



By the Cross We Care  
One Person at a Time

# BARCELONA BANNER

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Come, Christians, Join to Sing ☩ Jesus is All the World to Me ☩ I Will Sing the Wondrous Story ☩ It is Well with My Soul ☩ How Great Thou Art ☩ When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ☩ All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ☩ As the Bridegroom to His Chosen ☩ Shall We Gather at the River

**THE BIG SING**

Crown Him with Many Crowns ☩ Holy, Holy, Holy ☩ God Be with You

**FEBRUARY MEMORY VERSE**

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”  
~Colossians 3:16, KJV

**Sunday, February 27**

**Woodlands Auditorium**

**6:00 PM**

**Free Admission—Public Invited**

**From My Heart to yours:**



Picture two people standing on the steps leading up to a tall building. One person is on the top step, looking down, while the other has just begun the ascent standing on the first step, looking up. The person on the top boasts, "Look at me. I am higher than you!"

Now, consider a third person on the roof of the tall building, looking down. What does that person see? That person sees two people on the steps below. From his perspective, it makes little or no difference that one person is a few steps higher than the other. That person is much higher than both of them!

What is the point of the story? God calls us as believers to grow in spiritual maturity. We are to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). Our standard for spiritual maturity is not that we are more advanced in our Christian walk than others around us. Such a comparison leads to spiritual pride or arrogance. Rather, our goal is to be like Christ. Growth in Christian maturity is a process that lasts a lifetime.

Years ago, Jackie and I were members of a spiritual growth group. In one session, the leader had each of us turn to the person next to us, look them in the eyes, and say, "I am in the process of becoming, will you help me?" We are all in the process of becoming, and we do need the help of others, and most certainly the Lord's help.

Take a spiritual inventory. Do you know more about God's Word than you did last week? Do you have a plan for daily Bible study? The Bible is our guide book for what to believe and how to live.

How is your prayer life? Jesus reminded us that we "ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). Paul urged that we "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Prayer is simply conversation with God.

How are you handling sin in your life? God tells us that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Confession and cleansing take place on a daily basis.

Does your life reflect the fruit of the Spirit, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control"? (See Galatians 5:22-23). Are these qualities evident in your relationships with others? At home? In the work place? At church?

Have you shared your faith with another person lately? We are all called to be witnesses (Acts 1:8). The most effective testimony is telling others what Christ has done for us.

We are to strive toward a spiritual maturity that benefits our heavenly citizenship (Philippians 3:20). We recognize that we are pilgrims on our way to heaven.

I love the story about the aging former president, John Quincy Adams. He had been ill all winter. One spring morning he was out for a walk with a cane in each hand. A friend greeted him, "Good morning. How is John Adams today?" The grand old Christian statesman replied with a feeble voice, "Well, sir, if you are asking about the house John Adams lives in, the house is not in very good shape. The window lights are broken out, the old roof is tumbling in, and the foundation is so tottery that every wind causes it to tremble. Sir, I expect the tenant will be moving out soon." Then straightening himself on his canes, he threw back his head and almost shouted, "But, sir, if you are asking about John Adams himself, John Adams is all right. And John Adams will be all right a thousand years from now." As believers we live in anticipation of the fulfillment of God's redemptive purpose.

In these days when Covid has returned with fury, let us remember to pray for one another and encourage one another. Also, remember the needs of our church in your giving to the Lord's work.

Your Pastor,  
Jon Stubblefield



Pat Carpenter (Former Member)  
BRBC former Children's Director  
January 5, 2021

<b>Attendance &amp; Finances</b>			
	S.S.	Sun.	Wed.
12/05/21	86	119	69
12/12/21	102	135	101
12/19/21	88	113	—
12/26/21	81	118	—
<b>DECEMBER BUDGET RECEIPTS: \$54,143.59</b>			



- 3—Connie Harlan
- 5—Jimmy Payne
- 10—Bill Cunningham
- 11—Charlotte Rogers
- 12—Rose Poindexter
- 13—Russell Lawson
- 18—Taryn Anderson
- 18—Lois Hamilton
- 18—Jerry Hanchey
- 18—Ruth Manweiler
- 19—Jean Boland
- 19—Madison Kraus
- 21—Xander Hale
- 21—Willard Zeiser
- 23—Bob Hartsell
- 24—Doug Allen



**FEBRUARY 1, 6:00 PM**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM**



**LORD'S SUPPER CELEBRATED**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13**



**GIDEONS**  
 INTERNATIONAL

**Sunday, February 20**

Jim Broadhurst will be our guest speaker during the morning worship service. An offering to aid the Gideons will be taken.

