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What does God have to say about us?

“There was a man in the country of Uz named Job. He was a man of perfect integrity who feared God and turned away from evil.” (Job 1:1-2) When was the last time someone said anything close to that about us? I’m not just talking about where we are from or what our given name is. How many of us desire to have His integrity and character living in us? This was not Job talking about himself. This was an author that God used to express God’s thoughts about Job. Even by stretching the truth, could we say that about ourselves? What does God have to say about us? What joy it brings to His heart if He can say it about us!

Relay for Life will be Friday night starting at 6 p.m. I’m sure everyone will have a good time. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work. As I think about the name of the event, it reminds me of even bigger things. This is a worthy cause to help in the battle against cancer, but it also reminds me that we are in an even bigger battle. Are we on God’s relay team for life? Spiritually, do we carry the baton of Jesus wherever we go and in whatever we do? May we not be the one to drop the baton before the finish line.

Pray for our seniors as they graduate and take their next step in life. How great it is that we don’t have to take a single step alone. I’m amazed at His grace!

*Amazed at His Grace,
Bro. Travis*

Ladies — if you were a GA member at First Baptist during the late 50s and early 60s, please join us as we honor Mrs. Marie Yates, Mrs. Joan Doolittle, Ann Gifford, the late Mrs. Bettye Stewart and the late Mrs. Doris Johnson for being our leaders, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Girls in Action. We will celebrate at 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 19 in the church fellowship hall!



Students make plans for Mission Arlington trip

Wil Bailey of First Baptist Church of Eupora said he was looking forward “to sharing the gospel with people who might not have ever heard about Jesus.”

Greer Blaylock of FBC Eupora said she expects the upcoming trip to Mission Arlington to be an important time for her personally, as well as for the youth group.

“I’m looking forward to having the opportunity to be used by God to teach kids and spending some close time working with our youth group,” Blaylock said.

Kevin Barnette, youth minister for FBC Eupora, said the upcoming trip to Mission Arlington will be fun but it will also teach students how to serve.

“I think that our students will gain so much more and learn so much about themselves on this trip,” Barnette said. “We are challenging each of them with leadership roles that they have to fulfill. Each person is given responsibility and all of them seem to be taking it seriously. I can already see a fire in the students and we have only had one training session.”

Students at FBC Eupora will be serving at Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex in Arlington, Texas, the week of June 1-7. Mission Arlington is “an evangelical

ministry functioning in partnership with most of the local churches in Arlington from across all denominations, to begin Bible studies which over time grow into church in neighborhoods, mostly in low-income apartment communities throughout the city, and they also meet a variety of physical needs through free ‘benevolent’ programs like medical clinics, food pantries, afterschool tutoring and more.”

Students will be leading evangelistic programs in the apartment communities and other neighborhoods ministries and supporting the benevolence programs. Teams minister in more than 300 apartment complexes, mobile home parks, community centers, playgrounds, laundry rooms and wherever people will gather throughout Arlington. On any given Sunday, more than 5,000 people attend Mission Arlington congregations in their own neighborhood.

According to Mission Arlington, mission teams like the students at FBC Eupora will spend part of each day leading Backyard Bible Clubs, which is the equivalent of portable Vacation Bible School. The remainder of the day will be day will involve the students in one of several work projects,

HELP KEVIN FEED HUNGRY TEENAGERS....

Donations are being taken for food and snacks throughout the week. Kevin said students will be eating sandwiches and chips each day for lunch and breakfast items are needed such as granola bars, cereal and muffins. Monetary contributions are also welcome to help purchase snack items before the group leaves June 1.

which may include picking up donations, delivering furniture to families, working in the clothing room or the food warehouse, passing out flyers to invite people to an event, holding field days or other fun events in one of the apartment communities, or any number of other opportunities.

Barnette said the best way the church and community can help with this project is by praying for each student and leader that is traveling to Arlington, Texas.

“We can not thank God enough that we are even able to travel and to serve,” Barnette said. “Also, pray for the people that we will be making contact with that week. There are a lot of kids that we will be talking with and some of them have not heard the name of Jesus.”

For more information about Mission Arlington, go to <http://www.missionarlington.org/>.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Thursday, May 15**
6:30 Girls' Bible Study @ the Barnette's
6:45 Guys' Bible Study @ FLC
- Sunday, May 18**
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 G-FORCE (Worship for children grades 1-6)
4:00 Mission Arlington Evangelism Training
5:00 VBS Volunteer Meeting
5:15 Youth Bible Study
6:00 Evening Worship
- Monday, May 19**
2:30 WMU Celebrates GA Leaders
6:30 Deacon's Meeting
- Wednesday, May 20**
9:30 Lifestyles WMU
6:30 Prayer and Praise Service
6:30 YOUTH Worship
7:15 Adult Worship Choir Practice
- Friday, May 23**
*** JOY Club trip to Water Valley

ITEMS OF THE MONTH TOOTHBRUSHES & TOOTHPASTE

Bring your OCC donations by the church office TODAY!



THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for all the calls and cards that we received after the death of J.D.'s brother, Jerry. Most of all for the prayers. Everything was appreciated. Please continue to pray for the family.

**In Christ's Love,
J.D. Robertson & family**

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD 5/11/14

Adult.....	140
Young Adult.....	2
College/Career.....	5
Youth.....	23
Children.....	16
Preschool/Nursery.....	14
Nursing Home.....	27
TOTAL.....	227

FINANCIAL 5/11/14

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$8,946.10
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,368.69
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$197,005.11
Gifts to Date.....	\$201,309.45
OVER Budget.....	\$4,304.34

BUILDING FUND 5/11/14

Gifts this week.....	\$100.00
Current balance.....	\$191,655.52

CHURCH STAFF

- Travis Gray — Pastor
Kevin Barnette — Youth Director
Anita Russell — Children's Director
Yvonne Hitt — Financial Secretary
Marcelle Robertson — Custodian
Kathy Bailey — Librarian
Sara Hitt — Church Clerk
Gwen Sisson — Church Secretary

Vacation Bible School meeting set for 5 p.m. Sunday

Well, one more week and another school year is behind you. I know you are excited!

We will have G-Force this week. We will continue our study of Nehemiah and we will learn that we should instruct other people to do what is right. The Bible verse will be “You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them. You have the authority to correct them when necessary, so don’t let anyone disregard what you say.” Titus 2:15. I hope to see you Sunday!

Adults, don’t forget about the VBS meeting at 5 p.m. Sunday. This is for all adults that want to volunteer. We will need teachers, but also crew leaders who won’t have to prepare or teach. They will be in charge of no more than five kids — you will be helping them and encouraging them. This new curriculum is so exciting! I hope you will come and find out what it is all about. Have a great weekend!

*Love,
Mrs. Anita*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| May 15 Carolyn Jackson | May 16 Tennille Gary | May 19 Lesa Hardin |
| May 15 Daniel Robinson | May 17 Debbie Bagwell | May 19 Doyle Cummings |
| May 15 Brown Bailey | May 17 Daniel Hitt | May 19 Ed Baker |
| May 16 William Lee Bagwell | May 17 Jasi Brooke Galloway | May 21 Deven Hitt |
| May 16 Blain Curry | May 17 Haven Ellison | May 21 Isa Coleman |
| May 16 Lorrie Boatman | May 18 Ann Gifford | May 21 Dana Pittman |
| May 16 Justin Boatman | May 19 Mira Watson | |

