

# Welcome New Members

# First word

April 2007

### February 17/18, 2007

Alvin and Lola Waller (Letter)  
Caleb Wess (Baptism)

### February 24/25, 2007

Ivan Dunlap (Statement)  
Samantha Palmeria (Statement)  
Bill (Statement) and Jackie (Letter) Sechrest

### March 3/4, 2007

Zach and Amanda Cannaday (Letter)  
Jill Knight (Letter)  
Jeff Maxfield (Baptism)

### March 10/11, 2007

Meagan Barnett (Baptism)  
Rod O'Keefe (Baptism)

### Ministerial Staff

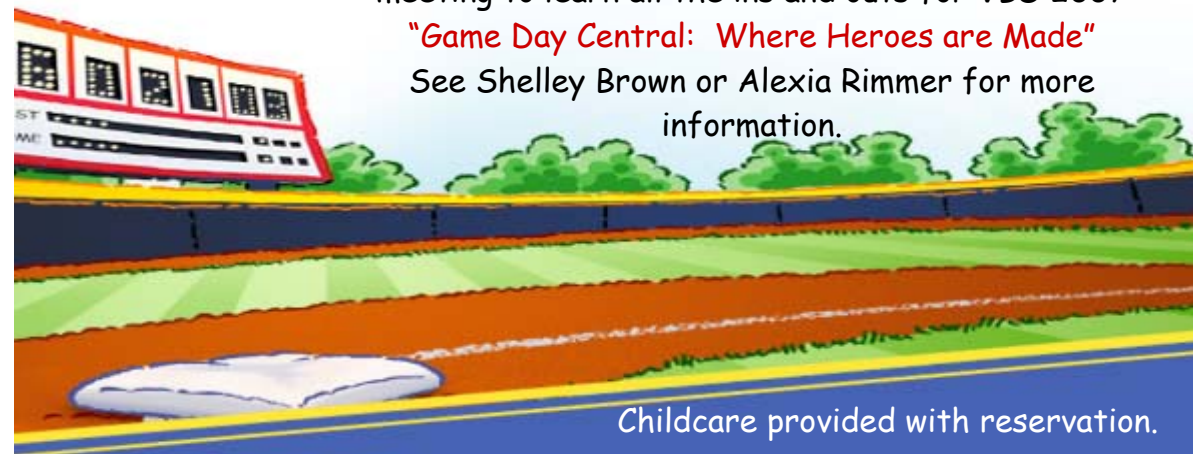
Pastor	Steve Swofford
Minister of Missions/Evangelism	Shawn Risinger
Minister of Music/Administration	Michael J. Manley
Music Associate	Russ Porter
Minister to Students	Cory Liebrum
Associate Minister to Students	Chris Disch
Minister to Older Adults	Jesse Crouch
Minster to Children	Alexia Rimmer
Interim Minister to Preschoolers	Shelley Brown
Weekday School Director	Leslie Reynolds

