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Complete Life in Christ**

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**2nd Annual Senior Adult  
Soup Contest Winners**



1st Place  
Dot Skiles  
Brunswick Stew



2nd Place  
Alice Martin  
Golden Cream  
Potato Soup



3rd Place  
Eula LaGrone  
15 Variety  
Bean Soup

**the journey matters**

**BUDGET RECEIPTS**

Weekly Requirements.....\$14,289.00  
Budget Receipts for .....January 23.....\$ 8,806.50  
Budget Receipts for .....January 30.....\$15,595.00  
Budget Receipts for .....February 6.....\$12,433.00  
Budget Receipts for .....February 13...\$ 7,638.05  
Budget Receipts for.....February 20...\$13,754.00

TAG (To All Generations) To Date ....\$513,585.84

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR March**

Daylight Savings Time March 13  
Sr. Adult Luncheon & Bake Off Contest March 17  
Deacon's Meeting March 20  
Blood Drive March 23

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR April**

Wild Game Dinner April 2  
Youth Disciple Now April 8, 9  
Sr. Adult Day Trip April 14  
Palm Sunday Hand Outs April 17  
Maundy Thursday April 21  
Good Friday - Office Closed April 22  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt April 23  
Easter Sunday Services April 24  
Sr. Adult Luncheon April 28

**Ministerial Staff**

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Pastor  
  
John Bickham.....746-2573  
Music  
  
Jason Fuller.....988-0268  
Students  
  
Todd Beasley.....670-1581  
Spiritual Development

**March 17, 2011  
Senior Adult Luncheon & Bake Off Contest**

Come join us for our March Senior Adult Luncheon. You will need to bring a covered dish and the dessert that you believe is the best dessert ever if you are entering the Bake Off. Please contact the church office with the name of your dessert. If you are one of our Senior Adult men and don't cook please bring cokes or tea. This will be a lot of fun so don't miss out.

## First Impressions

### Vision 6:40: Everywhere...Everyone...Easter 2011

Our church's mission is to reach people. There are thousands of people in Orange County who don't know our Lord. There is no better time to reach the unchurched with the Gospel than at Easter time.

The above statements are the rationale for our church's participation in **Vision 6:40: Everywhere...Everyone...Easter 2011**. Vision 6:40 is an effort initiated by our Golden Triangle Baptist Association to place copies of the Scripture in 50,000 homes around our region. Each household will receive a gift bag containing a New Testament, a Gospel tract, a dramatization of the New Testament on CD, and an invitation from First Baptist Church to attend our Easter services the following Sunday.

The approach is brief and simple. Teams of two people will personally deliver gift bags to 20-25 households on Palm Sunday, April 17. At each door we will:

- Hand them a gift bag
- Invite them to our church for Easter (April 24)
- Offer to pray about any needs or prayer requests
- Ask them if they would be interested in joining a neighborhood Bible Study
- Encourage them to read or listen to the New Testament during the next 40 days

The cost is approximately \$1 per gift bag (purchased through Lifeway Christian Stores) and about 2 hours of your time. What a great opportunity to celebrate Christ Death and Resurrection by praying for and inviting people in our community to our Easter Sunday services! You can sign up for one of our teams beginning Sunday March 6.

### Building Update

Our Building Team is in the last phases of selecting our contractor. Five companies have received our 50% drawings and four have submitted bids based on that available information. Our Team has reviewed the qualifications of each company and each proposal. We are currently in the final review, and will be making a recommendation soon to proceed with one contractor.

Our TAG offerings continue to come in on target. Thanks to all of our members who have shown such sacrifice in giving over a half million dollars thus far! If any of you have not yet committed, now is the time for you to join us on this joyous journey! We are reminded of God's Promise:

*Now to Him who is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that we could ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus TO ALL GENERATIONS forever and ever. Amen [Eph. 3:20-21]*

## Ecuador Mission Trip



If you are interested in going on the Ecuador Mission Trip, June 17-25, then you need to contact Jason or the church office ASAP. Deposit money is due March 1 for any person planning on going on this trip.

We have 10 students who are eager to go and serve the Lord on our Mission Trip. The trip is expensive and they are looking for ways to earn money toward the mission trip. If you need yard work, baby sitting or other labor intensive jobs then please contact Jason. These students are stepping out in faith in response to God's calling and it's great for them to see how God provides for them to get to go on the mission trip.

Even if you can't go on the mission trip to Ecuador, you can help in other additional ways. One way is to help provide children's clothing we can take to Ecuador. The climate in the area of our trip is much cooler than here in Orange. They seldom if ever wear shorts. Many of the stores are beginning to put their winter clothes on sale so it is a great time to get some good buys and your dollar can go further in purchasing more stuff for the children. You can bring any clothing you collect to the church office.



