



**On Christmas Eve** we celebrate the light of Jesus by lighting the Christ candle. Each week we light the same candle as a reminder of the light that came into the world.

**On Good Friday** we extinguish light and walk out in darkness.

Light and darkness are a part of our Lenten journey.

We experience both and become a witness of one or the other.

Light disrupts the darkness.  
A blind man receives sight.

Disruptions can bring out the worst in us.

We are witnesses to the Light but are we witnesses of the Light.

**Season of Lent**  
**John 9.1-5**  
**March 19, 2023**



**First Baptist**  
**Sweetwater**  
**March 19, 2023**

### **Worship this Morning**

Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent. This morning our invitation is to come out of the darkness and follow the Light.

### **Men's Ministry Breakfast**

Our Men's Ministry will host a breakfast on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Lenten Worship**

During this Lenten season we walk with the people of God to the cross. It is our hope that the journey will deepen our faith and prepare us for new life with Christ.

### **April 2 Palm Sunday,**

Myles Werntz guest speaker.

### **April 4-6 Holy Week,**

lunches hosted by local churches of Ministerial Alliance.

### **April 7 Tenebrae Service,**

6:00 PM.

### **April 9 Resurrection**

**Sunday,** 10:00 AM.

### **Volunteers**

"Serve" is a core aspect of our Process for Discipleship at First Baptist. We need volunteers willing to serve by doing one specific job each week. These 15 minute service opportunities will help our facilities be ready for our Church Family and Guests to Worship together each week. You can sign up for your place of service at the Information Table.

### **Men's Ministry Team Questionnaire**

The Men's Ministry Team is seeking input from the men of First on how the Men's Team can better meet their needs. You can help by completing filling out one during Sunday Morning Class and turning it into the Church Office.

### **Pastor Search Update**

The Church Council has contacted those nominated to be on the ballot for the Pastor Search Team Election. Our desire is that the Pastor Search Process be centered on prayerfully seeking God's will. The nominees have been given two weeks to pray over their willingness to serve on the Pastor Search Team and will be contacted the week of March 20 for their answers. Voting for the Pastor Search Team will be March 26-April 2.

### **The Christ Candle**

Each Sunday, we light this candle as a part of our worship until Good Friday. The Christ Candle reminds us of Christ's presence with us.

### **Membership at First Baptist Sweetwater**

Are you interested in becoming a member or learning more about First Baptist Church? We offer a class that shares the history, purposes, and vision of our church. You can sign up in the church foyer, and we will contact you for the next class. Classes meet for one Sunday during the Bible study at 9:15 AM.

### **Daily readings to continue the Sunday**

#### **Conversation**

- *Monday Psalm 45*
- *Tuesday Isaiah 7.10-14*
- *Wednesday Hebrews 10.4-10*
- *Thursday Luke 1.26-38*
- *Friday Ezekiel 37.1-14*
- *Saturday Romans 8.6-11*
- *Sunday John 11.1-45*

#### **Financial update**

#### **Financial Gifts for the week of March 12, 2023**

	<b>Week</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Financial Plan (Budget)	\$7,775.31	\$85,528.41
Financial Receipts	\$6,745.85	\$66,977.46
Connecting Generations	\$550.00	\$6,315.00
Total Giving	\$7,295.85	\$73,292.46
Balance		\$(18,550.95)

#### **Join the Conversation**

Website: [www.fbcsweetwater.org](http://www.fbcsweetwater.org)

Facebook: *First Baptist Church Sweetwater, Tx*

Twitter: *@FBCSweetwater*

YouTube Channel: *FBCSweetwater*

Podcast: (iTunes) *First Baptist Church Sweetwater*

(SoundCloud) *First Baptist Church Sweetwater*

Instagram: *@FBCSweetwater*

#### **Staff Listing**

**Interim Pastor:** Jerry Hendrix

**Associate Worship Minister:** Jenny Doggett

**Family Minister:** Tique Hamilton

**Children's Minister:** Lisa Eaker

