

Teaching
THE
WORD...
Touching
LIVES

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART



Dear First Family,
The Lord is good . . . all the time. On Sunday, March 14, Lord willing, by His grace, I will be back with you to preach in the 9:30 am Sunday worship. I have read and re-read the Psalms in recent weeks. The Psalmist wrote, "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me and heard my cry. He brought me up out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shalt trust in the Lord." (Psalm 40:1-3) That is my testimony. God has been gracious, and His strength has come. As the old hymn says, "God will take care of you."

On January 13, God tapped me on the shoulder. I had a heart attack. God was reminding me that life and ministry are His gifts and that we are not our own but we are bought with a price. The Lord wanted me to learn experientially the meaning of Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." Tests the next day showed two blockages too large to stent. Heart surgery was scheduled, but for medical and surgical reasons, it could not be done for four days. That gave four days to seek the Lord and His Word. I never turned on the TV set in that hospital room for four days but only searched the Scriptures and prayed. These were precious close times

with family. Priscilla, God bless her, became ill in the hospital and was admitted for observation for two days before the surgery, in the room right across the hall from me! We were a sight, walking down the hospital hallway together with our IV's and hospital gowns. We laughed out loud together and felt the Lord's presence despite the trial. On January 18, God ordained I would have heart surgery. Psalm 119:75 says, "That Thou in faithfulness hath afflicted me." In that weekend of seeking His face, He gave me peace, and by His grace, before the surgery He gave His perfect peace. Now two months after surgery, I am blessed to return to my beloved people. God has been good.

Every card, every call, voicemail, email, prayer card, and meal has been such a blessing to Priscilla and me. Thank you so much from our hearts. Please continue to pray.

We will continue preaching on Sunday in the Chronicles where we left off in January on Revival- "O Lord, Do It Again!" The sermon will be on "The Complete and Wonderful Forgiveness of Sins" from I Chronicles 20. I pray there is a blessing for us Sunday in His Word.

Sunday evening, March 14, in our 6:00 pm worship you must come hear our guest preacher **Dr. Russell Moore, Dean of the School of Theology at our Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.** Dr. Russell Moore is one of the most

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ADOPTION? FOSTER CARE? WHAT IS IT? HOW CAN I HELP? GET THE ANSWERS!

At 4:30 pm in the Laida Fellowship Hall there will be informational meetings on foster care and adoption. Childcare will be provided for birth through kindergarten. Leading these meetings will be:

- Foster Care: Angela Mitchell, Deputy Regional Administrator, Mid Cumberland Region.
- Adoption: Chris Trout, Bethany Christian Services.

During worship our special guest speaker will be Dr. Russell Moore. Dr. Moore is the author of *The Kingdom of Christ* and *Adopted for Life*.

For information about the Adoption Ministry, contact the Children's Ministry Office at (931) 572-1510.



**SPRING
FORWARD
ONE HOUR
THIS SUNDAY**

TIME CHANGE



Most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 am on the second Sunday in March and reverts to standard time on the first Sunday in November (The Energy Policy Act of 2005 extended Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. beginning in 2007). In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time.

Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks because Daylight Saving Time provides a convenient reminder. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries.

Daylight Saving Time for 2010 begins March 14 and ends November 7.

To learn more about the history of Daylight Saving Time, visit www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving.

PAID TEACHERS NEEDED

The preschool ministry is currently accepting applications for paid childcare teachers. Our paid childcare teachers work Thursday and/or Friday mornings, Wednesday and/or Friday evenings and as needed for special events.

We love and respect our paid childcare teachers. If you are loving, patient, flexible, and dependable, please call 931-572-1509 for additional information.

121 BUCKETS OF HOPE



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Thank you for the great support of this ministry. The final count is in and you have put together over 121 "Buckets of Hope" that will be going to assist those affected by the earthquake in Haiti.



PASTOR'S HEART...

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engaging preachers in Southern Baptist life. His role as Dean of the School of Theology means that his leadership shapes thousands of young pastors, missionaries, and church leaders for the next generation. Dr. Moore is a leader in Adoption Ministry at Highview Baptist Church in Louisville. Dr. and Mrs. Moore have adopted two boys from an orphanage in Russia. He will preach on "Adoption Ministry in the Local Church."

Before the evening worship at 4:30 pm March 14 we will have two sessions on "How to Be a Foster Care Parent in Montgomery County" and "How To Get Started on Adoption." Spread the word about this new outreach ministry in our church!

SBC Disaster Relief in both Haiti and Chile is providing housing, food and sharing the Gospel of Christ. SBC Disaster Relief is the third largest relief agency in America following the Salvation Army and Red Cross. SBC Disaster Relief is your Cooperative Program giving at work in the world.

