

Welcome!

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Please help us get to know you by providing the requested information and placing this tear off tab in the offering plate during the Worship Service.

February 12, 2012

I would like to receive the church mailings

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

email _____

Birthday _____

What brought you to us today?

New to town

HPU student

Looking for a new church home

Website

Yellow Pages

Invited by a friend:

Are you a member of a church? Yes No

Church name _____

City _____ State _____

Did you attend a class today? Yes No

Which class _____

Best time to contact you:

Day _____ Time _____

Names and birthdates of children living at

home:

Our Pastor would love to meet you today. He will be at the center door as you exit the Worship Service. Please introduce yourself to him before you leave.

Today's Worship Music

Jubilate Deo
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah • Hymn 56
Holy is the Lord
We Fall Down
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling • Hymn 208

And the Father Will Dance
Jesus Paid It All • Hymn 134
Recollection of Joy
Doxology • Hymn 253

Today's Scripture Reading: Mark 1:40-45



THE NUMBERS OF HOPE

A SIX WEEK STUDY FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH
DURING THE SEASON OF LENT

Beginning the week of February 20, 2012

Culminating Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012

Monday Nights	Home of Steve & Pam Blake	6:30 p.m.	Coed
Tuesday Nights	Home of Mar FULL Tew	6:45 p.m.	Coed
Wednesday Nights	FBC Fellowship Hall 112B	6:00 p.m.	Ladies
	FBC The BRICK	6:30 p.m.	Coed

Additional class hosts and leaders wanted

How to unite with the First Family

At First Baptist Church, Brownwood, we welcome you to become a part of our family of faith. We invite you to visit one of our Sunday School classes & Bible Study groups, as well as the worship choir, student & children's groups.

Membership in the church is offered to anyone who professes Jesus Christ as their Savior and follows Him in believer's baptism. One of the ministers will be glad to visit with you during the invitation or make an appointment to discuss this or any other questions you may have about FBC at your convenience.

If you have a decision to make or wish to talk or pray with someone, we invite you to come to the front of the Sanctuary during the invitation hymn, immediately following the sermon, and speak with one of the ministers.

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Senior Pastor

Ash Wednesday falls on February 22. It begins the season of preparation for Easter known as Lent. It is not a season I observed as a child. In fact, I don't remember hearing the word until I was in high school. My friends of other denominations knew something about it and that was pretty much all I needed to know to decide it wasn't for me. If those other guys observed it a good Baptist probably shouldn't. Nobody told me that. I figured it out all by myself. I was smart that way! Interesting logic!

Now Baptists observe the season. They don't always call it Lent. They use other terms to describe it. Perhaps you know a church that has done 40 Days of Purpose. Baptist pastor, Rick Warren, wrote it for his church. Many now use it or a similar study in the 40 days prior to Easter.

Purpose is not a bad word to describe Lent. It is something we do with intentionality. It is an attempt to follow Jesus more closely. Sorrow for personal sin, repentance, and spiritual renewal are all a part of the experience. As a young Baptist we called this experience "rededication" of life and it was more likely to happen during the Spring or Fall revival. I guess that was seasonal too.

For me, this has become a significant season for the church together. We join in an intense time of Bible study, prayer, repentance, and renewal. This year we will include a study called 3:16. It is written by Max Lucado and is a study of the themes presented in John 3:16. I hope you will sign up for one of the studies. More importantly, I hope you will join us Wednesday evening, February 22, at 6:00 PM. We will begin the season together. We will follow Jesus together.

I am glad to be

Your Pastor,

