

## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

**Home Bound:** Bettie Hughes, Annetta Cotton, Barbara George, Rosemary McCoy, Joyce Litke, Eulen Vaughn

**Health:** Jenny Swezey, Rachel Scott's mother (cancer), Eulen Vaughn, Pat Ashley, Pastor Judi and family, Gary Vaughn, Joyce Litke

**Today's Prayer Partners:** Jenny Swezey, Rebecca Stewart, Pat Ashley, Bonnie Nutt

**March Food Pantry Needs:** Hamburger Helper, jelly, cereal, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, syrup, soup, canned corn, canned meat, toilet paper, cash donation for frozen meat.

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**New Online and Text Giving**

We are using a new vendor for our online and text giving which is fast and easy. To give online, go to our website and click the "giving" button.



**To give from your smart phone** use the phone number **254-870-8777**. Type one of the following words and the amount you wish to give: Tithe, Faith (for Faith Promise), Missions or Other. The first time you give you will enter your checking or banking info. After that, it is as simple as a text. Try it!

**March Birthdays:**

Vicki Trussell	March 3
Ali Hood	March 4
Mia Trussell	March 9
Jared Horn	March 12
Shimese Bello	March 14
Kurt McGurgan	March 15
Pat Hernandez	March 17
Tanner Hood	March 20
Karrie Horn	March 21
Rachel Scott	March 21
Ronnie Angel	March 24
Jacob Moore	March 26

**March Anniversaries:**

Ronnie and Adrienne Angel March 27

- ◆ If you are visiting for the first time today, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer and pick up a welcome bag. We are so glad you are here today.
- ◆ Audio devices are available at the Welcome Center for those having difficulty hearing the service.
- ◆ Wi-Fi Connection...**CFCNAZ-guest** and enter the password **potato94**

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 Office Hours: 9:30 am—4:30 pm



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## WALKING WITH JESUS...

*Pastor Roger*

As we enter the spring months, our hearts are turned to warmer days, blooming flowers and trees, the return of the song birds and many other sights and sounds that are so welcome after the winter months. The days are warm and the nights are cool enough to spend some time walking, enjoying all of the above, looking forward to the summer months with trips and vacations.

through Jesus Christ, God's Son. For the next several weeks I want us to take a walk with Jesus in some of the places He walked as He approached the terrible and wonderful weekend of His death and Resurrection! The series is entitled, "Walking With Jesus..." Walking with Jesus...in the desert, after dark, at the well, along the road, in the cemetery and finally to Calvary. Each of these stopping places give us fresh insight into not only the life of Christ, but our own lives as well. Join us each Sunday for a fresh wind from the Word of God that will refresh your soul.

But, there is something else in the air as spring approaches – the remembrance of the very essence of our spiritual existence – the INCREDIBLE gift of salvation

## New Sunday Night Small Group

Four lessons on the Jewish roots of the faith and Biblical holidays begin Sunday, March 12, at 6 pm in Room 104 of the church. Join Lauren Yates, a Messianic Jew, as she helps us understand the meaning behind the Old Testament traditions, feasts and celebrations and how they can add fresh meaning to our life in Christ.

## Church Events

- March 3<sup>rd</sup>—Least of These Breakfast
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – GET R.E.A.L. Youth Lock In
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – New Sunday Night Small Group Begins
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – Holy Smokes BBQ Fundraiser
- April 8<sup>th</sup> - Children's Quiz in S. Austin
- April 9<sup>th</sup>— "The Gathering" at McLane Stadium
- April 14<sup>th</sup>—GET R.E.A.L. Youth Movie Night
- April 16<sup>th</sup>—Resurrection Sunday Worship

# March 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Mission Waco Least of These	4
5 Men's/ Women's Small Groups	6 <b>GET R.E.A.L. Lock In</b>	7	8	9	10	11
12 Men's/ Women's /Yates Small Groups Leadership Mtg	13	14	15	16	17	18 Holy Smokes BBQ
19 Men's/ Women's /Yates Small Groups	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Men's/ Women's /Yates Small Groups	27	28	29	30	31	

**Spring Break**

# Holy Smokes BBQ Fundraiser

Fundraiser for the summer mission trip to Arizona



Fire Up the Grills! Reserve your spot! Entry fee is only \$10. See Pastor Brad or sign up at the Welcome Center.

Tickets for the BBQ fundraiser go on sale today. VIP arm band is \$15. (sample each BBQ entry and receive one full BBQ plate). Regular

tickets \$7 (pays for one full BBQ plate only, your choice). A child's plate (10 and younger) is \$5. Under two eat free. Meals served 11:30 am—2:00 pm.

Judging begins at 11:30 am. Trophy presentation at 1:00 pm.

