

VITAL SIGNS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	9:45 AM	Colonial	Total
February 5	172	24	196
Guests			
February 12	188	23	211
Guests	15		
February 19	128	23	151
Guests	8		

(does not include Youth - D-Now Weekend)



SAVE THE DATE:

- ◆ Thursday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. Join us at Cleburne Bible Church for a program by David Rubin, founder of the Shiloh, Israel Children's Foundation, a foundation to help children dealing with the trauma of terrorism.
- ◆ Secret Church, Friday, April 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., "Scripture and Authority in an Age of Skepticism". We will meet in the Annex. Register online at fbcclburne.org.

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WEEKLY MESSAGE

Daniel E. Crosby, Ph. D

Sundays

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Compact Discs upon request.

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The Reminder

March 2017

of First Baptist Church Cleburne

Dear FBCC Family,

"Overwhelmed" is too small a word for how Diane and I left Sunday afternoon, February 12th! Speechless, overpowered, overawed, overcome, dazed, stunned, incredulous, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, and dumb-founded are a few other words that come to mind. What a great day, and how your love, encouragement, affirmation, and generosity blessed us beyond measure! And all that after flying Dani Beth in from Hawaii and our New Orleans crew in from Louisiana so they could share in the time with us!

"Thank you" is too small of a phrase to use, but we are virtually out of words to express our gratitude for you, our church family! Please allow me to share the 20 things I was celebrating on that Sunday and am still celebrating in the aftermath of the mariachi-accompanied meal and fellowship time:

1. The certainty of God's call to Cleburne
2. The wonder of a Christian Family
3. The glory of our Church Family
4. The solidarity of our Church Staff
5. The Kingdom of God at work
6. The Mission of God for us
7. Partnerships in the Gospel
8. God's mercy where joy and sorrow meet
9. The Slow, Eternal Work of God
10. God's work in history with His people, Israel
11. Friendships
12. Worship
13. The faithfulness of God in meeting our needs and your Faithfulness in Giving
14. Selfless servants who love God and others
15. The power of God to transform
16. The Beauty and Creative genius of God
17. The Word of God, the Ultimate Truth of the Universe which reveals the Ultimate Reality of the Universe, Who is Jesus Christ
18. The rich history of FBC Cleburne
19. The future of FBC Cleburne
20. The awesome love of God poured out on us!

May the Lord continue to have His way with us as we seek His face and follow His Holy Spirit!

Thank you,

Danny & Diane



REMINDER: Beginning April 1, 2017

The Printed "Reminder", monthly newsletter, will only be mailed to those requesting it.

Please call the church office at 817-645-6684 to request a printed copy or to confirm your current email address, to receive an electronic copy. Copies will also be available in Grand Central each month.



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Thank you

Christian Women's Job Corps had a very successful chili cook-off on January 14th. We raised around \$9,000, over half our proposed budget. Thank you to those that worked to support this fundraiser. For this Spring semester CWJC has 9 committed participants that began their 12 week journey on January 30th. They will soon be matched up with journey partners/mentors to provide encouragement and prayer along the way. Please pray that God will do mighty things in the lives of our participants, staff, and teachers this session.

Debbie Goulding



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 12

Family 4-Wheeler Camp Out at the Crosby Ranch, March 24-26.



From Our Prayer Room

In the Lorena Chambless Building
 Contact the church office at 817.645.6684 if you
 Would like to use the Prayer Room during
 Regular office hours.


Why Pray?

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "in a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary,' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily.

Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:1-8)

It is significant that this word on prayer from the lips of Jesus immediately follows Luke's account of his second coming. Our Lord moves immediately from His word concerning His coming to this world concerning prayer, indicating the direct correlation between watchfulness and prayer.

The widow gave the judge no rest day and night. She was continually before his court, hounding him, harassing him, plaguing him until finally the judge was forced to act. He granted her request and she got what she needed! Right here lies the whole point of the story. What is Jesus after? He is simply indicating that this widow found the secret of handling reluctant judges! She discovered, in other words, the key to power. She found the one principle on which even a reluctant judge would act, despite his formidable defenses. "Now," says Jesus, "prayer is the countering principle which is the key to the Father-heart of God." Persistent pressure was the key to this unrighteous judge, perpetual prayer is the key to the activity of. When men talk about God, instead of with God, they are manifesting a deteriorated faith, for the purpose of all faith is to bring us into direct, personal, vital touch with God. You that have a concern about religion, why don't you pray?



