

Teaching
THE
WORD...
Touching
LIVES



From Your **PASTOR'S HEART**

Dear First Family,
Sunday School leaders, thank you for your ministry! Please attend the Sunday School Conference, "Essentials for Excellence – Connecting Sunday School to Life," this Monday, August 4 at 5:30 pm at our Church. There are some wonderful skilled and spiritual leaders coming from LifeWay and other Churches to bless us. Let's work and pray to make this the best year ever in outreach, ministry, and discipleship in Sunday School.

This devotional sent via e-mail brought several comments of encouragement. It is shared now in print.

Small Things In A Big Way

"For who has despised the day of small things?" Zechariah 4:10

"For if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . . nothing shall be impossible to you." Matthew 17:20

"And Jesus said, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3

God uses small things in a big way. The laying of the foundation of the second Temple after the seventy year captivity seemed small to the Jews compared to Solomon's Temple. Zechariah said it was a big thing because the Messiah would enter

this new Temple!

The mustard tree seed is ever so tiny. Jesus said that mustard seed faith can move spiritual mountains. He also declared that small children who believed in Him were light years ahead of old men with seminary degrees who exalted reason above child-like faith.

God is interested in small things done in big ways. A loving smile to a down cast heart or a kind word to a discouraged soul can make the difference between wanting to end life or trying to continue on victoriously.

Small things matter. The African missionary/explorer David Livingston was asked what was the most difficult encounter he had during his years in the interior of Africa. Livingston said, "The gnats!" Gnats in life can "bug" us to distraction. We cannot let the "gnats" of life get us down.

Small things matter to God. G. Campbell Morgan was the world renowned preacher of God's Word at Westminster Chapel in London. One of his members shared with him a perplexing family situation she was experiencing. Dr. Morgan asked her, "Have you prayed about it?" She said, "Oh, it is such a small issue that I don't want to bother God about it." The wise minister gently responded, "Madam, pray tell me

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**Thank you, Pastor
for 15 years of ministry!
Come celebrate with us
Sunday, August 3, 2008, at 6:00 pm.
Fellowship following.**

DISCOVER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Leadership Training Conference ~ Monday, August 4

Every Sunday School teacher needs to be present for our next leadership conference on August 4. The conference will begin with a meal at 5:30 pm in the Laida Fellowship Hall, followed by a brief general session at 6:15 pm and then age group conferences at 6:30 pm. We are fortunate to have some of the best trainers in the Southern Baptist Convention. You will be inspired and will discover some fresh ideas on how to make your Sunday School class even better. There is a conference for every age group.

Child care is provided for birth through 5th grade upon request. Your children are welcome to eat with you at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP by calling 572-1506.



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what is big to God? There is nothing too big or too small to bring to God in prayer." Wise counsel indeed.

Small things make big differences. It has been said that trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle.

Child of God, do not despise the day of small things. A few minutes in God's Word at the beginning of the day can be the key to the filling of the Holy Spirit for your day. A thoughtful response to a personal injustice instead of a snap retort can avert a harsh argument and build a new relationship. One hour over a hamburger with your teenager instead of going shopping alone in your spare time may turn your child from a temptation you knew nothing about. A word of witness to your office co-worker for the Gospel of Christ may save a soul from Hell. Nothing is really small when God is with us!

Where shall I work today, Dear Lord?
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then the Lord pointed out a tiny place
And said, "Tend that for Me."

I cried aloud, "O, Lord not there,
Why, no one could ever see
How well my work was done,
Not that little place for me."

When the Lord answered,
He was not harsh,
He answered me tenderly,
"Tell Me, precious child of mine,
Are you working for them or for Me?
Nazareth was a little place
And so was Galilee."

If a sparrow cannot fall to the earth without His knowledge, surely our God of love is watching over our lives. The God Who created us and died for us on the Cross is vitally involved and interested in every small thought and deed. "Holy Father, help me today to do small things in a big way for the sake of others and for your glory. Amen."

God bless and keep you. See you Sunday.

Roger P. Freeman

FROM THE DESK OF...

