

First Baptist Church
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Activities of the Week
March 21 - 27

Senior Pastor	Mar. 21
Associate Pastor	* 9:15 - Bible Study
Music & Administration	9:30 - Sabine Oaks Service; Lucas House SS
Youth Minister	* 10:30 - Morning Worship, Ed Wilson preaching
Pastor's Secretary	* 11:30 - Reception for Visitors - Fellowship Hall
Financial Secretary	- Calder Handbell Rehearsal
Interim Organist	* 5:00 - Adult Seminar: Genesis , Betty Nelhus leads
Organist/Emeritus	Monday Mar. 22
Nursery/Preschool	9:30 - Library/Committee
Coordinator	Tuesday Mar. 23
Senior Custodian	9:00 - PreK4's and MDO
Custodian/Food Service	Wednesday Mar. 24

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Friday	7:00 - Men's Breakfast
	6:00 - Parent's Night Out
Thursday	* 9:00 - PreK4's and MDO
Wednesday	4:15 - Steering Committee Meeting , 106
	* 4:45 - Leadership Council
	* 5:00 - Fellowship Supper
	5:30 - Prayer Guidance, Announcements, - Bright Voices, 2nd floor
	5:45 - Sparklers-107
	6:00 - Chapter Presentation, Micki Carpenter
	6:15 - Mission Friends, 109; Children in Action, 206
	* 6:30 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

* Nursery is provided



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Can You BEAR Some Real GOOD Singing?

It will be our pleasure to welcome the 50-voice **Baylor Religious Hour Choir** to our Sanctuary on **Saturday, March 20** at 6 p.m. While we now have quite a number among our college students, the **Tekell team, Courtney and Kristen**, have members of this wonderful choir. We look forward to hearing them again. We'll have a supper when they arrive Saturday afternoon. They promise to have us tapping our feet an hour of great music. One of their members will play the piano as we take a help with their fund raising for summer missions. There will be a reception following which will give you a chance to greet the choir members and enjoy punch and spread the word of this concert around to the many Baptist churches as well as churches in the Lenten Preaching Series. You'll want to get here early for a good join us!

All Church Conference with Dr. Larry Peers, our Alban

- Friday, April 9, 2010
 - 6:15 pm: Light snacks and coffee available
 - 6:30 pm: Session begins in Fellowship Hall
 - 9:00 pm: Session ends
- Saturday, April 10, 2010
 - 8:30 am: Breakfast snacks available
 - 9:00 am: Session begins in Fellowship Hall
 - 4:00 pm: Sessions ends

Yes, we'll eat it!

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Micki Carpenter to utilize his in momentum for the Alban's conference (April 9-10).

to wonder aloud "What are and "What can we expect from reference?" as the date draws ing Committee, which func- ing group shares your ques- and even anxieties as we col- for time with Dr. Peers.

mitted to conducting our pre- nsibilities with a spirit of trans- oachability. How to effect that is challenging! Last October, a provided our church with a l. I condensed this to a single ack) entitled "**Visioning and s**" in an effort to help everyone ourney. This summary cov- The Goal; the Approach: The- al Conference; Moving FOR- tt and Recommendations for and Timeline. This review, avail- just inside Fellowship Hall, oint or shared blueprint.

FROM ALBAN FOR OUR RCH CONFERENCE

ce differs from typical partici-

ONGREGATION participates. : diversity and less hierarchy working meeting. It gives **each** to be heard and to learn new the task at hand. The Steer- will NOT be presenting a plan n to the future must evolve (ended on next column)

during the conference!

Future scenarios are put into HISTORICAL and COMMUNITY perspective. That means thinking broadly together before deciding to act on specific directions. This feature enhances shared understanding and greater commitment to act. It also increases the range of potential opportunities.

People SELF-MANAGE their work and use DIALOGUE – not "problem solving" as their main tool. That means helping each other do the tasks and taking responsibility for our perceptions and actions.

COMMON GROUND rather than "conflict management," is the frame of reference. That means *honoring* our differences rather than having to *reconcile* them.

The Steering Committee will be making personal contacts with church members over the next two weeks. We sincerely hope everyone will make this historic moment a priority in April. Extending a personal invitation and word of encouragement to other members only adds to a collective sense of ownership over the conference and potential outcomes.

In partnership,
Micki

MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO US
(on table just inside Fellowship Hall)

- Visioning and Planning Process (one sheet, front and back)
- Summary of Steering Committee Orientation with Dr. Peers
- Letter from Steering Committee to Congregation (extra copies)
- Registration Form for All-Church Conference
- Polarity Management Map (charts for chapters already presented ~familiarizing ourselves with these charts prepares us more fully for the conference. Digest and discuss them now.

The Calder Family Lenten Feast

This great annual event takes place on **Palm Sunday, March 28**, right after the worship service until 1 p.m. or so. All of our young families with children and youth, as well as anyone young at heart is welcome to attend (rain or shine).

You'll enjoy spiral-cut ham and potluck sides—that means you bring a family-size side dish; salad, fruit, Jello, veggie, homemade dessert. You can expect good folks, fun games and great conversations plus a traditional egg hunt. Egg hunters should bring a basket and 12 candy-filled plastic eggs.

P.S. R.S.V.P., please by Wednesday, March 24. Let us know how many folks will be coming AND what family-size dish you will bring to go with the ham and rolls. Sharing your planned dish in advance helps prevent too much of one thing and not enough of something else.

Our Christian Sympathy...

goes to the family of Preston Taylor, former missionary and pastor and long time friend of Ron Ellison in his recent death.

Holy Week: Food for Body and Soul

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Holy Week services, comprised of a 30-minute worship service with guest speakers and a light soup and sandwich lunch. Scheduled for Mon - Wed, March 29-31, we look forward to hearing from Rev. Msgr. Michael A Jamail, Vicar General, Catholic Diocese of Beaumont; Dr. Harland Merriam, Senior Pastor, St. Andrews Presbyterian; and the Rev. Jerry High, Senior Pastor, West Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

Put on Your READING

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In Search of a Confident Faith: barriers to trusting in God. by and Klaus Issler. 234 Mor

Love One Another: becoming Jesus longs for. by Gerald L

Out of Darkness into Light by Lindholm. 266 Lin

I'm Not Crazy, But I Might Be Charles Marshall. Infectious comedian Charles Marshall.

Manners and Customs in the H. Matthews. Guide to daily l 220.95 Mat

I, II, III John Bible Commentaries Rhea Jones 227.9407 Jon

Can You Ever Have Too

Your gifts make our Easterments possible. If you would remember a loved one or fri your check to Carol in the c your choice of wording. Easter acknowledged in the Easter

How Do Your FLOWE

On Easter morning (just three the wire-covered cross will be atrium waiting to be covered v ers of all kinds from YOUR beautiful backdrop for family morning worship service. C your flowers in place.