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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

Dear First Family,
We will celebrate Love Sunday this Lord's Day. It is Valentine's Day week and

also the Sunday our Church begins our ministry pilgrimage to build a Habitat house this summer. Our Church has authorized an offering to raise the \$25,000 needed for our financial commitment. We will meet the precious family this Sunday which is linking in love with First Baptist Church through Habitat. Herb Baggett who has a long ministry with Habitat is helping us get this project established. Gary Cook will be the project manager. Bubba Cherry and Kyle Jones are the construction leaders. There will be a sign up sheet for workers in the Church bulletin on Sunday. We are organizing the work teams and hope to break ground this Spring. Be praying now, give as God prospers you and look forward to a great spiritual ministry. We hope to visit door to door in the neighborhood and make this Habitat project an evangelistic ministry.

The family is excited about working hard and partnering with our Church to build this home. February 15 will be **Love Sunday** when this family will be introduced to our Church family as we begin this Christ centered, spiritual mission project with prayer.

Ground Breaking Dedication will be at the site of the new home at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 4. The first full work day will be Saturday, April 25. The lot is on 1012 Lincoln Street near Monroe Drive. Right now, our job is to **PRAY** for the project, **PRAY** for the family with whom we will be working, **PRAY** for the leaders of the project to be enlisted, and **PRAY** for this Christ-centered, deacon led project to involve our entire Church family to share the Gospel with the community for the glory of God.

Thank you for your faithfulness in attendance and giving. Your giving to the Lord always amazes me. The ministries of First Baptist Church touch the world. Everything we do is missions from Sunday School to Room in the Inn to Cooperative

Program international missions. In challenging economic times, God's work will continue because His Kingdom is eternal. Our Church is exercising good stewardship principles to use God's money wisely. Please put God first as you give His tithe and your offering to God's Kingdom work. Dr. Scott McCullough, our Missions Committee Chair, reports that total missions giving through First Baptist Church in 2008 for all missions causes outside the four walls of our Church was \$1,498,000. To God be the glory for your missionary heart.

A Life on Loan to God

The Proverbs teach "wisdom" to our children. Wisdom is the correct application of knowledge, but wisdom is more than that! There is worldly wisdom, but the Proverbs gives spiritual wisdom. The Hebrew word "wisdom" means "skillful." Wisdom is skillfulness in life from God's viewpoint! Our children are God's loan to us to teach them the good and right way in Christ.

The foundational teaching in wisdom is the Lordship of Jesus Christ over all of life.

We teach our children to trust the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and also as Lord over all of life.

The **decision** to trust – "**Trust** in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding." Wisdom begins with faith in God's ownership.

The **devotion** of trust – "**In all thy ways** acknowledge Him." Wisdom continues with faith in God's commands.

The **direction** from trust – "**And He shall direct your paths.**" Wisdom rejoices with faith in God's mercy and guidance.

The Lordship of God can also be called, "The principle of a Life on Loan from God." Your life is on loan from God.

We teach our children that everything we have is from God. What do you have today that was not given you by God? John 3:27 Ask God for His wisdom today to live your life wisely for His glory!!

See you Sunday Bible and tithe in hand!

In Christ,

Roger P. Freeman



Ron Moore,
Minister of Education

LESSON PREVIEW

Beginning in March the Explore the Bible Sunday School materials will explore Isaiah. The first unit of study is called "Maintain Spiritual Health". We all know the importance of keeping our bodies in good physical condition and to eat healthy. Isaiah will provide some practical ideas on how to maintain good spiritual health. Lessons in this unit will include *Live Closer to the Lord's Expectations*; *Honor the Lord with Willing Service*; *Act on the Lord's Truth in Confronting Life's Challenges*; *Allow the Lord's Will to Guide You Every Day*; and *Stay Spiritually Alert*.

