



# The Loveletter

FBC-LF May 2011

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

## Martha Ann Dizdar Offering

MAY 22-29  
GOAL: \$10,000



Church Goal: \$ 200.00

*We are the Salt*  
Leaving the Salt Shaker

The offering will be placed in the general fund of the RGVBA, to be used as needed. Our goal is 200.00, and the week of prayer will be 5/22-29.

A proposed change to the Constitution & By Laws and the Policy & Procedure Manuel will be voted on at the next business meeting. The name "Pulpit Committee" will be replaced with "Pastor Search Committee" in Article VIII, Section 7 of the Constitution, VI of the Policy & Procedure Manuel and every time "Pulpit Committee" is mentioned in either document.

VBS will be 7/25-29. VBS director, Angie Blankenship, will need help in all areas from decorating, serving during the week, and clean-up. Please consider where you will serve this



**Update:** Our designated chair offering is at \$410.00. If possible, we would like to purchase the chairs by December. They will cost about \$30.00 each, and we are hoping to purchase 50 of them. This offering will be on—going through out the year. (Thank you, Hugh & Mertice)



### Dates to Remember

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| 5/1 Gideon Presentation             | Carlton & Gema's 5:00 p.m. |
| 5/1 Deacon's Meeting                | 5/13 Girl's Night Out      |
| 5/2 Dorcas Meeting @ Carole's Condo | 5/15 Church Council        |
| 5/8 Mother's Day Fish Fry @         | 5/18 Business Meeting      |
|                                     | 5/21 Men's Breakfast/Study |
|                                     | 5/25 Fellowship            |

## Beginning Again

I would like to take this opportunity to express how thankful Norma and I are to God for His leading us to the Valley and then to First Baptist Church Los Fresnos. We want to thank First Baptist Church for accepting us, and providing for the last few weeks a place to park our RV, office space, a place to preach, and a place to feel that we once again have a church family. We thank you for calling us as your new pastoral couple. We do believe that it is a God thing. We were very impressed by your churches spirit and the Search Committees spirit, dedication, and diligence during the search for a new pastor. We believe they wanted to make sure that their recommendation was right. They truly sought to do God's will. For us, we believe that we are right where God wants us to be even though it is beginning again. Of course, our life has been full of "beginning again" moments. We, Norma and I, are beginning again, but FBC has many great things going

As I step back into the role of pastor, I must admit to you that I do not come with a well laid out plan about what God has for us in the future. I do believe that He has great plans that we can live in order to experience His purpose and promises. I do know that He wants everyone in Los Fresnos to accept His love through Jesus Christ our Savior. I know that He wants us to be a family that grows in His grace and ministers to each other and others outside of our fellowship. I know that He wants us to be a faithful people to Him. Now, how we flesh that out in relationships and ministry is still to be seen and lived out. That is the exciting new pilgrimage that we are beginning together.

Let me share a story that I recently read. It is a story about a herd of elephants coming to a waterhole only to find another herd already there. The second herd arrives and backs into the water hole very slowly. As soon as they make physical contact with the first herd, the first herd makes room for them. If the second herd had charged in, a battle would be inevitable. Because they backed in there is mutual sharing at the waterhole. I can assure you that I will not be charging in. You might even want me to go a little faster, but backing in for me means coming to First Baptist Church Los Fresnos to serve, learn, and love together.

I believe that God has begun a new thing in First Baptist Church. And I claim Paul's words from Philippians 1:6 "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you (us) will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

In closing, let me thank you for your gracious Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. It assists in reaching our nation for Christ. At the same time let me encourage you to pray for our Associational Missions Offering "Martha Ann Dizdar" May 22-29. The Rio Grande Valley Baptist Association is seeking to minister and reach the Valley for Christ. Our giving will help support ministries that are ongoing and developing. This is our Judea of Acts 1:8.

Serving the World Together,  
Pastor Joe

### DEACONS ON - CALL MAY

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## Welcome

TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
By Letter: Joe & Norma Powell, Jerry Johnson, Curtis & Kim Keen  
By Baptism: Micah Marquez, Victoria Kuntz

