Thank you for the great outpouring of love and gifts for Patsy Rogers. Her retirement reception was wonderfully attended, and I appreciate so much the Personnel Committee for putting much thought into making the evening one that we will remember. Even though she is now retired, Patsy is still very much active. In fact, she has been helping to clean up and reorganize the Heritage Room, so this is a wonderful thing. Let’s make sure to continue to voice our appreciation to her.

**Easter’s Coming!** We will celebrate Easter this year on March 27. Throughout this month on Sundays and Wednesdays, my preaching will be focused exclusively on Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. We continue our journey to the cross in the Sunday morning “Big Story” series. We are talking about the Seven Signs of Jesus in John’s Gospel on Sunday evenings. And we will talk about Jesus’ words from the cross on Wednesday nights this month. I hope that you can make every effort to be a part of our preparation for Easter this year. Also, please find the special section in the Equipper this week with our Easter schedule.

**Security Conversation Follow-Up** - Our deacons were pleased to welcome Officer Zach Upton of the SAPD to our last deacons’ meeting. Plans are now being discussed about forming a security team and updating our security procedures to ensure that we are both a safe and welcoming place for worship and Bible study. Thanks for your prayers.

**4xfour Evangelism** - How are you doing with 4xfour? Remember that some vital opportunities to INVEST and INVITE your 4xfour people are coming up this month with our special Easter schedule. Let’s continue to keep our evangelism strategy top of mind during this crucial time of the year for witnessing.

*Pastor James*
Collette Tours & FBC present the HERITAGE OF AMERICA TOUR
October 7-16, 2016

Follow the epic story of American democracy as you visit New York City, Philadelphia, Amish Country, Gettysburg, Shenandoah, Monticello, Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The trip includes 10 days of travel and lodging and 14 meals.
LAST CALL! If you are interested, you must register by March 28, 2016 by calling the church office at 655-4101 or Patsy at 655-8448.

Helping Hands
A Campaign to Repair and Restore Homes to Low Income Elderly Homeowners

One-Day Blitz
April 2, 2016
First Baptist Church will team up with Helping Hands to help restore or repair the homes of low-income elderly homeowners. If you are interested in serving on this team, please contact Charlie Smith at 277-7236.

Lee Elder
FBC member, Lee Elder, was recently recognized by the San Angelo Kiwanis Club for having 60 years of perfect attendance.
Lee has been a Kiwanis member since August 1, 1955. He has served in many positions over the past 60 years and was named Kiwanian of the Year for 1975-76.
Lee’s life of service extends far beyond the Kiwanis Club as he served our country during World War II from 1943-1946 in the Army Air Corps as an airplane mechanic. He also worked for many years in public education, including nearly 20 years as the Business Administrator at SAISD until his retirement in 1982.
Lee and his wife, Joyce, are long time members of FBC. He is an ordained Deacon, a Deacon Emeritus, and has served on many committees throughout the years including the Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Committee on Committees, and the Vision 2000 Building Campaign.
Congratulations, Lee, and thank you for your service to your church and your community!

Debbie Lopez
Fort Concho Elementary 4th grade teacher and FBC member Debbie Lopez was named this year’s Texas Elementary School Teacher of the Year by the Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts.
Debbie has taught for over 27 years in San Angelo, primarily with Gifted and Talented students. In 2003, she was chosen as the Gifted and Talented Teacher of the Year for Region 15, which includes over 45 school districts. In 2014, she was named Fort Concho’s Teacher of the Year and the SAISD Elementary Teacher of the Year.
Debbie and her husband, Raul, are active members at FBC, working in the nursery during extended care and teaching in Vacation Bible School.
Thank you, Debbie, for loving and serving children in the public school system and in our church.
**Homebound Ministry**

During February, the Homebound Ministry Team made 204 visits, 15 phone calls and sent out 4 cards/letters. This ministry team meets for lunch on the last Wednesday of each month, except for July and December. For more information, please contact Barbara Rowland at 949-6492.