Join us for a time of fun, fellowship, and great food. Hotdogs and hamburgers will also be available for those too young for BBQ.

Pray for the summer mission trip, June 16—June 24. Our youth are ministering to the Native American Indians in Arizona.

## Resurrection Sunday Schedule April 19

**Sunrise Service 7:00 am**  
We meet in front of the church, under the sign where a cross will be hung.

**Breakfast 8:30 am**

**Family Sun. School 9:30 am**  
We all meet together with a fun, engaging lesson on His death and resurrection.

**Morning Worship 10:45 am**  
Very special morning worship

## The Gathering

City-wide gathering at McLane Stadium, Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 pm

On Palm Sunday, April 9, an historic event takes place at Baylor's McLane Stadium where The Church of Waco and beyond come together for one evening to worship God in one place! Admission is free, but

everyone is asked to bring at least 2 canned goods to be distributed to local food pantries.

If you wish to be part of the 1,000 voice choir, email [grhodes@firstwoodway.org](mailto:grhodes@firstwoodway.org) or see Rochelle.

## Summer Camps

Mark your calendars for this year's summer camps at Trinity Pines in Trinity, TX. Cost not yet available.

### Children and Pre Teen Camp—July 24-28

Children's Camp is for children graduated 1st grade through graduated 3rd grade. Pre Teen Camp is for those graduated 4th grade through graduated 6th grade.

### Youth Camp—July 4-8

For students graduated 6th grade through 12th grade.

## GET R.E.A.L. STUDENT MINISTRY

LOCK IN! Sunday night, March 5. 6:00 pm—8:00 am  
Bring \$2 and a 2 liter and bag of chips. You KNOW this will be a fun time with Pastor Brad. Bring a friend and begin Spring Break with a bang.



Random Acts of Fun continue throughout the week. Keep your eyes and ears open!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

Beginning Wednesday night, March 1 at 6:00 pm, Pastor Brad begins a series called "So It Begins—Your life as you know it and what it can be with Jesus." Weekly lessons include: "Why do we Fall?" "Out of the Shadows" "A New Beginning" "Fight for Your Right" "We Need to be a Team" "Back with a Vengeance" and "Victory!"

## Promises

By Pastor Judi Wiegman

Right after Chalmer went home to be with Jesus I wondered how I would ever make it to the next hour. When the sun came up the next day, I wondered how I would make it to the next. I found a very quiet spot and asked Jesus to make me a promise.

"Promise me," I said, "that you will give me a song or a verse every time I waver; every time I feel weak and unable to stand the pain." Instantly, the first one came. "I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Waiting at the house for my daughters to arrive from the Dallas area, each moment ticked off as an hour. Again, He came with comforting words. They have come, consistently....faithfully....right on target!

Soon, I realized that He would sustain me and lead me on this journey, not of my choosing, yet mine to take. I began to write them in my journal. In the days and month ahead, I know I will continue to pen them, knowing they will sustain me through it all.

I learned some things from this simple "crying out to my Jesus." First, I learned He is close, ever so close to the broken hearted. Second, He has time for ME. Third, He knows all the songs and verses I have committed to memory and He can call up exactly the right one for the moment I am experiencing. (Makes me really glad for my personal evangelism course in college and the countless verses I tucked in my heart.)

He, the God of the universe, sees every tear that falls and hears every cry from us, His children. He will not fail in His promises to us. Oh that we would be as faithful to Him. Take joy on your journey.

*"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."*  
Philippians 4:19 (New Living Bible)

## OUR LINKS MISSIONARIES

Get to know Hermann and Brigitte Gschwandtner, Our LINKS missionaries for 2017-2018

Hermann and Brigitte Gschwandtner are retired missionaries from Germany. In 1990 the Church of the Nazarene asked them to start the work of the church in the Soviet Union (now CIS) and Eastern Europe. From there they moved to what is now called South Asia. The work in Bangladesh was just over a year old, and there was nothing in the other neighboring countries of Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. After 20 years of work there, the Lord blessed them with over 3,000 churches in these new countries.

The Gschwandtners used the Jesus Film, Compassionate ministries & child-focused community developments as tools for the Lord to transform individuals and whole families and communities in an area where over two billion people were mainly influenced by Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam.

They are now living in Germany, helping the church reach out to the floods of refugees with the love of Christ (1.2 million entered Germany in 2016).

What can we do for our LINKS (Loving, Interested, Nazarenes, Knowing and Sharing)? First, pray for them as they continue loving others in their retirement. Second, pick up a birthday card for each that we will mail in April. (Hermann's birthday is in August, Bridgette in July). The cards can be given to an usher or greeter and we will collect them in the office.

