

the Connection

NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH REDWATER

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Keeping the Body Connected in Ministry

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"Return, O Lord! How long?

*And have compassion on
Your servants.*

*Oh, satisfy us early with Your
mercy, That we may rejoice
and be glad all our days!*

*Make us glad according to
the days in which You have
afflicted us, The years in
which we have seen evil.*

*Let Your work appear to
Your servants,
And Your glory to their
children.*

*And let the beauty of
the Lord our God be upon us,
And establish the work of our
hands for us; Yes, establish
the work of our hands. ."*

Psalm 90:13-17

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SHALOM! And HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In Philippians 3:13-14 the Apostle Paul said..."Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Even though we made it through the strangest year of our lives and 2020 is finally over (thank you Jesus!), just like the Apostle Paul, we have to confess that we have not yet "arrived". We are not finished growing, stretching, learning, and serving. In spite of unprecedented changes and challenges we faced together in this past year, YOU have demonstrated beautifully that the "CHURCH" is truly not limited to buildings and meetings, and cannot be silenced by neither by a global "pandemic" nor social and political chaos! In spite of limitations we have seen the gospel reach into more homes, and even states and countries through social media and radio broadcasting than ever before. You gave to supply a new roof for one family, tons of meals for hundreds of families, new socks and other encouragement for over 500 prison inmates, supplies and physical support for 200 deployed Marines and other servicemen, not to mention all the hope and healing from a list of laces you have served individually.

We are entering 2021 stronger than we could have ever dreamed because HE IS FAITHFUL and we are leaning forward with great expectation to see what He will do in 2021 God only knows what He has in store for His church in this coming year, but what we do know is that together WE WILL continue to PRESS FORWARD toward the upward call of God to proclaim the gospel to Redwater, Texas and the world! Resolve now to be a part of all of it...GET READY TO RUN IN 2021!

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.” - Hebrews 12:1-3



KINGDOMSEEKERS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OF FBC REDWATER

**Wednesday After School
Program will resume
January 6**

Contact Daneen or Tami with any questions.

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Contact the Church Office if you have any questions!



The excitement of a brand new year offers all sorts of expectations! Looking back at 2020 (and most people are ready to), it wasn't all bad for me. I got some great pain relief in my lower back, was cured of melanoma, protected from the COVID cooties and I got to serve you wonderful people of First Baptist Redwater for another year!

If we "look for the pony", we will find lots of good even in the year 2020! Besides, our circumstances do not define our joy if we are Christ-followers! I wish you a prosperous, Jesus-filled year full of opportunities to witness for Him!

I love you all in Jesus' mighty name!

JOY

Just Older Youth Group

EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

5 Game Day
10am in FMB

12 Elkins Trio & Potluck
10am in FMB

19 Lunch & Outreach
11:30am

26 Lake DeGray Trip
9:00am

loaves&fish 
Food Ministry of FBC Redwater
The next food box pick-up will be
January 8th

If you are interested in helping pack and/or distribute boxes please contact Connie Gregory.

WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAY
AT 9AM AND 10:45AM

Worship with Us!

Limited seating will be available in each service to accommodate social distancing recommendations. We encourage the elderly and physically vulnerable to attend the 9am service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

let the Church pray alongside you

Submit prayer requests to prayer@fbcredwater.org
or call the church office at (903) 671 2142