

# The Challenger

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Hopefully, these imperatives look familiar to you. About five years ago or so, these were the values that we adopted here at First Baptist as our Mission Statement. We feel like if we dedicate our time and resources towards pursuing a balance of these four different areas (or five – depending on how many you count with “Connect”), we will be doing what God has called us to do here in Winslow.

A couple of months ago, as we do every year, Church Council met together to see how we were doing at fulfilling our mission. We threw these four different categories up on the board and listed under each heading the different ministries that we’re currently engaged in that fit that particular category. The purpose of the activity, of course, was to see which of the four areas was more anemic than the others in the attention it received.

It probably wouldn’t surprise you that out of the four, we were the lightest in Sharing His Message (Evangelism). It wasn’t non-existent, just the lightest. In brainstorming ideas of what to do about that in a day when people aren’t real anxious for strangers to knock on their door on a Saturday morning (though we periodically do that, too), we wondered, what is the best way to reach people who weren’t/wouldn’t darken the doors of our church? Dan Bewley, one of our newest Council members, looked at the board full of activities for a while and said, “This church does a lot! I mean a lot! That is just – a lot!” He was genuinely shocked, but I’m not positive it was in a good way. The little poem started running through my mind:

Mary had a little lamb, it would have grown to be a sheep.  
But it joined the local Baptist church and died from lack of sleep.

I’m all for staying busy in doing the work of the kingdom, but what if some of the activities on our board were merely the result of a 108-year-old church adopting some sacred cows along the way? That’s always a question worth asking, but Dan didn’t stop with his shock. He went on to say, “I’ve heard you all mention a desire for home teams. You know, home teams could accomplish all four of those areas, Sharing His Message included. People will invite their friends and family to a small group at a house faster than they will to a church building.” In other words, it might be an activity that could save us from spinning quite as many plates on the poles of the church calendar.

We pondered that. You know, he’s right? (Truthfully, some of us had been praying about it/thinking about it for a while, but it took a Dan Bewley to bring it up in an official meeting in a way that brought traction.) So let me share with you what’s coming on the horizon. Home teams! Small intimate groups meeting off campus during the week that can support each other in Connecting, Growing, Serving, and Sharing. It’s been a long time coming, but it looks like God is at last raising up some leaders with the same desires. Keep looking at the bulletin and listening to announcements. The teams are coming, I hope you can be a part.

In His Grip,  
Pastor Fred

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Food Box Distribution is on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.

This is a FREE service to anyone who  
needs it - Sponsored by  
The Most Excellent Way Bible Study.



**Men's Prayer & Fellowship  
Breakfast  
Will resume in May**



Senior Adult  
Lunch/Potluck  
Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
11:30 AM  
Activity Center

**ACTS** (After Church Together Social) meal activity began the first Sunday in March. This informal get together is designed to be held every Sunday after church in the Activity Center. Please bring your own lunch plus some to share. Visitors' lunches will be provided. Please see any of the deacons if you have any questions or need more details.

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
Good Friday Service**

will be held at 6 PM this Friday night at our brand new *Multiply Church*, 801 W. Aspinwall Ave. We will be led in our remembrance by Multiply Church's pastor, Pastor Randy Therio. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Easter Sunday  
April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for a Brunch at 9:15 AM in the Activity Center  
Please bring a dish to share.  
Morning Worship Service is at 10:30 AM  
(No Morning Bible Study Classes)

Quarterly Update and Church Potluck  
Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Morning Worship Service. Please bring a main dish and side/dessert to share.

**SAVE THE DATES: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 17-20 5:30-8:00 PM**

We will be traveling with Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to the land of Babylon!  
Contact Kathy Didway for more details and if you would like to volunteer.



**Mark your calendar!!**

- 04/02 12:00 PM ACTS – Activity Center
- 04/02 4:00 PM Grief Share Support Group – Rm 103A
- 04/02 5:30 PM TWICE FED – Activity Center
- 04/02 5:30 PM Teacher's Bible School – Activity Center
- 04/02 6:00 PM Youth University
- 04/03 6:00 PM Men's Potluck
- 04/03 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 04/04 9:00 AM Men's Fellowship
- 04/04 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
- 04/04 2:00 PM Hope Family Center
- 04/05 6:00 PM Family Bible Connection
- 04/05 6:00 PM Evening Bible Study – Rm 103A
- 04/05 7:15 PM Youth Night
- 04/06 6:00 PM The Most Excellent Way  
Good Friday – No School WUSD
- 04/07 6:00 PM Good Friday Service – Multiply Church
- 04/09 9:15 AM Easter Brunch – Activity Center
- 04/09 NO Morning Bible Studies
- 04/09 4:00 PM Grief Share Support Group  
– Rm 103A
- 04/09 NO TWICE FED
- 04/09 NO Teacher's Bible School
- 04/09 NO Youth University
- 04/10 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 04/11 9:00 AM Men's Fellowship
- 04/11 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
- 04/11 2:00 PM Hope Family Center
- 04/12 6:00 PM Family Bible Connection
- 04/12 6:00 PM Evening Bible Study – Rm 103A
- 04/12 7:15 PM Youth Night
- 04/13 3:00 pm Food Box Distribution
- 04/13 6:00 PM The Most Excellent Way
- 04/13 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting
- 04/14 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study – Rm 205B
- 04/16 12:00 PM ACTS – Activity Center
- 04/16 3:00 PM Deacons' Meeting
- 04/16 4:00 PM Grief Share Support Group  
– Rm 103A
- 04/16 5:30 PM TWICE FED – Activity Center
- 04/16 5:30 PM Teacher's Bible School – Activity Center
- 04/16 6:00 PM Youth University
- 04/17 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 04/18 9:00 AM Men's Fellowship
- 04/18 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
- 04/18 2:00 PM Hope Family Center
- 04/19 6:00 PM Family Bible Connection
- 04/19 6:00 PM Evening Bible Study – Rm 103A
- 04/19 7:15 PM Youth Night
- 04/20 6:00 PM The Most Excellent Way
- 04/21 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study – Rm 205B
- 04/21 11:30 AM Senior Adult Potluck/Luncheon  
– Activity Center
- 04/23 12:00 PM ACTS – Activity Center
- 04/23 4:00 PM Grief Share Support Group  
– Rm 103A
- 04/23 5:30 PM TWICE FED – Activity Center
- 04/23 5:30 PM Teacher's Bible School – Activity Center
- 04/23 6:00 PM Youth University
- 04/24 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 04/25 9:00 AM Men's Fellowship
- 04/25 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study & Fellowship
- 04/25 2:00 PM Hope Family Center
- 04/26 6:00 PM Family Bible Connection
- 04/26 6:00 PM Evening Bible Study – Rm 103A
- 04/26 7:15 PM Youth Night
- 04/27 3:00 pm Food Box Distribution
- 04/27 6:00 PM The Most Excellent Way
- 04/28 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study – Rm 205B
- 04/30 12:00 PM Quarterly Update & Church Potluck  
NO TWICE FED
- 04/30 NO Teacher's Bible School
- 04/30 NO Youth University