Josh Phillips, *Minister to Students*



Dear Wonderful Church Family,
Thank you so much for your tremendous support of our Student Ministry this summer. Many of you, as individuals

and as classes, supported both of our summer camps through the scholarship money you donated. Because of your generosity, many Middle and High School students were able to participate in these two life-changing weeks.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the adult volunteers who gave of their time and energy to make sure each of these camps was a success. I especially want to thank Tad Ketch and the entire High School Camp lead team. Your dedication to our high school ministry and to Kingdom '08 was a true blessing and the lives of many students have been impacted for all eternity.

Also, thanks to all of you who made Camp Hillmont a wonderful experience. Special thanks to Stephanie Monroe (our Production Director), Lucas Wyatt (Sound Technician), Josh Woodlief (Worship Pastor), Bubba Cherry (Recreation Director), Rosamond Briggs, Robyn Bruner, Susie Salyers (Nurses) and to the rest of our Support Staff Team: Trent and Dana Knott, Ben and Christy Tarver, Dana Abee, Rissa Larson, Ron Moore, Tad Ketch, Kari Rassas, Janet Hall, Kenny Kennedy, Kathryn Evans, Lee Ann Brandon, Freddy T. Wyatt, Wally Vinson, Chris Edmondson and Steven Coleman.

And a super-duper thanks to our Middle School Ministry Office Assistant, Elizabeth Schmidt. This camp would not have happened without your obvious dedication to our ministry and students.

This was our church's 30th year hosting a camp at Hillmont Christian Camp in White Bluff. There have been many wonderful

camp take place there over the past three decades, but I have to say that I believe this was one of the best. Not because of anything I did, but because of the great commitment and support of this church and our volunteers.

Our theme this year was "SuperSonic" and everything we did was built around our desire to see students become Super Heroes of the Christian Faith. Following James 1:22, we challenged students with the truth that what makes them super heroes is allowing their head knowledge about Christ to become heart knowledge. When this happens, Scripture then begins to govern their life's thoughts, actions and motives. Through the week we looked at "heroes" from Scripture who set examples for us of how we can allow this change to take place in our lives.

Each day's Bible Study focused on a different hero and each night's worship lead students to find ways to actively respond to the truth they heard during the day. As we went through the week, we heard reports of many students who were finally "getting it." They were beginning to understand that what God wants from them is not the ability to win a Bible Trivia contest but instead to offer Him a heart that is open and willing to be used in what ever way would bring Him glory.

Please continue to pray for our Student Ministry and these precious teenagers who are allowing God freedom to work in their lives. As you know, the few weeks following an experience like this are difficult. Satan is hard at work trying to tempt and distract them from what God is calling them to. Pray specifically for protection over their lives and a continued desire for holiness.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

July 27, 2008

Profession/Baptism: Che Barrientos
Baptized this Sunday: Dr. John Shields
Baptized Wednesday, July 9, 2008:
Crystal Price, Shannon Price

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

July 27, 2008

8:15 Sunday School 709
9:30 Sunday School 709
10:55 Sunday School 42
Exit One Church Sunday School 138
Total Sunday School 1,598

Midweek Bible Study 265
Total Bible Study 1,863

Sunday 9:30 Worship 925
Sunday 10:55 Worship 409
DOXA 303
Preschool 107
Korean Church 22
Hispanic Church 30
Exit One Church 236
Total Worship 2,032
Total Exit One Church 374

LEGACY: LIFE AFTER 55

VISIT THE FRIST ART CENTER

Adults 55+ are invited to visit the Frist Art Center in Nashville. The tour will include viewing the Tiffany Glass Exhibit plus free time at the Center. The trip will be Monday, August 18. We will leave at 9:00 am and return about 2:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00 (includes bus & entrance fee) plus lunch at the Frist Center. Reservations should be made by Friday, August 8. Call Brenda Spurgeon at 572-1528.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TEACHERS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is still looking for teachers to work in the Children's and Pre-School Sunday School for the new year. We have a spot just for you. Please call the Children's Ministry, if you would like to help.

