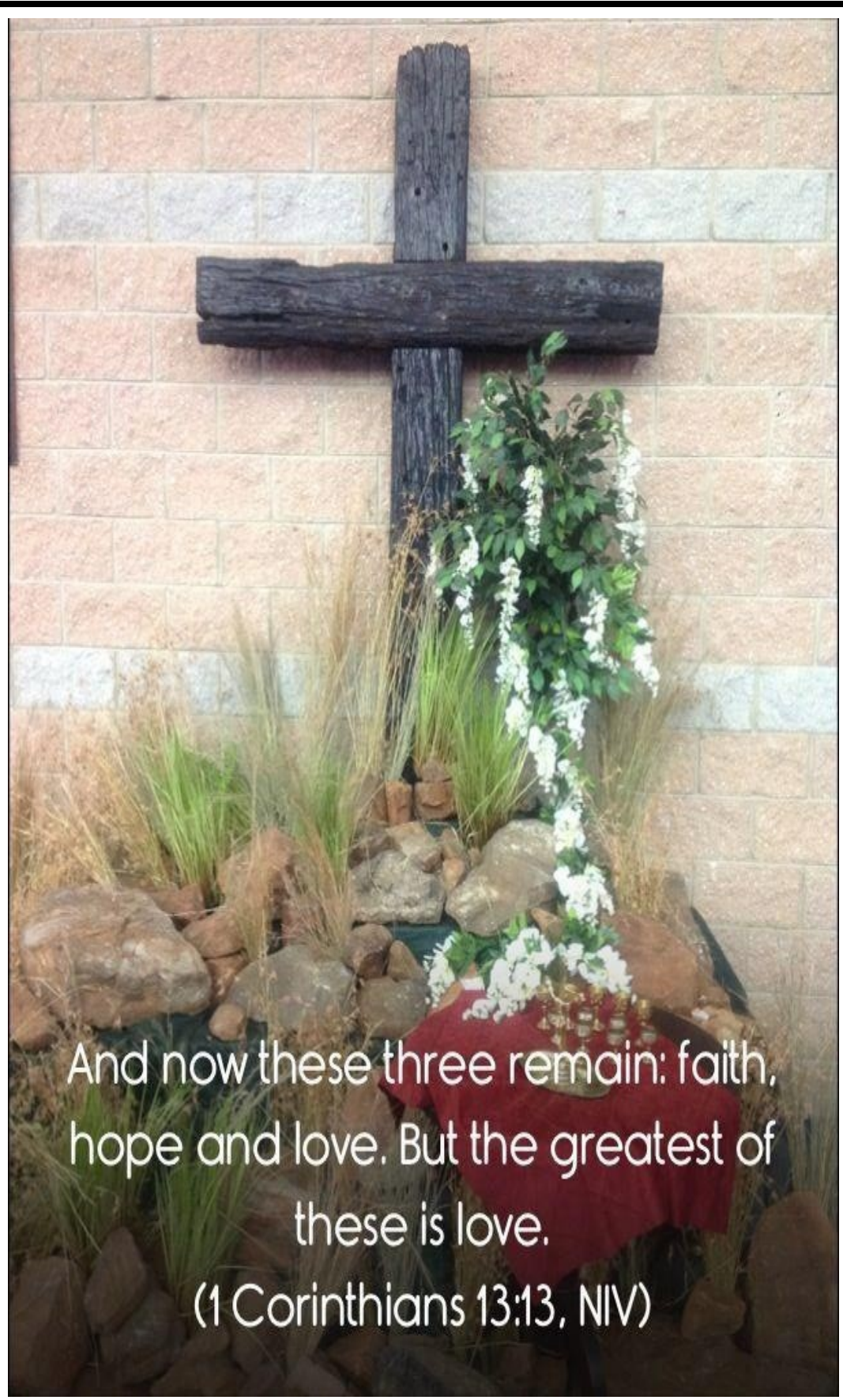




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And now these three remain: faith,
hope and love. But the greatest of
these is love.

(1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV)

Dr. Bill Sims, Pastor

John Norvell, Associate Pastor of Music & Senior Adults

From Pastor Sims

Dear First Baptist Church,

John 3:16 "For GOD so loved the world, that HE gave HIS only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"THE LOVE OF GOD"

"Dr. Rick Ezell shared the heart warming story about the little boy who got separated from his mother in the mall. He was looking around for his mother, and began to cry, because everyone was a stranger and everything was so confusing. All of a sudden, his mother found him and picked him up. His eyes began to dry, not because his surroundings changed, but because of whose arms he was in...his precious mother."

February 14, 2018 is Valentine's Day. We celebrate that day filled with love and joy. As believers in Jesus Christ we surely can claim John 3:16. Whatever our surroundings may be, we are always sheltered in the love of Jesus. Praise GOD everyday that HIS amazing love is a gift that keeps on giving. Always remember, Jesus loves you.

