all the toppings. The more help we have the less time it will take! When we finish preparing the potatoes and toppings, we will clean the church as an act of service and appreciation.

Sunday, March 12 ~ Spud Run Youth Fundraiser

The youth will serve fully loaded baked potatoes following both services for only \$5.00



Wednesday, March 22 ~ The youth will meet at 6:30 pm to prepare themselves to teach Children's Church on February 26th.



Sunday, March 26 ~ 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 2 ~ Youth Bake Sale

The youth will bring baked good items to sell after the first and second service.

Sunday, April 16 ~ Easter

The youth will attend the Easter Sunrise Service and go out to breakfast afterwards before the Family Service begins.

Saturday, April 22 ~ Family Fun Day

Everyone is invited to join the youth at the Seabrook Park for a day of fun.

Sunday, April 23 ~ Youth to Lead Children's Church

Saturday, April 29 ~ Youth to the Houston Food Bank

Chili Cook-Off!



11th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:30 PM

CALLING ALL CHILI LOVERS...

First Baptist Church of Seabrook's 11th Annual Chili Cook-Off will be on Monday, March 20th. ALL entries are welcome! (Ladies, that includes you!) Have your homemade chili in the kitchen no later than 6:15 and judging will begin at 6:20. DO NOT put your name on your pot of chili, so judging can be impartial. Competition gets tougher each year. Who will have the best pot of chili this year?

You must sign up to enter your prize chili. The sign-up sheet will be located on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the restrooms. We also need you to bring some cornbread or crackers.

EVERYONE is invited to come and eat the rewards of our prize chili recipes!



Southeast Chapter In Concert

Sunday, March 26, 2017
6:00 PM

At First Baptist Church of Seabrook
1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
Seabrook, TX 77586

Deadline
for April 2017

Newsletter Submissions



Monday
March 20, 2017

Church Budget



Budget Year: May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018

**Deadline to submit New Budget
Is Friday, March 31, 2016**

Coming in April...



Interested in a LifeWay Women's Event?

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.

When: April 8th - All Day

Where: FBC Seabrook

Who: All Women

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Right now we need to find out how many people are interested in attending a simulcast event. If we have enough people who want to attend we will move forward. If you are interested, please sign-up here! For more information, please see Gloria Henry.



March 2017 Lamplight -- Living Advertisements

On February 5, 2017 I was a statistic. I was one of the more than 111 million people watching the TV broadcast of Super Bowl LI. I must confess; however, that until the nail-biting end of the fourth quarter, it wasn't football that had my attention; it was the commercials. Did you know that a thirty-second slot of ad time during the Super Bowl costs \$5.5 million dollars? That's \$183,300.00 per second. At that price you would think that advertisers would create clever, easily understood commercials. Well... this year the commercials spanned a variety of products—food, drink, technology, travel and transportation—most of which used some kind of humor to hook the consumer. Some made me laugh, while others left

me wondering... *what just happened?* It soon became clear that I was not a part of the target audience of these commercials because I was not in on the joke.

Through a little research I learned that the earliest Super Bowl commercial most people remember is a Noxzema advertisement that starred Farrah Fawcett and Joe Namath. There were also a few Coca-Cola commercials that sent me down memory lane.

Matter of fact it turns out there have been a lot of Coca-Cola advertisements. The first Coca-Cola ad was printed in the Atlanta Journal in 1886, and since then there have been many tag lines for the soda-pop:

- 1886 - *Delicious! Refreshing! Invigorating!*
- **1906 - The Great National Temperance Beverage**
- 1927 - *Pure as Sunlight*
- 1932 - *Ice-Cold Sunshine*
- **1952 - What you want is a Coke**
- 1963 - *Things go better with Coke*
- 1969 - *It's the Real Thing*
- **1975 - Look Up, America**
- 1976 - *Coke Adds Life*
- 1979 - *Have a Coke and a Smile*
- 1982 - *Coke is It!*
- **1985 - America's Real Choice**
- 1986 - *Red, White & You*
- 1988 - *Can't Beat the Feeling!*
- 1998 - *Coca-Cola Always the Real Thing*
- 2001 - *Life Tastes Good*
- 2003 - *Real.*
- 2005 - *Make It Real.*
- 2006 - *The Coke Side of Life*
- 2009 to 2015 - *Open Happiness*
- 2016 - *Taste the Feeling*
- **2017 - A Classic Love Story**



Many of Coca-Cola's advertisements seem to align with the social and/or cultural environment of the time. For example, the 1906 tag-line: **"The Great National Temperance Beverage,"** marketed Coca-Cola as a substitute for alcohol. The 1985 tag-line: **"America's Real Choice,"** presented itself during the height of the ongoing Pepsi Challenge. Pepsi had finally won a huge market share because of the 1985 "New Coke" debacle.

These were all interesting facts, but not as interesting as the 1975 tag-line... **"Look Up America."**

It seems that none of us are immune to commercial lures that try to convince us... *"You must have this product to be... happy, safe or complete."* The 1975 Coca-Cola commercial came out during a turbulent time in American history when worried consumers were fed-up with everything. Coca-Cola tapped into this emotionally-charged environment with its genius "chin-up" commercial... *"Look up America, see what we've got... we've got the real thing!"*

But wait...there's more!

As I researched commercials, I came across an image that intrigued me. It was the image of a young boy holding up a "Look Up 3:16" sign. Further investigation of this image led me to a YouTube video of a commercial made in 2011. This commercial was supposed to air during the 2011 Super Bowl, but it was rejected. What? Why?

Come on!! We may *"want"* an ice-cold Coca-Cola... but what we really *"need"* is Jesus! The rejected commercial was designed to encourage people to look up John 3:16 in the Bible. It's sad that the commercial was rejected because many people have no clue what John 3:16 says.

Final thought - all of this advertising reminds me of 2 Corinthians 5:20, "...We are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God!'"

In short, as Christians we are God's *living advertisements* for his free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. We are part of a "Classic Love Story" and it's something everyone *really* needs!

Remember this... you are loved and you are always in my prayers.

In Christ, Cheryl

***You can view the commercial by searching for "Rejected Look Up John3:16 Commercial" on YouTube.*





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Month-long Focus: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions <i>"Together For His Kingdom"</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Youth Bible Study & Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>KEMAH BOARDWALK YOUTH To the Kemah Boardwalk</p>
			<p>5</p> <p> 9:30 & 11:00 AM Lord's Supper 5:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>UNFOLDED <small>BY ERIC BESSER</small> 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study & Youth Bible Study</p>
<p>12</p> <p> Day Light Saving Time Begins 5:00 PM Spud Run Youth Fundraiser Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>UNFOLDED <small>BY ERIC BESSER</small> 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study & Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p> 5:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 PM 11th Annual Chili Cook-Off!  Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study & Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>6:00 PM </p>	<p>27</p> <p>UNFOLDED <small>BY ERIC BESSER</small> 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study and Dinner Fellowship</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Adult Praise, Prayer & Bible Study & Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Deadline to submit 2017-2018 budget </p>	