The next session for **The Way To Christ Class** is forming and is planned to run September 14 thru October 4. Please call the Children's Ministry to sign up. We have placed a Lost and Found bucket in the Children's area containing items from VBS and Hillmont.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning September 7, we will have a new worship schedule to help us reach all of Clarksville. At 8:15 am, we will have Worship and Sunday School. At 9:30 am, we will have Worship and Sunday School. At 10:55 am, we will have DOXA Worship and Adult Sunday School classes. Pray with your family as to where God would lead you to be. Pray that we will reach out to Clarksville with God's message.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Hubert and Margaret Bowman, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the Opryland Hotel on July 24, 2008. Children of the couple include: Gail Longton, Pam Moses, Sandra Crabtree and Karen Heavener.

STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

July 27, 2008

Budget Required	\$78,534.86
Budget Gifts	91,024.16
Budget Required for the Year	2,340,882.97
Budget Receipts for the Year	2,455,936.92
Find Us Faithful Still Budget	12,5000.00
Find Us Faithful Still Gifts	24,330.91
Find Us Faithful Required Year	350,000.00
Find Us Faithful Received Year	497,705.41

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

The new Sunday School year begins on Sunday, August 10. It is always a great time to start anew. Many Adult classes will continue on but what a great time to reenergize. Students and children will move up to the next level as they continue to grow and mature. Teachers are always needed in every area at every hour. If you feel led to volunteer, contact the Education Ministry at 572-1506.

MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

Sing Oldham has agreed to be our speaker for the Men's Ministry barbeque dinner event at 5:00 pm, Saturday, September 6, 2008. Wayne Abrams and Irby Stanley are cooking barbecued ribs and brisket for this church wide men's event. Sing Oldham was pastor of FBC, Martin, for many years and recently became Assistant Executive Director of the SBC in Nashville. Sing has been pastor to many of our students who attended UT Martin and is a great spiritual leader. He is going to speak on "Becoming a Man of God."

This event will also "kick off" the ten weeks of Thursday morning Men's Ministry from September 11 to November 13, when we will study "Disciplines of a Godly Man."

RECREATION MINISTRY

WALK TO MEMPHIS

Our Recreation Ministry wants you to get out and walk to Memphis. Well, not physically to Memphis but the mileage to the Bluff City. According to MapQuest, the distance from our church to downtown Memphis is 207 miles. For those willing to venture on this walk you can sign up in the Activities Center. You will be given a log sheet to track your mileage on our indoor track, which by the way, is air conditioned! This will begin August 4 and run until November 26. The first five individuals to complete the journey will receive a gift certificate to a Clarksville restaurant. So, sign up in our Activities Center, polish off those walking shoes, and stride on down to Memphis (the 207 miles, that is) – your heart will thank you.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Starting August 13, our fall Wednesday schedule begins. This starts with Family meal time beginning at 4:30 pm. Have a great meal for a small cost and fellowship with your family and fellow church members.

At 5:15 pm, Children's Choirs start for children three years old through fifth grade. Preschool Choirs are in the Grace Building on the first floor and Children's Choirs are in the Hope Building on the first floor.

At 6:00 pm, we have the Pastor's Bible Study in the Grace Worship Center, Preschool Mission Friends, Children's Backyard, Youth Worship times, Discipleship Training classes and Adult Choir and Orchestra rehearsal. There is a place for you on Wednesday nights.

PASTOR'S DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

Access Dr. Freeman's Devotionals by going to the church website at www.fbct.org and then click on the "Publications" tab. The website will walk you through the steps from there.

COLLEGE/SINGLES

APSU DORM MOVE IN

We will help students move into dorms on August 21 - 23. There will be plastic containers set up in the foyers of the Faith and Grace Worship Centers, in the Activities Building and in the Laida Fellowship Hall areas **for you to donate bottled water**. We will be giving out bottles of water, food and information about FBC. **You may sign up to help us move students** in at APSU in your Sunday School class or by contacting the College/Singles Ministry office at 503-3287 or greg.moore@fbct.org. We need many of you to help. Our presence on campus sends a clear message to students at APSU that we care and that we want them to be a part of our college ministry at FBC while they are students here. Please sign up to help us reach college students for Jesus Christ!