**March 2**
- Landon Gray
- Maggie Kershner
- June Hopper
- Marilda Johnson
- Garrett Paul
- Emilee Ponder
- Kendall Green
- Jesiah Martinez
- Blaine Palmer
- Jade Baucom
- Lois Droegemeier
- Joyce Elder
- Melvin Jennings
- Bryan Ponder
- Jewell Cypert
- Donna Paul
- James Fox
- Alan Kautz
- Alma Valdez
- Chase Little
- Lance Templin
- Ruth Woodland

**March 9**
- Kai Arellano
- Lola DeVaney
- Bud Evans
- Tommy Gatlin

**March 10**
- Helen Hewell

**March 11**
- Tennis Fillip
- Amya White

**March 12**
- Debbie Martinez
- Rushing Sheffield
- Amanda Stone
- Annabelle Valdez
- Kenny Wright

**March 13**
- Karen Baucom
- Bob Halbert
- Ava Marburger

**March 14**
- Sarah Alexander
- Ron Powers
- Donna Stone
- Belinda Wright

**March 15**
- Brad Haralson

**March 16**
- NO Kingdom Kids or Student Mid-Week Gathering (Spring Break)

**Coming Up @ FBC**

**Monday, March 7**
11:00 a.m.  Senior Adult Vision Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 13 - Wed., March 16**
Youth Spring Break Mission Trip

**Tuesday, March 15**
9:00 a.m.  Mission Sewing Team, First Place
5:15 p.m.  Finance Committee Meeting, C207

**Wednesday, March 16**

**Thank You**

Words cannot express the joy and love I have for my family, my church family and friends for the wonderful retirement party. Thank you for the trust and love you have bestowed on me all these years. The retirement party the Personal Committee arranged for me was extremely beautiful and treasurable. I deeply appreciate the gifts, cards and prayers. I look forward to what God has planned for First Baptist Church.

Much love,

Patsy Rogers

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Amya and Rose White

Amya and Rose made their professions of faith on Sunday, February 28 and will join FBC by baptism.

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- March 20  Charlie Bonds, Jim DeFoe and George Faulkner

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  - Attendance 328
- Baptist Retirement Center
  - High Rise Class 11
- GRAND TOTAL 339

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**FREE 8th for CFC Students!**

Free 8th is FBC’s after-school ministry to Central Freshman Campus. We invite students to come to the CLC each Tuesday from 3:30 – 5pm for snacks and an open gym and game room.

If you would like to be a part of the FREE 8th ministry, you may help with the weekly refreshments.

Two volunteers are needed each week to provide homemade treats, such as brownies, cookies, Rice Krispie treats, etc. A sign up sheet with information is available on the bulletin board near the church office or you can contact Bobby Catt in the church office to volunteer.

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**Our Ministry Team**

- Dr. James Hassell, Pastor
- Dr. Jerold McBride, Pastor Emeritus
- Kevin Ray, Minister of Education & Administration
- Bill Gillum, Minister of Music
- Karen Walters, Minister with Preschool & Children
- Bobby Catt, Minister with Students & Recreation
- Greg Baucom, Director, Child Development Center
- Tom Dufresne, Minister of Broadcast Media
- Charlie Millsap, Broadcasting & Media Sound Tech
- Linda Bratcher, Organist
- Janet Faulkner, Pianist
- Rocky Stone, Building Engineer
- Pam Granger, Food Service Director

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**Ministry Assistants**

- Becky Powers, Pastor’s MA
- Martha Bailey, Minister of Ed/Admin MA
- Mac McCarson, Financial Director
- Diane Peacock, Minister with Students & Recreation MA
- Patsy Rogers, Receptionist and Senior Adult MA

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**FBC Morning Worship Service**

Live on KCLL 100.1 FM; Rebroadcast at 8 am on KIDY, Cable Channel 6 and at 10 am on My San Angelo, Cable Channel 125

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**Weekly Schedule**

**TUESDAY**

3:30 p.m.  Central Freshman Free 8th Ministry

**WEDNESDAY**

4:30 p.m.  Library Open
5:00 p.m.  Sunday School Teachers Meeting
5:00 p.m.  Mid-Week Meal
5:30 p.m.  Youth/University Hang Time
6:00 p.m.  Students Mid-Week Gathering
6:00 p.m.  Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
6:00 p.m.  Kingdom Kids
6:45 p.m.  Worship Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

10:30 a.m.  Glory Choir
6:00 p.m.  Stitches of Love

**SATURDAY**

10:00 a.m.  BRC Highrise Bible Study

**SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m.  Early Worship
9:30 a.m.  Fellowship Time
9:45 a.m.  Bible Study for all ages
11:00 a.m.  Late Worship
5:00 p.m.  Southern Gospel Worship Service

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**Scholarships Available**

Scholarship applications are now available for current university students and high school seniors. Students or parents can pick the packets up in the student ministry office or on the information table in the foyer area of the student ministry floor. The due date for completed applications is April 10 and recipients will be recognized in the 11 am worship service on Sunday, May 15.