Sunday March 14 is a Day of Prayer for the search of the new President of our International Mission Board which takes the Gospel to the nations. President Jerry Rankin retires this summer.

See you Sunday. I love you and am so grateful to be your Pastor. The Lord is with us.

I have missed greatly holding a Bible in my hand on Sunday morning and preaching God's Word to God's people about the love of God in Jesus Christ and am full of His joy at the thought of being back with you.

Love, in Christ,

Roger P. Freeman

STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

Not Available in Last Issue

February 14, 2010

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Operating Receipts | \$63,741.61 |
| Operating Budget | \$80,769.23 |
| World Missions Receipts | \$4,631.30 |
| World Missions Budget | \$6,319.23 |
| FUFS Receipts | \$7,746.40 |
| FUFS Budget | \$10,338.81 |

February 21, 2010

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| Operating Receipts | \$78,894.09 |
| Operating Budget | \$80,769.23 |
| World Missions Receipts | \$4,048.60 |
| World Missions Budget | \$6,319.23 |
| FUFS Receipts | \$6,290.66 |
| FUFS Budget | \$10,338.81 |

FIRST REPORTS

ATTENDANCE

February 28, 2010

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Sunday School | 1517 |
| Midweek Bible Study | 617 |
| Total Bible Study | 2134 |
| Korean Church | 18 |
| Hispanic Church | 37 |
| Missions | 0 |
| Total Worship | 1722 |
| Exit One Church Sunday School | 137 |
| Exit One Church Worship | 302 |

March 7, 2010

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Sunday School | 1402 |
| Midweek Bible Study | 744 |
| Total Bible Study | 2146 |
| Korean Church | 18 |
| Hispanic Church | 27 |
| Missions | 0 |
| Total Worship | 1758 |
| Exit One Church Sunday School | 148 |
| Exit One Church Worship | 314 |

STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

February 28, 2010

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Operating Receipts | \$99,839.95 |
| Operating Budget | \$80,769.23 |
| World Missions Receipts | \$4,631.30 |
| World Missions Budget | \$6,319.23 |
| FUFS Receipts | \$12,781.50 |
| FUFS Budget | \$10,338.81 |

March 7, 2010

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Operating Receipts | \$90,694.56 |
| Operating Budget | \$80,769.23 |
| World Missions Receipts | \$7,632.85 |
| World Missions Budget | \$6,319.23 |
| FUFS Receipts | \$12,278.96 |
| FUFS Budget | \$10,338.81 |

Year To Date

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Received YTD | \$767,021.27 |
| Budget Required YTD | \$807,692.30 |
| World Missions Received YTD | \$46,820.47 |
| World Missions Required YTD | \$63,192.31 |
| FUFS Received YTD | \$76,117.30 |
| FUFS Required YTD | \$103,388.06 |

CONGRATULATIONS

AND THANK YOU TO...

...**Dana Abec** on her 3rd anniversary serving the Lord as Education Ministry Office Assistant.

...**Gene Dunn** on his 8th anniversary serving the Lord on the Custodial Staff.

Let Us Pray for You

Prayer Line: 572-1534

Or prayer@fbct.org

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

...Pollyanna (Sam) Mosley and Judy (Glen) Castleberry in the death of their sister, Jenny Carol McLevain, on March 3, 2010.

FOOD SERVICE MINISTRY

Our Food Service Ministry offers you the opportunity to serve in a real people ministry. Our church hosts many civic and community events. Volunteers are needed for tasks such as greeters, food prep, servers (NOT carrying food to the tables on large trays, we have runners to do that), and clean-up. The only requirement for this great work is to have a **willing heart to serve**. Please call Lynn Dallas 472-1171 or email lynn.dallas@fbct.org

CHURCH COOKBOOK

The First Baptist Food Ministry presents plans for the upcoming publication of a cookbook to preserve all the wonderful recipes within our membership. Watch for information soon! Begin planning what you would like your legacy to be! For additional information please email lynn.dallas@fbct.org or call 472-1171.

