

Teaching
THE
WORD...
Touching
LIVES



FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART



Dear First Family,
“Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.” John 20:20 The Resurrection makes all the difference. The reality and presence of the Risen Lord makes us glad and puts the only true joy on earth into our daily lives.

Our Easter Resurrection celebration was a blessing from God as our church family rejoiced together.

- Seven worship services were held on Easter Sunday (four in the Grace Worship Center, Exit One Baptist Church, and our wonderful Hispanic and Korean congregations in the Faith Building). God is so good to let us minister and reach out to His world and His people.

- A great preschool Easter celebration, led by Cheryl McCrary and her ministry, reached out with a happy, spiritual family event on March 27 attended by over three hundred preschoolers and their families.

- **“Lift Up Your Voice”** Easter music by our Music and Worship Ministry blessed and challenged us to share with others in testimony what God has done for us. How He loves us!

Holy Week Lord’s Supper service on the eve of Good Friday was an added event to this sacred season as we remembered Him Who died for us.

“Love One Another” What is the most

important quality of a church or a Christian? It is the quality of Christian love of one another. Scottish pastor Alexander Whyte writes of John the Apostle that near the end of his life of some one hundred years, the aged apostle was carried by the young men in a chair each Lord’s Day into the Church at Ephesus which he pastored for so long. Each Lord’s Day as he passed the people, John would say, “My little children, love one another.” When asked why he said that and no more than that, he always replied, “Because love is the fulfillment of our Lord’s sole commandment, and if we will fulfill this, nothing more is needed, for love is the fulfilling of the law.” So, let us love one another and have a holy heart before the Lord.

Ministries Ahead in 2010 ...

Vacation Bible School is June 6-11 with a big Praise Celebration on Sunday, June 13. Be in prayer for a great day to reach children and families for Christ.

Dennis Nunn is coming back to FBC October 3-6, 2010. Dennis led us in March, 2009 in “Every Believer a Witness,” and the Lord blessed greatly. In October Dennis will be with us Sunday through Wednesday and teach sessions on Bible Study, Prayer, Discipleship, and Spirit Filled Living titled **“How to Enjoy Being a Christian.”** Mark your calendars and be in prayer.

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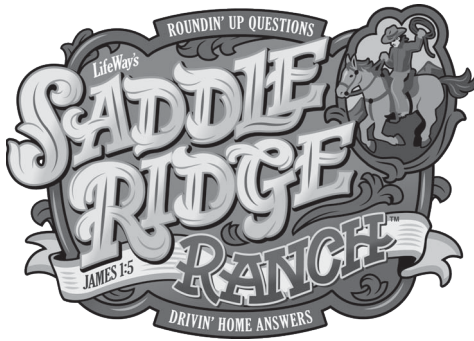
RIVERS & SPIRES ~ APRIL 16-17

We need your help! Rivers & Spires is an award-winning free festival for the entire family with live music, interactive entertainment for kids held in downtown Clarksville including some of our church parking areas. Last year there were 35,000 that attended. This is an awesome opportunity for us to reach out to our community with the love of Jesus, so please sign-up to come out and help us. We need volunteers to help staff our First Baptist Church booth, Evangelism booth, kids zone and teen zone areas on April 16 - 17. Please contact the church office for more information or to volunteer at (931) 645-2431 or email greg.moore@fbct.org.

The festival is Friday, April 16 from 5-9 pm and Saturday, April 17 from 10 am-9 pm. We are sending sign-up sheets to Sunday School classes and there will be a sign-up table outside the worship center. We appreciate your willingness to serve!



VBS THIS SUMMER



Spend a week at
Saddle Ridge Ranch!
Vacation Bible School

June 7 - 11, 2010
8:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Volunteers are needed for all areas!

Join us as a Ranch Hand in this Big Sky Country adventure. Areas of service are filling up fast, so sign up today! Childcare is available for Vacation Bible School volunteers during VBS week.

Call the Preschool Office at 572-1508 or the Children's Office at 572-1510 for more information or to volunteer.

WAY TO CHRIST: UPDATE



The Way to Christ class begins on May 2 and ends May 28. The class

meets at 9:30 am and is designed for the child who has questions about what it means to be a Christian or for the child who has just made the decision to accept Christ as Savior. Anyone interested in signing their child up for this class, please contact Mary Bumpus at 572-1510 or email mary.bumpus@fbct.org.

AMIGO FIESTA!

Our Hispanic Ministry is hosting its annual AMIGO FIESTA, on Saturday, May 1 from 4-8 pm in the children's parking area and **is in need of volunteers.**

There will be special music, cotton candy, snow cones, inflatables, food, and music entertainment featuring Victor Rosendo, from Orlando, FL.

Please come and show your support and invite family, friends, and neighbors and help make this event an awesome outreach for our Hispanic Community.

Please contact Bro. Freddy at 472-1168 or the church office for more information.