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 14—Bob Auvenshine and Kay Dierks
- 14—Irey and Gwen Dallas
- 14—Tom and Sharon Hensley
- 23—Dan and Anne Iley
- 23—Wendell and Carolyn Moffitt
- 25—Tony and Carolyn Gaston

WE WELCOME Wendell and Norma Hayden as new members. Due to timing of publication of the Banner, an article welcoming them will be in next month's issue.



Happy Valentine's Day!

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8

**Playing for More - Trust Beyond What You Can See** - by Case Keenum.

"Am I a football player who happens to be a Christian?" Case writes, "No, I'm a Christian who happens to be a football player." Throughout his story, Case will explain how being a Christian helped him navigate the winding path to success. No matter what obstacle has been placed in front of him, Case believes God has a plan for him. That's why he plays football and that's why he's writing this book: To glorify God and to help others who face adversity in their everyday life.

**Unlocked** - Karen Kingsbury - Holden Harris is an eighteen-year-old locked in a prison of autism. Despite his quiet ways and quirky behaviors, Holden is very happy and socially normal---on the inside, in a private world all his own. In reality, he is bullied at school by kids who only see that he is very different. Ella Reynolds is part of the 'in' crowd. A cheerleader and star of the high school drama production, her life seems perfect. When she catches Holden listening to her rehearse for the school play, she is drawn to him ... the way he is drawn to the music. Then, Ella makes a dramatic discovery---she and Holden were best friends as children. Ella believes miracles can happen in the unlikeliest places, and that just maybe an entire community might celebrate from the sidelines.

**Daughters of the Mayflower series:**

**The Mayflower Bride** (Book 1) - Kimberley Woodhouse - Mary Elizabeth Chapman boards the *Speedwell* in 1620 as a Separatist seeking a better life in the New World. William Lytton embarks on the *Mayflower* as a carpenter looking for opportunities to succeed—and he may have found one when a man from the Virginia Company offers William a hefty sum to keep a stealth eye on company interests in the new colony. The season is far too late for good sailing and storms rage, but reaching land is no better as food is scarce and the people are weak. Will Mary Elizabeth survive to face the spring planting and unknown natives? Will William be branded a traitor and expelled?

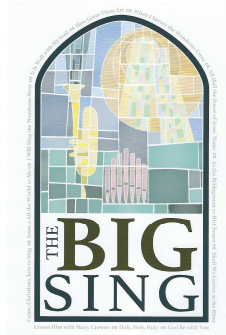
**The Pirate Bride** (Book 2) - Kathleen Y'Barbo - The last time New Orleans attorney Jean-Luc Valmont saw Maribel Cordoba, a Spanish nobleman's daughter, she was an eleven-year-old orphan perched in the riggings of his privateering vessel proving herself as the best lookout on his crew, until the day his infamy caught up with them all, and innocent lives were lost. Unsure why he survived but vowing to make something of the chance he was given, Jean-Luc has buried his past life so deep that no living person will ever find it—until a very much alive and very grown up Maribel Cordoba arrives on his doorstep and threatens all he now holds dear.

Kay Dierks, Librarian



# FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Deacons Meeting	2 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service 6:50 Choir Reh.	3	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	7 4:00 Handbell Practice	8 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	9 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 5:00 Finance Comm. 6:00 Prayer Service 6:50 Choir Reh.	10	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/ Lord's Supper	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 4:00 Handbell Practice	15 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	16 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 5:00 Church Council 6:00 Prayer Service 6:50 Choir Reh.	17	18	19
20 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/ Gideon Speaker	21 PRESIDENTS' DAY 4:00 Handbell Practice	22 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	23 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 6:00 Prayer Service/ Business Meeting 6:50 Choir Reh.	24	25	26
27 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <b>6:00 "Big Sing" program- Woodlands Auditorium</b>	28 4:00 Handbell Practice					



Our first “Big Sing, a Festival of Hymns”, will take place Sunday, February 27, in the Woodlands Auditorium. The chorus will rehearse at 3:30 and is comprised of singers from many congregations both inside and outside Hot Springs Village. Doors open at 5:00 for the public and the festival begins at 6:00. This is a free event open to the public.