Because of Calvary,
Pastor Bill Sims
Matthew 6:33

For God so lo**V**ed the world,
That He g**A**ve
His on**L**y
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Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life."
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Notes from Bro. John

Thanks for all you've said and done for me and my family the last few weeks! There's no way to put into words all that you people and many who have gone on to heaven have meant to me over the last 30 years! Many wonderful things have happened over these many years but I believe that you have some great days ahead of you.

These 7 guys have meant so much to me: Pastor Randy Wheeler, Interim Paul Williams, Pastor Mel Mason, Interim Todd Brady, Pastor Mark McSwain, Interim John Adams and now Pastor Bill Sims. These have all led this church in their own different ways.

We've had youth and children's directors over the years and all of them have added their own touch to that ministry. People like Danny Franks, Mike Wadley, Corey Cain, Matthew Mincher and others. Now we have Brad and Amanda who are two of the best there are for those ministries!

We've had many instrumentalists! Wanda and Robbie were here for many years. We've had some more but now Melanie and Horace fill those positions and do them well!

I've worked with some great secretaries! Brenda Elder and Melva Smith were here when I first came. Then we've had Carol Dennison, Linda Young and now Sadie Cox. It's been a joy to work with all the people I've mentioned! We have people that work in the background and do many things that most people don't even think about. I just want to mention Fulton Mullis! He was a special blessing to me as he went about serving the LORD and doing any thing that needed to be done here. I pray that all of us would have that kind of spirit as we serve the LORD wherever we are!

REMEMBER: "SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS! ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING AND BLESS HIS NAME! FOR HE IS GOOD!"

Bro. John

Children's stuff from Amanda Chaney

Our Children's Choir had a great first practice Sunday night. We will be getting ready for our new musical. It is called WBKR-Bemis Kids Radio. It's a great mix of wonderful worship songs and we are excited to present it to you in May. If your child is not involved, we would love to have them. We practice on Sunday nights at 5pm/Ages 4yrs-6th grade.

We have 15 children signed up for Journey Camp this summer. I have one spot open if your child wants to go. Camp is for 3rd-6th grade.



Thank you always for our Wednesday night ministry volunteers and supporters. Things are happening and lives are being changed.

Youth stuff from Brad Dickerson

We are called as the Church of Jesus Christ to be the light of this community and world. How can we accomplish what God has called us to do? 1) Proclaim the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ 2) teach biblical doctrine, 3) provide a place of fellowship for believers, 4) observe the ceremonies outlined in the Bible, 5) make disciples, and 6) pray. Let us as a body of believers not forget what we are here for.

We plan to attend the Youth Evangelism Conference on March 9-10 . If you know a student that would like to go or if as a member you would like to chaperone, let me know.

There are many members that work behind the scenes to help take care of the youth department. I appreciate our class teachers and helpers: Butch, Clarence, Janetta, Regina, Joanne, Taylor, Melissa, and all of those that fill in. We appreciate the Wednesday night kitchen crew and servers, all of the van drivers, and the ones that donate their time and money to this thriving ministry. If you see any of the people, thank them for everything that they have done for the students.

 February 2018 						
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LIFE GROUPS RALLY

Sunday, February 4



Invite your friends and neighbors to come to Life Group with you!

Continental breakfast at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Let's fill up every room for the glory of God!

Greeters

4th
N-Dianne Shelton
S-Betty Hardin
E-Bernice Johnson
NW-Viola Ray

11th
N-Sherry Odum
S-Wanda Hornsby
E-Rochelle Hermann
NW-Sara Scoggins

18th
N-Shirley Wooley
S-Brenda Smith
E-Regina Watkins
NW-Vickie Diggs

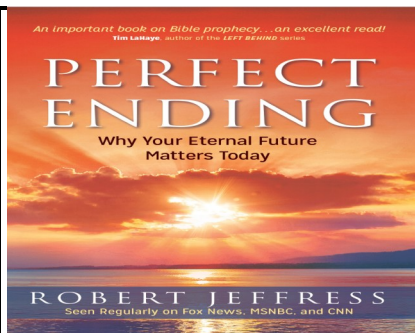
25th
N-Jackie Warren
S-Olga Massey
E-Peggy Cupples
NW-Linda Young

SECURITY WORKERS

4th Jimmy Pierce/Freddie Garrett
11th Richard Askew/Ray Rowan
18th Steve Chipman/Tommy Graves
25th Gary Dorris/Dusty Tolbert

Church Pews

February 19-23 the church pews will be re-upholstered. Wednesday night service on February 21st will meet in Herron Hall.



Wednesday Bible Study
will continue
February 21, 2018.

Family Night Meal

Our Family Night Meal will be Wed. February 7 @ 5:30 p.m. The meal will be southern fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, Joe's rolls and dessert.



Food pantry items needed this month are:
can meat &
can fruit