**Fruit of the Spirit**  
**Kids 1st Grade - 6th Grade**  
**Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm**  
**Game Time 7:30pm-8:00pm**  
**Leaders: Fred & Brenda Byington**

### MISSION OFFICE

#### List of Items Needed for Food Pantry in the Month of March



- |                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Dried Beans      | Cookies                 |
| Oatmeal          | Instant Mashed Potatoes |
| Saltine Crackers | Bars of Soap            |
| Peanut Butter    | Dishwashing Liquid      |
| Canned Meats     | Small Detergent         |
| Canned Soup      | Toilet Paper            |

Don't forget that your empty coke cans can help out the Mission's Office to purchase food. Please place cans in trash can in the FLC lobby.

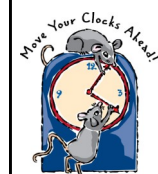


## Men's Monday Night Bible Study Locations 6:30PM

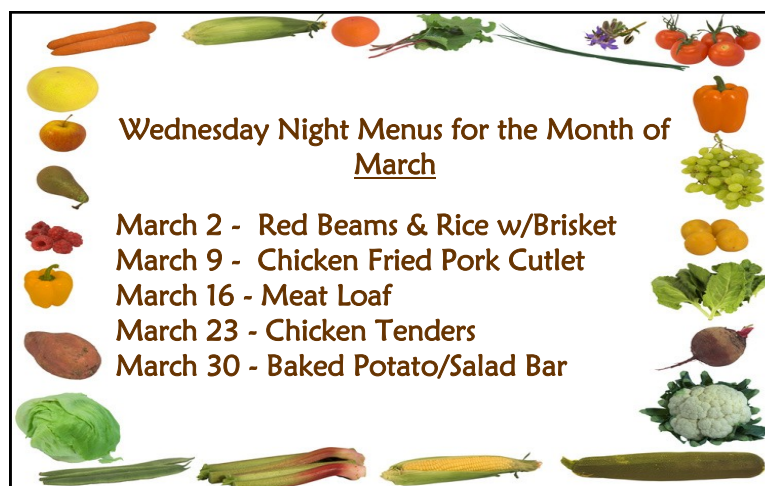
March 7 - At FBC (check you Sunday Bulletin for a possible change in location for this date)  
 March 14 - Tom Woolley - 707 Sherrill Street, Orange  
 March 21 - Fred Byington - 641 Pioneer Drive, BC  
 March 28 - John Heard - 15646 Hwy 12, Orange  
 April 4 - Butch English - 9158 Bessie Heights, Orange  
**Men of all ages are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship, food and Bible study.**



**March 23, 2011**  
**4:00 pm—7:00 pm**  
**Mark Your Calendar!**



**March 13, 2011**  
**Daylight Saving Time Begins**



### Wednesday Night Menus for the Month of March

- March 2 - Red Beans & Rice w/Brisket
- March 9 - Chicken Fried Pork Cutlet
- March 16 - Meat Loaf
- March 23 - Chicken Tenders
- March 30 - Baked Potato/Salad Bar

### SUNDAY MORNING

- 8:30 am Celebration Worship
- 9:45 am Connection Groups
- 11:00 am First Journey Worship
- 11:00 am TREK 252

### TUESDAY MORNING

- 6:30 am Prayer Time With the Pastor

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 5:15 - 6:30 pm Meal  
**(Adults \$4.00, Children - \$2.00, Family - \$15.00)**
- 6:00- 6:30 pm Revelations on Revelation
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm DiscipleLife Classes
- 6:30 pm KFC
- 6:30 pm Youth Connection Groups
- 9:00 pm College Worship



## Men's Wild Game Dinner

On April 2nd we will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wild Game Dinner on our MLK property. The purpose of this event is to create an environment where our people can invite others from the community who do not know Christ or do not have a church home to come and join us. Our goal is to engage people in our community and share the gospel with them. In order to make this happen, there are four primary things we need. First, we need for you to pray that this event will be a success in reaching out into our community. Second, we need you to invite others from the community to the event. Find someone or more than one person you work with, hunt or fish with, drink coffee with, etc. and buy a ticket for each person and ask them to come. Third, we can still use any donations of meat. If you have wild game, fish, fowl, etc., we would appreciate any donations. Your donation will help ensure the success of this event. If you would like to donate, contact Todd. Finally, we need people to help make the event happen, such as cooks, set up crew, servers, etc. If you would like to help, please contact the church office and we will get you connected. **Event Details:** From 3:00-5:00 there will be a fellowship and activity time. People can come and just hang out and talk, and there will be some activities such as horseshoes, washers, etc. for anyone interested. The actual dinner will begin at 5:00. During this time, we will eat, our guest speakers will do their presentations, and we will be giving away various prizes. Our primary guest speaker this year will be Chester Moore, a well known outdoor communicator here in Orange and the surrounding area. As a believer in Christ, Chester does a great job of communicating the glory of God as he speaks about the outdoors. **This will be a great opportunity to connect our community to a complete life in Christ.**