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...PASTOR'S HEART

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Waiting and Trusting in the Lord ... Until He comes

"Then they that feared the Lord spoke often to one another, and the Lord heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon His name." Malachi 3:16

God hears your prayers and rewards your faithfulness. **So, keep on keeping on.** Do not grow weary in serving the Lord. Keep teaching, calling the absentees, ministering to the sick and needy, and reaching out to the lost and unchurched. Keep sharing the story of Jesus to all who will listen. His Holy Spirit still moves in people's hearts. He is coming again. He will bless your labors. He hears your prayers. See you Sunday, full of faith and the Holy Spirit. The Lord is with us.

In His Grace,

Roger P. Freeman

CONGRATULATIONS

AND THANK YOU TO...

...**Bill Graham** on his 9th anniversary serving the Lord as Associate Pastor of Missions.

...**Bertha Quarles** on her 18th anniversary serving the Lord in the Food Service Ministry.

...**Lynn Dallas** on her 3rd anniversary serving the Lord as Food Service Ministry Director.

NEW ADDITION

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...**Josie Henry** on the birth of her daughter, Isabella Joanna, born March 21, 2010. Congratulations, also, to grandparents Tom and Laura Henry.

SERMON ARCHIVE

If you ever miss a sermon, would like to hear a message again or share it with a friend, you can find past sermons online at www.fbct.org/podcast. You can also find them on iTunes by searching for *First Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN.*



VIDEO SERMON ARCHIVE

In addition to the audio sermon archive, we are happy to announce video of Sunday's messages are available online. Simply click Resources then Sermon Archive.

FIRST REPORTS

ATTENDANCE

March 28, 2010

Total Sunday School	1351
Midweek Bible Study	28
Total Bible Study	1379
Korean Church	18
Hispanic Church	45
Missions	7
Total Worship	2036
Exit One Church Sunday School	160
Exit One Church Worship	298

April 4, 2010

Total Sunday School	1696
Midweek Bible Study	552
Total Bible Study	2248
Korean Church	22
Hispanic Church	45
Missions	0
Total Worship	2875
Exit One Church Sunday School	269
Exit One Church Worship	556

STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

March 28, 2010

Operating Receipts	\$63,341.79
Operating Budget	\$80,769.23
World Missions Receipts	\$3,856.15
World Missions Budget	\$6,319.23
FUFS Receipts	\$8,629.50
FUFS Budget	\$10,338.81

April 4, 2010

Operating Receipts	\$112,959.48
Operating Budget	\$80,769.23
World Missions Receipts	\$7,621.43
World Missions Budget	\$6,319.23
FUFS Receipts	\$14,604.39
FUFS Budget	\$10,338.81

Year To Date

Budget Received YTD	\$1,072,061.94
Budget Required YTD	\$1,130,769.22
World Missions Received YTD	\$66,155.58
World Missions Required YTD	\$88,469.23
FUFS Received YTD	\$115,270.18
FUFS Required YTD	\$144,743.29

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

March 28, 2010

Profession of Faith:

Joseph Halliday Ashley McDermid

Baptized:

Samuel Clay

April 4, 2010

Profession of Faith:

Abby Jackson Kristen Bibb
Seth Shrader Matthew Jackson

Baptized:

Mitch Hartlage Kay Gillespie
Mary Humphrey Ryan Martin
Sara Martin Ashley McDermid
Leland Sandfer

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

...**Dorothy (George) Graves** in the death of her brother James Harris. Mr. Harris passed on April 5, 2010.

...**Eugene Young** in the death of his mother, Essie Young-Scruggs, on April 3, 2010.

...**Agnes Ellis** in the loss of her husband, William Ellis, who passed away on March 21, 2010.

PULPIT FLOWERS

Would you like to remember a loved one or honor a special person in your life and help the church at the same time? Consider providing the pulpit flowers one Sunday in our church. For \$25, you can place flowers in memory or honor of someone in your life. At the end of the evening worship, you can take these flowers home or to the one you honored. If you leave them, the flowers will go to one of our area nursing homes or retirement homes for the residents to enjoy. To find out more or to reserve a Sunday, contact Annette Shrader at 552-2356 or as_fromthegarden@charter.net.

WEDNESDAY MENUS

April 14, 2010:

Tossed garden salad, spaghetti with meat sauce OR vegetable lasagna, sautéed vegetables, toasted bread, dessert table

Heart Healthy Choice:

Baked spaghetti (whole wheat), whole green beans, parfait dessert

Children's Menu:

Spaghetti noodles (with or without sauce), toasted bread, milk or lemonade, chocolate chip cookie

April 21, 2010:

Marinated salads, tossed garden salad, chicken wonderful, black-eyed peas, steamed broccoli, corn bread, apple pie with cheddar cheese

Heart Healthy Choice:

Grilled chicken, broccoli salad, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit

Children's Menu:

Chicken nuggets, smiley fries, ice cream

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Adults \$5 • Children \$4

Heart Healthy \$5 • Family Maximum \$15

Serving from 4:30-5:45 pm

*Menu is subject to change without notice.



BETH MOORE: HERE AND NOW

Date: April 7-June 23

Location: Room 2317-19 and 2305-07

Workbook Cost: \$9.00

Facilitators: **Betty Barnard & Debbie Farrell**

Here and Now...There and Then is an 11-session series on the book of Revelation. Beth presents many points of view, allowing women to decide for themselves when the interpretation varies among scholars. She teaches that God is as specific about what He does reveal as He is about what He does not reveal.

~IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN A DTI CLASS~
NEW CLASSES JUST STARTED LAST WEEK!

GRADUATE NIGHT

2010 GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Believe it or not, it's that time of year again when the Student Ministry gears up to celebrate the graduation of another class of seniors! This year's Graduate Celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, May 16**. Although we are still 1 month out, there's much work to be done to make sure that this day is a special one for our graduating seniors and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We know that in a church our size there may be Seniors we need to honor, but they are not on our mailing lists. If you know of a Senior who is connected with our church, but might not be on our mailing list, would you please contact us with that name? You can send these names to jessica.stewart@fbct.org or call the Student Ministry Office at 572-1507.

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

May 9—DEADLINE to purchase Graduate Banquet Tickets

CRAZY LOVE

Date: April 7-June 16

Location: Middle School Area

Workbook Cost: \$12.00

Facilitator: **Josh Phillips**

Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself.

EFFECTIVE PARENTING IN A DEFECTIVE WORLD

Date: April 14-June 9

Location: Room 2324

Workbook Cost: \$9.00

Facilitator: **Wade and Becky Bourne**

Raising children is a tough challenge in today's world. Peers and pop culture exert a never-ending pressure on kids. Many come from split homes. In *Effective Parenting* you will learn how God's principles for raising children still work today. Packed with practical advice, this series will give struggling parents a vision for their children's future and life-changing help for today!

SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Spring Fling Hawaiian Style Thursday, April 29

Our special guest, **Keith Longbotham** will entertain us this year. He is a singer, songwriter, humorist and instrumentalist. He combines his show of great songs and inspiration with lots of clean humor and comedy. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. Complimentary for First Baptist members 55+, guests \$10.00. Come dressed in your casual Hawaiian-style clothes. Call 572-1527 to make your reservations by April 16.



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BETH MOORE SIMULCAST



SIMULCAST ON APRIL 24

Our church is partnering with Hilldale Baptist Church to host the Beth Moore Simulcast on Saturday, April 24. Tickets are only \$10 per person and are available in the church office. Child care will be provided at First Baptist Church for ladies who are attending from our church. A box lunch will also be provided for First Baptist Church ladies at the tailgate party in the parking lot during the lunch break at the simulcast. For more information contact the Adult Ministry office at 645-2431.

FIRST DISCOVERY



Interested in joining First Baptist? Come to First Discovery! This is a one-hour class to help you know more about First Baptist, our many ministries and how to become a member of our church. Ron Moore, Minister of Education, will lead this class in Room 2222 in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 11, 2010, from 9:30-10:30 am. You don't have to make reservations, just come on by. Refreshments will be served.

Let Us Pray for You
Prayer Line: 572-1534
Or prayer@fbct.org

REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 am Deacon Prayer Time
 Laida Fellowship Hall (2230)

Worship

8:15 am, 9:30 am & 10:55 am
 Grace Worship Center

Bible Study/Sunday School

8:15 am & 9:30 am Bible Study Classes for all ages
 10:55 am Adult Bible Study Classes

Sunday Evening

6:00 pm Disciplined and Delight (Youth Area)
 6:00 pm Worship (Grace Building)
 6:00 pm Preschool Mission Friends (Grace Preschool Area)

Wednesday

4:30 - 7:30 Wednesday 2/Wednesday Outreach
 4:30 - 6:00 Fellowship Meal
 6:00 - 7:15 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study in Grace Worship Center
 6:00 - 7:15 Discipleship Training Institute Classes
 6:00 - 7:15 Children's Backyard
 6:00 - 7:15 Preschool TeamKid
 6:00 - 7:15 Middle School and High School Worship
 6:00 - 7:15 Adult Choir and Orchestra
 7:00 The Gathering

Lillian Bradley Library Hours

Sundays 9:00 am - 12 pm & 5:00 - 6:00 pm
 Wednesdays 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 The Library is located in Room 2326 on the third floor of the Hope Building.

T.V. Ministry

Charter channel 9 or Broadcast channel 49.
 Sundays at 9:00 am
 Mondays at 8:00 pm
 Wednesdays at 8:30 am

EASTER THANK YOU FROM PRESCHOOL

Over 400 preschoolers, their families, and several of our dedicated Preschool leaders came together on Saturday, March 27 to learn and to celebrate that "Jesus is Alive!" Our preschoolers made crafts and played games that taught them that we celebrate Easter because Jesus is Alive.

After spending time at our craft and game stations, Donkey and Scruffy reinforced to our preschoolers that Jesus is Alive through their puppet show. The morning concluded with the fun and laughter of age-specific Egg Hunts with over 4000 stuffed eggs.

THANK YOU to everyone at First Baptist Church who provided plastic eggs, candy, time, and prayers.



LIVE WEBCAST

On those Sundays when you are not able to be at church, you can still view our worship live on your PC at www.fbct.org/live. We broadcast our 9:30, 10:55 am and 6:00 pm worships. You can share this with friends and relatives who might want to watch our worship. This is a Windows Media based stream, not available on Macs.