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FAITH MATTERS

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Pastor's Pen

BY REV MARK TICE

The Buzz Up The River

With the warmer weather and pollen abounding, the honeybee has taken flight and begun this season's work. Bees as you may very well know are one of Gods hardest working creations. I remain fascinated every spring as we open the hives for an inspection and make room for all that pollen and nectar that they will need to bring in to produce that ever-so precious honey. Honey is their life's work you know. Inside the hive the worker, drone and queen all work together to ensure the success of their species. Each has a particular job that they do and do it abundantly well & with their hard work all of creation is affected. Farmers benefit from the travels of the bee helping with pollination, we can carefully extract honey for the perfect healthy sweetener, folks suffering from allergies can eat local honey and build immunity, wax can be reclaimed for a multitude of purposes. That list could go on and on.

We can glean much from the life of a honeybee. I do not have to stretch to say that the scriptures are filled with rich instruction for our daily lives. God wants us to be productive, all of us working together for the Glory of God. I certainly know that every jar of honey I have given away lifts a smile on the recipient's face, excited to enjoy the sweet gift that was given them. The psalmist declared in psalms 119:103 the sweetness of God's word. We, having been given God's word can share it the sweetest gift of all! All too often we are not sure of what we can be doing for the kingdom, we can share the sweetness of God's word, "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" -Romans 10:17. Everyone of us working together with the gifts and ability's God has uniquely gifted us with can collectively carry out the great commission to the glory God.

Thank you for your continued prayers of all the ministries and outreaches of East Fork Baptist Church. We now have the occasion to teach each age group specifically at designated times making for more impactful disciple making opportunities. What a great work that is being done here in Cruso, there is much more to be done & with that I ask that you continue to do the great work of praying.

To God be the glory
-Pastor Mark

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 **East Fork Baptist**
Growing, Serving, Loving

News from the Pews

BY LEVI HENSON

On Sunday, April 11 we began having a single worship opportunity on Sunday mornings.

What a privilege it is to be able to worship as one, unified body again!

On that Sunday, with Pastor Mark and family out of town, we were blessed to have Rev. Nathan Murray visit with us. He preached an awesome message from John 13 with a clear challenge to the church regarding our love for one another.

Verlin "Peanut" Inman and Anita sang during the morning service and he testified of the events surrounding his accident in December and God's intervention in the situation. Nathan was the paramedic that was part of the team to rescue Peanut.

God is definitely moving among us at East Fork. There are a lot of exciting things going on and a lot of opportunities to get plugged in and to join in as we Grow in faith through discipleship and worship, Serve as the Bible commands, and Love like Christ!



- Growing in Faith Through Discipleship and Worship
- Serving as the Bible Commands
- Loving Like Christ





it is well.

Love in a Box

What a pleasure it was to be able to gather, pray over, prepare, and deliver a meal to our shut-ins, and those in need through our Love in a Box meal in March. We are excited to continue that ministry in the month of April. In March we delivered 31 meals and are on track to deliver as many this month as well.

SO THEN, AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD TO EVERYONE, AND
ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.
- GALATIANS 6:10

LOVE IN A BOX



April Love in a Box Menu

Yellow Eye Peas
Cornbread
Roasted Potatoes
Boiled Cabbage
Dessert

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Plugging In

As 2021 continues to unfold and we begin to emerge from the COVID-19 situation, we are excited to announce new ways to "Plug In" at East Fork. We are creating new ministries such as the Love in a Box program and re-instituting others so that everyone has safe opportunities to Grow, Serve, and Love. Check out some of the ways to get plugged in.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

In Person, Online, and 90.9FM in the parking lot.

10:00 A.M.

Church Sanctuary

PLEASE WEAR A MASK INTO THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY REMOVE IT WHEN YOU REACH YOUR SEAT. SPECIAL SEATING AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WISHING TO REMAIN IN A MASK.

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COMMUNITY KITCHEN

TUESDAY, APRIL 27TH, 4 PM

Ann Crawford's Group

BBQ DINNER

Outdoor Dining or To-Go
Donations accepted

Celebrating the moms in our lives. Everyone welcome!

Saturday, May 15th, 3 - 6 pm
East Fork Baptist Parking Lot and Grounds

CHOIR PRACTICE

Join us as we practice and worship together!

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Choir Loft
Every other Sunday, 6 pm Beginning May 2nd
For more info, see Levi Henson

Senior Adult

Bible Study

Tuesdays

10 am

East Fork Baptist Church Sanctuary

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Sunday Night Kids

Join the kids of East Fork for Worship through music, Bible Stories, Food, Object Lessons, and a whole lot of fun! Classes for all ages of kids.

Sundays 5-7pm

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY

East Fork Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays 7pm

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Praying it Through

Faithful, fervent prayer is vital to our faith as Christians and to the ministry at East Fork. No matter how seasoned a Christian you may be or how involved in the day-to-day activities of the church you are, it takes prayer from all of us to further the Gospel and the mission of East Fork.

Will you pray with us?

- Join us in prayer for our Sunday worship opportunities.
- Pray for each area of the church:
Children, Teens, Young Adults, Adults, and Senior Adults
- Continue to pray for the new ministries in the church
 - Love in a Box
 - Sunday Night Kids'
 - Small Groups
 - Bible Studies
- Pray for our Pastor and Ministry Staff
- Pray for our community that we may minister effectively and share the Gospel

"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that - it is spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth."

CHARLES SPURGEON