The Big Sing has a bit of history — originating in England — starting in the local congregations and ending with five thousand in the audience joining the 800 member chorus with full orchestra. I was privileged to attend some years ago and it was as close to the music of heaven as I could imagine.

We won’t have quite the resources of Royal Albert Hall, but we do expect a chorus of 200 and, with your help, a full house in the Woodlands Auditorium.

How The Big Sing (in America) came to be began with the rich hymn festivals I participated in during my years on the seminary faculties in both New Orleans and Fort Worth. And my love for rich, vibrant hymn singing was further enhanced by the extraordinary church music weeks held at our Ridgecrest and Glorieta Conference Centers.

Then, some years ago, I was asked to plan a Big Sing for the organist at my home church in Louisiana. She had been my teacher and the church was celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had a year to plan and invited singers from within a 100 mile radius to join us. It was such great fun to have 300 singers show up for rehearsal — the choir filled half the church! And the opening strains of our first hymn, “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” were heart stirring.

We have invited dozens of churches to send singers. The response has been strong. Additionally, we are encouraging only those who have had the vaccinations to participate.

So what can you do? You may wish to sing in the chorus and can get everything you need by email. Request the “Choir Folder” by sending your request to [Harlan5113@att.net](mailto:Harlan5113@att.net).

Or you may wish to participate as an audience member. Simply show up and the program you receive will have all of the music for the evening. It is our hope that you will leave The Big Sing with a smile on your face and a song in your heart.

Benjie Harlan, Minister of Music



The more accurate heading would be “Reorganized Sunday School Class”. The Agape Sunday School Class is restructuring with Doug Allen as the teacher, assisted by Grady Waggoner. They will be assisted by their wives Marsha and Linda. Initially, Grady and Linda will not be able to attend the class.

Doug has a background as a lawyer, a judge and a preacher. He is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Doug and Marsha have served churches in Louisiana, Texas, Colorado and Montana. They bought a home in the Village a few years ago and plan to spend their retirement years here.

Doug and Grady both have roots in and around Winfield, Louisiana, where Minister of Music Benjie Harlan is from.

The class begins February 6 and will meet in the old Conference Room near the former church offices. For more information, feel free to call Doug and Marsha, 318-267-9250 or Grady and Linda, 972-754-6255.

If you are do not attend a class at the present time, you will be blessed if you decide to be a part of this class.



Associate Pastor Willard Zeiser no longer has a land line telephone. He can be reached on his cell phone at 501-837-3626.



**IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN!**

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a distribution made directly by the trustee of your individual retirement arrangement (IRA), other than SEP or SIMPLE IRA, to an organization eligible to receive tax-deduction contributions.

You must be at least age 70.5 when the distribution is made.

You must have the same type of acknowledgment of your contribution that you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution.

The maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000. If you file a joint return, your spouse also can have a QCD and exclude up to \$100,000.

A QCD will count towards your required minimum distribution.

If all the requirements are met, a QCD is non-taxable, but you can't claim a charitable contribution deduction for a QCD.

The donations can be annually or monthly and for the Budget or a Designated Account.

For more information contact your accountant or the church office.

James and Sharon Roberts have moved. Their contact information is: sroberts1954@hotmail.com, 979-525-1566 and jroberts1952@hotmail.com, 979-525-1565. Mailing address is 2401 Westinghouse Rd. Apt #2200, Georgetown, TX 78626

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The Barcelona Banner is published monthly to keep members informed about programs of the church and to report news about its members.

**Deadline for articles is the fifteenth of each month.**

You may e-mail your articles to brbc3office@att.net or bring to the church

If you are moving, have an email or phone number change, please contact the church office so your records can be changed.

**Schedule of Services:**

**Sunday Services:**

Sunday School – 9:30 AM  
Worship Service – 10:30 AM

**Wednesday Evening:**

All Stars/Youth - 3:30 PM  
(During school year)  
Prayer Service - 6:00 PM  
Choir Rehearsal - 6:50 PM

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

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Friday 8:30 am—11:30 am