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For nearly a hundred years a beautiful mural of Jesus had held a place of pride in the Sanctuary of Mercy Church in Borja, Spain. The "Behold the Man" painting was completed by Elias Garcia Martinez in the 1930s.

In August of 2012, an 80-year-old church member named Cecilia Gimenez took it upon herself to touch up the painting. She was right about one thing: the painting needed some work. After decades of moisture buildup, the painting had started to deteriorate, and the colors had started to fade. So Cecilia initiated her do-it-yourself restoration project.

Despite her good intentions, it didn't turn out well. *The New York Times* said that it was "probably the worst art restoration project of all time." A Spanish blog called it "the restoration that turned into destruction." And a *BBC* article said, "The delicate brushstrokes by Elias Garcia Martinez have been buried under a haphazard

splattering of paint. The once-dignified portrait of Jesus now resembles a crayon sketch of a very hairy monkey in an ill-fitting tunic."

In later interviews, Ms. Gimenez defended her decision. At some points, she blamed the parish priest, claiming that he had initiated the project. But on other occasions she took responsibility for her attempt to fix the painting. "We've always fixed everything ourselves in this church," she said. "We saw everything was falling down, and we fixed it."

The town council will bring in experts to try to repair her work, but since the painting was originally done in oils directly onto a church wall, they face a nearly impossible task.

The story is a good reminder that some projects in life—like restoring your own soul—just aren't good do-it-yourself projects. We cannot take our sin-wrecked lives and make them new again; that is the work of a powerful, holy God.

The Good News of the Gospel is that "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

God is at work in your life to conform you to the image of Jesus Christ.

The shepherd loves the sheep!

Pastor Brian



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Brian Prucey      | 2nd  |
| Connie Grzesiek   | 2nd  |
| Wayne Lee         | 4th  |
| Cameron Lee       | 8th  |
| McKayla Rice      | 8th  |
| Jim Middleton     | 9th  |
| Andrea McAdams    | 10th |
| Michael Bond      | 16th |
| John John Fox     | 17th |
| Carlion Middleton | 21st |
| Dennis Spearman   | 21st |
| Billie Starr      | 23rd |
| Patrick Humphrey  | 30th |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Jimmie & Sherry Hudson  | 28th |
| Jim & Carlion Middleton | 30th |



**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

Thanks to all of you who have been faithful in choir practice and singing in the choir each Sunday.

We still have a few chairs available in the Praise Choir – maybe one is just for you!! Come join us each Wednesday at 6:30 for practice.



**In  
Sunday School  
at 9:30 a.m. each  
Sunday...  
There's a class  
just for you!**

**YOUTH D-NOW  
APRIL 19-21, 2013**

**One Way  
Kids Camp  
At Tall Timbers  
June 10-13**

For kids completing  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Cost \$145**

Deposit \$50 by April 26  
Balance \$95 by June 5



**Fellowship**

Saturday, April 6th  
from 1 - 3 p.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Meetings

Church Council  
Wednesday, April 3rd  
at 5:30 p.m.

Monthly Business Meeting  
Sunday, April 21st  
After Morning Worship



**Children's Easter  
Egg Hunt**

Saturday,  
March 30th  
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
fun for  
Toddlers - 5th graders

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**SUNDAY**

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Adult Prayer 6:30 p.m.  
Youth/Children  
Bible Studies 6:30 p.m.  
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

**CLEAR CAMP  
YOUTH CAMP 2013  
At Tall Timbers  
JULY 8TH - 12TH**

for students  
completing 6th - 12th grade

**COST \$199**

\$75 deposit required by May 15th  
Balance of \$124 due by July 1st



**Spaghetti Lunch  
Sunday, April 7th  
after Morning Worship**

(Proceeds go towards  
Kid's/Youth Camp)



*Easter Sunday  
at 7 a.m.  
Red River Marina Pavilion*