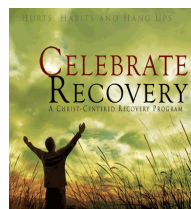
GRIEF SHARE
 Your Journey from Mourning to Joy!
 Sundays, 6:00-7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall
 Childcare for nursery-kindergarten

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

April 2-9, 2017



2017 Goal: \$10,000



Celebrate Recovery
 Meets every Tuesday Night
FBC Annex at 6:30 p.m.
childcare provided for Kindergarten and under



Free 55+ Adult Exercise Class

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 8:00 - 9:00 AM In the Gym

Ladies' Bible Study

"Twelve Extraordinary Women"
 John MacArthur

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall - childcare available

Member books are available \$10

11 week study

"The Armor of God"

Priscilla Shirer

Monday mornings at 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall - no childcare Member books \$13

Evergreen

March 7 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

The Museums of Cleburne
 Speaker - **Stephanie Montero**
 Salad Luncheon \$5

Family Game Night, March 10

6:30 PM in the Annex

Second Friday of each month.

Bring snacks and games, invite your friends! Bring the family!



Wednesday Children's Dinner Menu

March 2017

March 1 - Meatball Subs, Corn, Peaches, Dessert and Drinks

March 8 - Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Mashed Potatoes, Desserts and Drinks

March 15 - Waffles, Sausage, Eggs, Milk and Dessert

March 22 - Frito Chili Pie, Fruit, Dessert and Drinks.

March 29 - Mexico! Tacos, Corn, Refried Beans, Dessert and Drinks



Road to Resurrection

Family Easter Event

Saturday, April 1

9-11 AM in the

Children's Area

LIFE GROUPS

Spring 2017

Grief Share, Sundays, 6-7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall, Leaders: Wilma Reed, Deb Matthews, Pam Ackley

War Room Prayer Meeting, Sundays, 6:00 PM in Worship Center Leader: Brandon Nettik

Sparrow Band, Sundays, 7:30 PM in Annex Leader: Danny Crosby

Israel, Last Sunday in January, February, and March. Leader: Danny Crosby; 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Covenant Men Breakfast, Tuesdays, 6:00 AM in Parlor, Breakfast and Bible study. Leader: Danny Crosby

Exercise Class, Wednesdays 6-7:30 PM, 3rd floor main building. Leader: Hannah Midkiff

Sip 'n Sew, 1st Thursday, Feb-May, 9:00 AM Missions education, prayer and sewing at Dianne Johnson's house, 1000 County Road 314, Cleburne.

Bike Riding, Leader: Barney Benner, 817-980-0691

Family Game Night, 2nd Friday of month in the Annex. Bring games and snacks; 6:30 p.m.

Senior Adult Exercise Class, MWF 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Gym

CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL:

TeamKids Catching Air



Preschool-5th grade are welcome to come on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 PM for an evening of fun where we will be learning how to be more like God.

CentriKid camps Children's Summer Camp
 July 31-August 4 at Trinity Pines Conference Center.

Camp Fund Raiser - March 19 - Spaghetti Dinner after Celebration Worship

Mini-Camp at Camp Copass Summer Camp, in Denton, TX


July 14-15 for children who have completed 1st & 2nd grade. Deposit \$30 due May 1. Cost \$95.00

YOUTH NEWS

We Need...

- ... Youth Workers to help with the Road to Resurrection
- ... For you to grab an envelope at Grand Central and make a donation to help send our students to Camp
- ... Your empty soda cans, also to help send our students to Camp

Cost of Camp is \$360 per student (includes transportation)



Priscilla SHIRER
SIMULCAST
 worship with ANTHONY EVANS
APRIL 8, 2017
 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
 at CLEBURNE BIBLE CHURCH

Hosted by Cleburne Bible and Greater Mt Zion
 For more information contact Pam Ackley at 817-680-5538