

Welcome!

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Please help us get to know you by providing the requested information and placing this tear off tab in the offering plate during the Worship Service.

April 22, 2012

I would like to receive the church mailings

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

email _____

Birthday _____

What brought you to us today?

- New to town
- HPU student
- Looking for a new church home
- Website
- Yellow Pages
- Invited by a friend: _____

Are you a member of a church? Yes No

Church name _____

City _____ State _____

Did you attend a class today? Yes No

Which class _____

Best time to contact you:

Day _____ Time _____

Names and birthdates of children living at home:

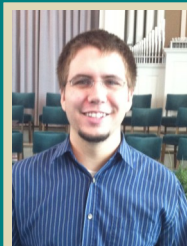
Our Pastor would love to meet you today. He will be at the center door as you exit the Worship Service. Please introduce yourself to him before you leave.

Today's Worship Music

To God Be the Glory • Hymn #4
Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing • Hymn #216
Shout to the Lord

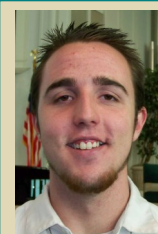
The Lord's My Shepherd
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us • Hymn #61
Doxology

Today's Scripture Reading: Luke 24:36b-37a, 45-48



David Stippick, our Student Ministry Associate, begins service as our Interim Minister to Students on Sunday, May 6.

David's e-mail is: dstippick@fbcbrownwood.org



Jeremy Johnson begins service as our Summer Student Ministry Associate on Sunday, May 6.

Jeremy's e-mail is: jjohnson@fbcbrownwood.org

How to unite with the First Family

At First Baptist Church, Brownwood, we welcome you to become a part of our family of faith. We invite you to visit one of our Sunday School classes & Bible Study groups, as well as the worship choir, student & children's groups.

Membership in the church is offered to anyone who professes Jesus Christ as their Savior and follows Him in believer's baptism. One of the ministers will be glad to visit with you during the invitation or make an appointment to discuss this or any other questions you may have about FBC at your convenience.

If you have a decision to make or wish to talk or pray with someone, we invite you to come to the front of the Sanctuary during the invitation hymn, immediately following the sermon, and speak with one of the ministers.

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Dr. Rodney McGlothlin
Senior Pastor

Brownwood is beautiful. Our back yard is filled with birds, flowers, butterflies, trees, and this amazing green stuff on the ground. I think it is called grass. Last year it was as scarce as bluebonnets. This year the two are in a race to cover the world. We are awakened early by a symphony of chirps and rustling leaves. We turn up the volume full blast, simply by opening the windows. Some evenings we stay up late listening to two owls in conversation. Their vocabulary is limited to a simple question, "Who?" I think it is short for "Who wants to be our dinner?" Nobody answers. Other birds are silent when the owls are chatting.

Brownwood is beautiful. Our church is filled with the sounds of praises. Allen invites you into praise with the pipe organ and you begin to speak to God in the familiar sounds of time tested hymns. A guitar strums and you join equally into praising Him with the compositions of a newer generation. Young and old alike sing. The time of greeting brings a cacophony of chatter that at first may not seem to belong to worship, until you realize that there is no way to love God without loving one another. This chatter is the sound of love for God and one another. Someone reads the word of God and in that moment God speaks to us. You listen to the word explained by the choir in an anthem or by me in a sermon. We speak to God in prayer. This conversation is called worship. It is truly amazing. I turn up the volume, simply by opening my heart to the love in the room.

I am reminded of one of my favorite songs of pop culture. I think God is fond of it too.

*I see trees of green, red roses too I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world*

*I see skies of blue and clouds of white. The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world*

*The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky. Are also on the faces, of people going by.
I see friends shaking hands, sayin', "How do you do?" They're really sayin' "I love you."*

*I hear babies cryin', I watch them grow. They'll learn much more, than I'll ever know
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world*

Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world

Isn't Brownwood beautiful? I am glad to be here. I am glad to be

Your Pastor,