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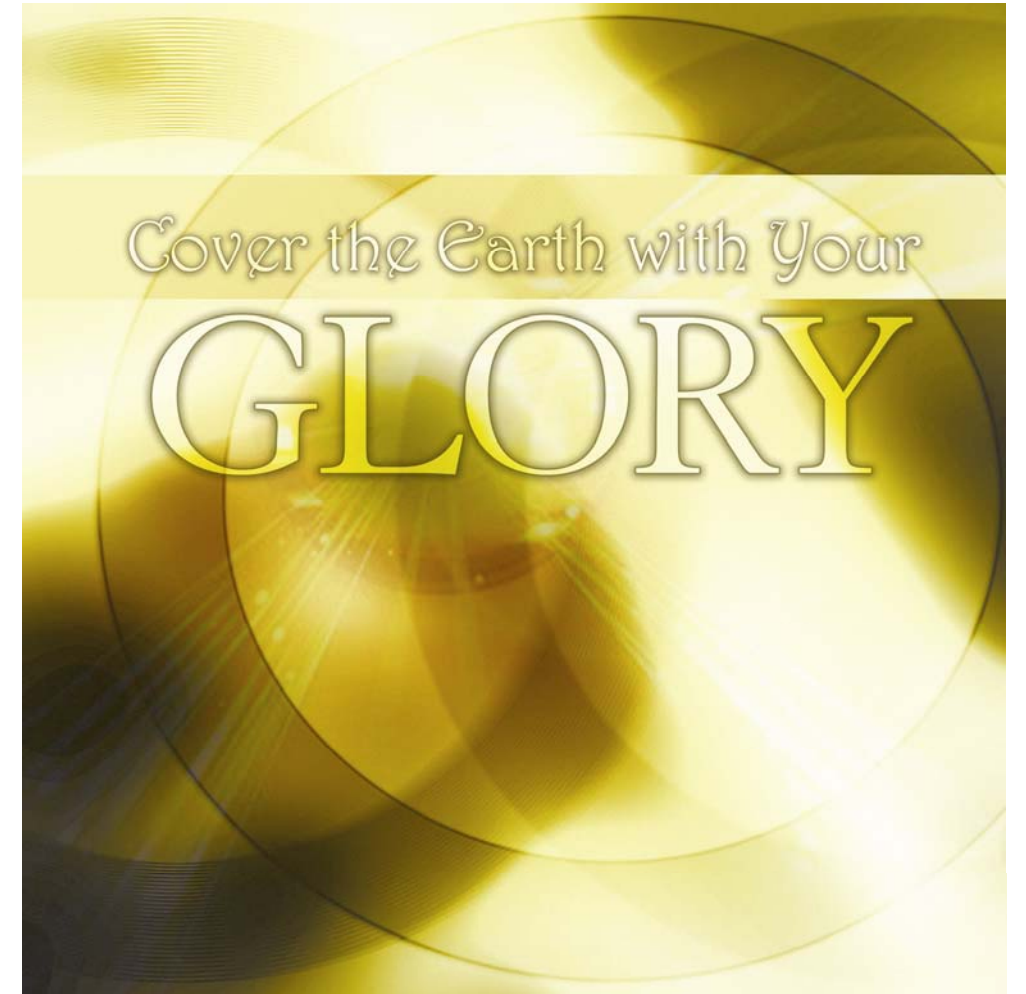
## 2007 VBS CLINIC

### Saturday, April 21; 9:00 AM- Noon

Haven't signed up to help with VBS? Come to this meeting to learn all the ins and outs for VBS 2007  
**"Game Day Central: Where Heroes are Made"**  
See Shelley Brown or Alexia Rimmer for more information.



Childcare provided with reservation.



A Worship/Missions Musical

Presented by:  
the First Family Worship Choir

# April 28 & 29

during all four Worship services

Professionally recorded soundtrack featuring the First Family Worship Choir will be available soon. More details inside.

## From the Pastor's Pen

### EASTER – DON'T FORGET TO CELEBRATE!

**Easter** – It's a *wonderful* thing that so many folks that we never see any other time except maybe Christmas, come to church on Easter – or is it?

Honestly, those of us who come all the time sort of feel violated and invaded by the Easter crowd. Who are these strangers? We know they won't be back again next week so why do they bother?

I've decided this – I'd rather preach to someone once a year than never at all. You never know which heart God's Spirit might be working in – so let's make sure that we throw out the welcome mat to those who come, that we do all that we can to make their visit a good one!

**Easter** – It's a *wonder-filled* day for those of us who are believers!

Don't let the "Easter Crowd" and their "Easter Clothes" rob you of the single most important holiday that we Christians have. Make sure that you take time this Easter to pause, wonder, and worship the fact that our God was willing to do what he did.

The reality of the Resurrection is the rock that Christianity stands or falls on. As Paul says, *"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile ...and we are to be pitied more than all men."* (1 Cor. 15:17,19) But, He has been raised from the dead and we, though we celebrate that every Lord's Day, do so in a special way on Easter!

**Easter** weekend our times and schedule will be normal, but obviously our services will be more crowded than normal.

Some of you might want to consider Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

Parking will be at a premium – be nice! See you then. Happy Easter!

*Steve Swofford*

# First Events

## First Family Fishing Tournament

**Saturday, April 28**

6:00 AM-2:00 PM

Open to all ages of men and women. Teams must consist of two members. Children under 16 require adult supervision and therefore may have up to three members on a team. Cost is \$20.00 per person (\$15 per children under 16). All registrations, payment, team roster, and team name must be received no later than Monday, April 23. For more information, contact Joe Pecina, tournament director. *(All teams must have at least one FBC Rockwall member.)* On **Thursday, April 26** from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall there will be a dinner for Fishing Tournament Participants to explain rules. Participants will draw for prizes and starting times.

## Worship Choir CD

For the first time ever the First Family Worship Choir is making a professionally recorded CD. Beginning Sunday, April 15, in the front foyer, for a 3-week period, we will be offering the CD "Cover the Earth with Your Glory", for \$12.00 each with your prepaid order. CD's purchased at the time they come in will be sold for \$15.00 each.