WEDNESDAY MENUS

March 17, 2010:

Sweet and sour coleslaw, catfish fillets (2 per person please), hush puppies, fried okra, lemon layer cake, key lime pie

Heart Healthy Choice:

Tilapia, orzo-mushrooms, asparagus, fat free dessert

Children's Menu:

Chicken drumettes, baked potato, chocolate chip cookie

March 24, 2010:

Tossed garden salad, barbeque chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, banana pudding

Heart Healthy Choice:

Chicken wraps, raw veggies with dip, fat free dessert

Children's Menu:

Chicken legs, mashed potatoes, brownies

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.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER: MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Get away and come together at FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember marriage enrichment conference. For over 30 years this conference has helped make marriages stronger and healthier. Life has a way of overwhelming a marriage with jobs, kids, activities and errands. Before you know it, checking your e-mail is more important than carving out a date night. FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember marriage conference is a chance to make a change. It's a time to rediscover each other and find more intimacy in your life together. Plan to be a part of this life-changing weekend, March 26-28, 2010, at the Marriott Cool Springs. If you register using our church group number you can save \$80 per couple, making the cost only \$89 per person or \$178 per couple. This includes all conference sessions and materials but does not include lodging or food. Pick up information in the foyer outside of the Grace Worship Center or see Ron Moore for more details and information.



EASTER @ FIRST BAPTIST

Easter Baptisms

The season of Easter is a great time to observe your baptism. If you have accepted Christ and have not yet followed Him in believer's baptism, consider being baptized in our Easter week worship on Thursday, April 1, at 6 pm or on Easter Sunday, April 4 in one of our four morning worship times. Contact Irby Stanley at irby@fbct.org or Roger Freeman through rosina@fbct.org or call them at 645-2431 to set up a time of baptism.

First Easter

Our Adult Choir, Orchestra and Doxa Praise Team present "Lift Up Your Voice", a worship celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Sunday morning, March 28, in the 9:30 and 10:55 worships. Abbreviated portions will be shared in the 8:15 worship. You will hear stories from Biblical personalities and contemporary Christians of how God has brought victory in their lives. Come worship with us.

Easter Sunday Worship Schedule

To allow for our increased attendance on Easter Sunday morning, we are adding a 7:15 am worship. We are encouraging any who will that normally attend 9:30 worship to come at 7:15. This will allow you to still attend your 8:15 Sunday School class and will help provide room for others at the 9:30 hour. Thank you for considering this option to help others. There will be no activities at church that night to allow time for families to spend Easter together.

NEW ADDITION

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Ben and Natalie Walker on the birth of their daughter, Kentley Gale, born March 2, 2010. Congratulations, also, to grandparents Frank and Jane Walker, and Joe and Lynette Biggar.

Family Worship

On Wednesday, March 24, we will have Family Supper beginning at 4:30 pm, Family Worship at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall and the Gathering at 7 pm in the Faith Worship Center. Childcare is available for those 3 years and younger for the family worship time. These are the only activities that will occur that night. This is the week of Spring Break for the Clarksville – Montgomery County School System and we traditionally have these events only on that week.

Holy Week Lord's Supper

On Thursday night, April 1, at 6:00 pm in the Grace Worship Center, we will observe the Lord's Supper. This time of worship just before Good Friday and the Easter Sunday Celebration will be a time that you and your family can prepare your hearts to rejoice over the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Make this the start of a family tradition to spiritually encourage your witness for Christ. Childcare is available for those ages birth through kindergarten.

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 in the Audio Archive under Resources. You can also find them on iTunes by searching for *First Baptist Church, Clarksville, TN*.



VIDEO SERMON ARCHIVE NOW AVAILABLE!

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



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THE TRUTH ABOUT SEX



The Truth About Sex is a weekend conference which will be hosted by our Unison Student Ministry on March 18-19. This conference will focus on God's plan for sex and the importance of a lifestyle of purity. The event is for students (grades 6-12) and their parents and will take place from 5:30 pm—8:30 pm on Friday and 10:00 am—1:00 pm on Saturday. Although the event is free, we need all those who plan to attend to register by calling the Student Ministry Office at 572-1507. Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday will be provided.

EASTER CELEBRATION



Does your preschooler know why we celebrate Easter? Being a parent in today's culture is very difficult. It can be a tremendous challenge to teach and instruct your preschooler "in the way he should go" in a

world dominated by the Easter Bunny. On Saturday morning, March 27th from 10:00 am—12:00 noon, children ages two years through Kindergarten will learn that we celebrate Easter because Jesus is Alive! Parents and preschoolers will go through craft and game stations, lay flowers at our cross, enjoy a puppet show, sing with our TeamKIDS, and enjoy an age-specific egg hunt. Childcare is available for Babies and Ones. Please invite your neighbors and friends, and bring an artificial flower. For additional information, please call 931-572-1509.

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.

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 2 months 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:

April 5—DEADLINE to submit Senior Book Questionnaires and Pictures
May 9—DEADLINE to purchase Graduate Banquet Tickets

REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Worship

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

Bible Study/Sunday School

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

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

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.