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Active: Bob Murphy, Zoot Parker, Bill Prine, Mike Rainey, Ted Reece, Ron Samuels, Ohler Scalf, Dick Spangler, Ken Spiceland

Emeriti: David Morton

World Missions

World Missions Required	\$9,525.09
World Missions Received	6,293.75
Required for the Year	213,674.62
Received for the Year	154,031.43

CHURCH NEWS

TEACHERS NEEDED

One of the marks of a good teacher is one who is reproducing himself. A good teacher is constantly encouraging people to go out and serve. The more people who come out of a class to serve is a reflection that the teacher is doing a good job of producing disciples that are ready to go to work for the Lord. Ask God to show you if He is calling you to serve. One of the best compliments you can give your teacher is to tell him that you are leaving to go serve.

We currently have a great need for teachers in all of our ministry areas but especially in our preschool area. Many people think that the preschool area is nothing but child care, but it is in the preschool area where we start to teach children about God and His love for them, how to pray and how to worship God through singing. We teach them to share and serve, we teach them to forgive, we teach them self control, and the importance of obeying. These are foundations that will help a child develop as a believer in Christ when he moves into the Children's Ministry area. Also, as preschoolers are cared for, parents can attend Bible study and worship. Preschool workers minister to both the children and their parents.

If God is calling you to serve, please contact Ron Moore at 572-1505. The little children need someone to come and share the love of God with them. Will you be the one?

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO...

...**Dr. Roger Freeman** on his 15th anniversary as Pastor, serving the Lord and First Baptist Church.

...**Jackie Thomas** on his 1st anniversary as a Custodian, serving the Lord and First Baptist Church.

...**Dale Schantz** on his 6th anniversary as a Custodian, serving the Lord and First Baptist Church.

...**Pat Nowell**, on his 2nd anniversary as Interim Minister to Senior Adults, serving the Lord and First Baptist Church

EXIT ONE BAPTIST CHURCH



Exit One Baptist Church is coming up on its one year anniversary! Since launching the beginning of September 2007, 13 people have been baptized, 36 people have become members, and over 117 people have indicated that they have begun a relationship with Jesus! We're averaging 386 people every Sunday, and we're quickly running out of room at the Movie Theatre. Because we have outgrown the Movie Theatre, we're planning to move to Northeast High School. In order to make this move, we need to purchase around \$30,000 worth of equipment, with the biggest purchase being two enclosed trailers (18 to 24 feet long) for storing our equipment. If you know of anyone who has enclosed trailers and wants to part with them, please call 802-8663. Thanks, First Baptist!

THE PLACE TO BE SEEN

Sign up to have your photo made for our new church directory. Photos will be taken by Olan Mills on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays starting August 14 and going to September 7. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer of Grace. We're looking to great participation from all families!

FOOD SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served from 7:30-9:45 am.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Adults \$4 • Children \$3

Heart Healthy \$4

Family Maximum \$15

**Menu subject to change without notice*

Serving from 4:30-6:00 pm

REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Worship

9:30 am, 10:55 am -
Grace Worship Center
10:45 am - DOXA Worship
Faith Worship Center

Bible Study (Sunday School)

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

Sunday Evening

6:00 pm - Impact and Delight
(Middle School)
6:00 pm - The Family Room
(High School)
6:00 pm - Worship -
Faith Worship Center

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 Adult Choir and
Orchestra
6:00 - 7:15 Children's Backyard
6:00 - 7:15 Preschool TeamKid
6:00 - 7:15 Middle School and High
School Worship
7:45 - 9:00 College and Singles
Worship (Overflow 235)

Friday

10:30 am - Senior Adult Bible Study
Laida Fellowship Hall

Media Library Center Hours

Sundays 9:00 am—12 pm & 5:00-6:00 pm

Wednesdays 4:00-6:00 pm

The Media Library Center is located in Room 2326 on the third floor of the Hope Building.

T.V. Ministry

You may view a 30-minute worship three times during the week on Charter Communications cable channel 9 or over the air on channel 49.

Sundays at 9:00 am

Mondays at 8:00 pm

Wednesdays at 8:30 am

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