

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.

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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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing • Hymn #216

Blessed Be Your Name

Give Thanks

We Fall Down

Great Is Thy Faithfulness • Hymn #54

Take My Life and Let It Be • Hymn #277

Doxology

Today's Scripture Readings: II Corinthians 8: 7-15



Church Wide Rangers Trip Friday, July 6

There are tickets still available for the Ranger game. If you are interested in attending the game, contact David Stippick immediately. Cost is \$10. The church vans are full, but we will caravan with other folks to Arlington. We're leaving the church at 3:30 p.m. for the game.

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

It is the season for weddings. Debbie and I were at Austin and Kate's wedding Thursday night. In a few weeks it will be David and Hillary's turn. It seems all the world of eligible singledom is tying the knot this year.

A wedding creates a family and it brings families together. They are occasions of love, joy, and hope. Maybe that is why the bible employs so much wedding and marriage imagery to

describe the Kingdom of God. Weddings occupied a prominent role in the ministry and teaching of Jesus. His first miracle in John's gospel was performed at a wedding. The parables include stories of wedding preparations, invitations, clothes, brides, and grooms. Paul said husbands should love their wives as Christ loved the church. He also said the church is the bride of Christ. The Old Testament begins with the creation of a world and the first family. The prophets often described Israel's unfaithfulness to God like an unfaithful wife.

We know families are important. They are the building blocks of societies, whether we are thinking of nations or churches. But they are also sermons. The content of the family metaphors in the Bible is informed by the quality of our family lives. Healthy loving families bless the individuals that comprise them, build stronger covenant communities, and reveal the depths of God's love for us.

Robert Fulghum wrote a little book called, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." I disagree with the title. I learned all I needed to know at home...in my family. In the family in which I was raised. I love the family Debbie and I created together. I love the families in my life. I love my family of faith. I am glad to be

Your Pastor,