We encourage you to purchase this CD of worship and missions music for their clients, friends, and using this as a ministry tool. We will also be encouraging people to purchase these to send to military personnel and others that this would minister to. Also 20 percent of proceeds will go to Missions.

Do you have an event or announcement for First Events? Call Susan Edsall at 972.771.8459 no later than 15th of the previous month to have your event included.

## Easter Schedule

We will be observing our regular weekend schedule:

*Saturday, April 7*

6:00 pm - Worship

7:00 pm - Bible Study

*Sunday, April 8*

8:00 am - Worship & Bible Study

9:30 am - Worship & Bible Study

10:50 am - Worship

## 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

**Saturday, May 5**

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For all adults and students 7th grade and up. Cost: \$15.00 per person. No more than 4 players on team roster. At least half of your team must be made up of FBC Rockwall members. All teams must register, pay, and turn in team roster with team name by Wednesday, May 2.

## Mother's Day Tea

**Saturday, May 12**

2:00-4:00 PM; Fellowship Hall

Save this date on your calendar. All ladies including girls ages 3 and up are invited to attend. No reservation required.

## Year-End Preschool, Children and Youth Choir Program

**Wednesday, May 16**

6:30-7:30 PM; Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of music presented by our preschool, children's, youth choirs, and youth handbells.



Check out our website: [www.rockwallyouth.org](http://www.rockwallyouth.org)

## Senior Sunday

**Sunday, May 20**

All students graduating from High School are invited to participate in Senior Sunday Recognition service during the 10:50 service. Please RSVP to student ministry office by May 14.

## Women of Faith Conference

**August 24-25**

Interested in attending the 2007 Women of Faith conference at the American Airlines Center with other women from First Baptist Church? Fifteen tickets are still available. Cost: \$53.00 for both Friday evening and Saturday; price includes a box lunch on Saturday. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact Wanda Taylor at 972.375.2872. For more information about Women of Faith visit the website at [www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com).

## FBC Ministry Day Update

Seventy-one volunteers joined together to work in six different local mission projects on Saturday, March 3, for our first FBC Ministry Day. **Habitat for Humanity** volunteers insulated interior walls, caulked exterior walls, hung sheetrock, and roofed houses. Hard labor produces hungry people - several volunteers stayed and prepared meals for the Habitat for Humanity workers. Also, over 60 missionary families serving with the **International Mission Board** will receive letters from those who came together to write letters of encouragement to express how much they are loved and supported. In addition, a crew went to the **Pregnancy Resource Center** and sorted clothes, restocked closets, and did Spring-cleaning. Yet another group spent the day visiting at **Summer Ridge**. Plus, from a partnership with the Primera Spanish church, six teams were formed to go door-to-door in **Happy Country Homes**. Individuals were invited to attend their language appropriate church, and tracts and flyers were distributed. Overall, the day was a huge success. Be watching for your opportunity to help serve in future First Family Ministry Days.

## Congratulations

Claudia and Scott Faucheux with brother Octavian, announce the birth of their daughter Clementine Antionette, born January 25.

Cindy and Stephen Calvert announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Grace, born February 6.

Mandy and Mike Alexander with siblings Austin, Ava, and Aubrey, announce the birth of daughter Ansley Kathryn born March 9.

Andrea and Brian Epperson announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Ashley born March 1. Proud grandparents are Laura and Rob Epperson.

## Thank You

Please check the bulletin board for notes from:

Tom and Judy Bennett  
The family of A.G. Ross

## Our Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy to:

The family of Doris Belew.  
Jeanette Bauchman in the death of her brother.

The family of Gena Greene.  
The family of Tevis Wimpee.

## FIRST FAMILY REPORT

### Bible Study Attendance

February 17/18- 1,191

February 24/25 - 1,201

March 3/4 - 1,177

March 10/11 - 996

### Tithes and Offerings

General Required - \$55,020.00

February 17/18 - \$86,494.23

February 24/25 - \$58,194.89

March 3/4 - \$57,944.46

March 10/11 - \$50,000.32

### Extending the Vision

February 17/18 - \$10,987.54

February 24/25 - \$13,269.49

March 3/4 - \$13,815.61

March 10/11 - \$11,435.26

To Date - \$1,059,543.35

## GAME DAY CENTRAL:

## WHERE HEROES ARE MADE

A Musical Presented by:

Young Musicians and Preteen Praise Choirs

**Sunday, April 22 6:00 pm**

The game is on...and excitement is in the air! Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made™ will get kids in the game and help them learn how to become heroes both on and off the field by focusing on Jesus and following God's plan for their lives.