



First Baptist Church *At Second Glance*

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SEPTEMBER 13
11:30 A.M.

Blue Plate *Special*

REGISTER AT THE
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

CHURCH CONFERENCE *and* LUNCH

11:30 A.M.
SEPT. 24
HALLOCK HALL
\$2 BAKED POTATO BAR
BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT TO SHARE

FALL FALLOUT

YOUTH RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1

"Why do hurricanes happen?" Well, if you're looking for the scientific answer, I suspect Don Burgess or Harold Brooks can help.

If you're asking "Why does God allow hurricanes?" then maybe the Apostle Paul offers insight in Romans 8. In considering the "sufferings of this present time," he declares that creation is subject to futility. Thus, the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth.

Could it be that Paul is suggesting that even creation waits and longs for its final experience of redemption, suffering "pains and deaths" in the present just as we do in our earthly bodies? We long for eternity and the fulfillment of our new creation in Christ Jesus, just as creation does.

Paul continues in Romans 8:28 saying that for those who continue to love God and trust in His purposes, God causes all the sufferings and groanings of this present time to work together for good.

The recent hurricanes have caused an immense and even unprecedented amount of suffering. Now, we must be about God's work of causing these sufferings to work together for His good purposes.

There are many wonderful opportunities to give to relief and rebuilding organizations. Let me encourage you to give through First Baptist as we support three of our Baptist partners.

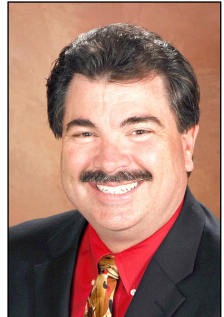
First, through our partnership with our local association (UBA/BGCO/SBC). UBA has three disaster relief trailers and teams serving in Texas. During the Moore tornado relief efforts we hosted the UBA shower trailer.

Second, through our CBFO/CBF partnership. CBFO coordinated with us during their relief efforts in Moore. Today, they are coordinating through a sister church, South Main in Houston.

Third, through our BGCT partnership. BGCT coordinated much of their Moore relief efforts through us as well. They are heavily involved in reaching out through their churches in South Texas.

Finally, we plan to take an initial work team in the next 6-8 weeks to assist in clean-up and rebuilding efforts. Roy Joe Ham will lead and organize these efforts. Please let him know (royjoeh@fbcnorman.org) your interest in going and what specific skills you have to contribute to supporting, cleaning, and rebuilding as we develop our work teams.

You can give online or designate on your check/envelope. Thank you for your generosity! Let us always be faithful in giving our time and resources to help our neighbors in need.



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HURRICANE HARVEY OFFERING

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OR DESIGNATE YOUR CHECK/ENVELOPE

Blue Plate Special luncheon planned

Come enjoy a blue plate special luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on September 13 at the Family Life Center.

The luncheon cost is \$5 and reservations can be made at the FLC office. Invite a friend.

A Smart Driving Course will be offered September 26. This is formerly the AARP Driving Seminar. The name has changed but the session has remained the same and

will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-AARP members.

We are extending a special invitation to all veterans to join us for a special luncheon and musical program at 11:30 a.m. on October 25.

There is no cost but reservations are necessary. Make reservations at the FLC office.



WORSHIP ARTS BANQUET

30
SEPT.

WORKSHOP WITH GUEST
CLINICIAN DAN GOELLER
4:00 P.M.

BANQUET
6:30 P.M.

Looking ahead



- Sept. 10** Dinner For 8 Kickoff Lunch
11:30 a.m.
Hallock Hall

Financial Peace University Starts
5:30-7:15 p.m.
B25
- Sept. 11** Brown Bag Lunch
12:00 a.m.
Wagner Hall
- Sept. 13** Flu Shots
10:30-11:30 a.m.
12:30-1:30 p.m.
FLC Conference Room

Blue Plate Special
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
G.O.E
Cost: \$5

- Sept. 17** Foundations: Encountering
the Old Testament Resumes
5:30 p.m.
B20

- Sept. 24** Church Conference and Lunch
11:30 a.m.
Hallock Hall

- Sept. 26** Smart Driving Class
9:00 a.m.
FLC

- Sept. 29** Fall Fallout Youth Retreat
Falls Creek

August Giving

Given: \$143,522
Needs: \$174,708
Average Attendance: 467