PRAYER AND OUTREACH

Each month we provide our Sunday School teachers with a list that is called a "Follow-up List". This list gives the teacher a list of all members and the number of Sundays they have missed. It also provides a list of prospects for the class. All teachers are encouraged to take this list and use it to make contacts to members and prospects that need to be involved in Sunday School. Volunteer to help your teacher make these contacts each month.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHER HIGHLIGHT**

Just a few short years ago Steve and Donna Springer began teaching the class for young couples at 9:30 am. If my memory is correct there were approximately 10-12 people in the class at that time. Due to the excellent job of Steve and Donna this class has grown to average between 30-40 people each Sunday. They regularly have light refreshments prior to class beginning. This provides a great opportunity for couples to visit and get better acquainted. Additionally, they have a pot-luck supper after church once a month where couples can bring their children and have a wonderful time of fellowship. Many of the couples are in the military so the class provides a great support group for wives when their husbands are deployed. We deeply appreciate the ministry of Steve and Donna Springer and pray God's blessings on them and their class.

PRAISE REPORT

Every Sunday we have four or five young families that are guests in our Doxa service at 10:55 am. Many of these guests are in our military. We work hard to introduce these couples to a Sunday School class at that meets at 9:30 am. Steve and Donna Springer's class has provided an excellent place for these couples to get involved in Sunday School and get acquainted with other young couples. This class has grown significantly and has almost reached the capacity of the room. We realize the need to start a new young adult class at this hour to be able to adequately reach and minister to young couples. Brian and Cindy Morgan will begin a new class for young couples at 9:30 am on Sunday, March 1. We are excited about this new class and welcome any couple that may be interested in helping get this new class started.

CHURCH NEWS

FOCUS ON MARRIAGE

"Seeing Your Marriage Through the Eyes of God"

Live Via Satellite

Saturday, February 28, 2009

First Baptist Church Clarksville

Presented by Focus on the Family

Focus on Marriage will help you understand the higher purpose of your marriage, while providing practical insights to help with the everyday issues. A limited number of tickets are available in the foyer on Sunday for \$40 per couple.

EVANGELISM TRAINING

Every Believer a Witness Training, March 22-25, is a way for you to learn to share your faith with others. Dennis Nunn, formerly of First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Georgia, will lead this event. Please mark your calendar now.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Freeman is leading a men's Bible study on Spiritual Warfare that began on Thursday, February 5 in the Laida Fellowship Hall. Breakfast is available at 6:15 am and the study begins at 7:00 am each Thursday until April 9. This ten-week study will change your life. It's not too late to come and be a part of this study.

FAMILY WORSHIP

The Children's Ministry will have a Family Worship Night on Sunday, February 15, 2009, in the Backyard Room in the Children's area from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. All Children 1st - 5th grade and their families are welcome.

ATTENDANCE

February 1, 2009

8:15 Sunday School	775
9:30 Sunday School	639
10:55 Sunday School	179

Total Sunday School 1,593

Midweek Bible Study	134
Total Bible Study	1,727

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

February 8, 2009

Profession/Baptism: Michael Glasson,
Jacob Patton, Victor Champion,
Anita Champion
Letter/Statement: Mario Kee,
Steve Champion
Baptized This Sunday:
Madeline Bittner

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

February 8, 2009

8:15 Sunday School	743
9:30 Sunday School	607
10:55 Sunday School	173
Total Sunday School	1,523
Midweek Bible Study	650
Total Bible Study	2,173

Sunday 8:15 Worship	107
Sunday 9:30 Worship	1146
DOXA	585
Preschool	75
Korean Church	22
Hispanic Church	46
Total Worship	1,981
Exit One Church Sunday School	126
Exit One Church Worship	248

CHURCH NEWS

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Do you want to join a BOOMING ministry where you are guaranteed to make an eternal difference? The Preschool ministry is looking for smiling faces who love to laugh on Sunday mornings. We have three AMAZING lead teachers who are looking for 3 assistant teachers.

- (1) assistant teacher at 9:30 with two-year olds
- (1) assistant teacher at 10:55 with two-year olds
- (1) assistant teacher at 10:55 with three-year olds

Remember: Smiles, laughs, and Goldfish are guaranteed! Contact Cheryl McCrary at 572-1509 for further information

ALL ABOARD FOR THE BOOMERANG EXPRESS

Do you want to help with Vacation Bible School but cannot commit to teaching? We are looking for men and women who would like to assist with designing, building, painting, or decorating our Vacation Bible School scenes. No Van Gogh's allowed! All skill levels are needed and welcomed. Remember, to a preschooler, a stick figure is an amazing feat of artistic genius! We will begin soon, so "All aboard!" Please contact Laura or Cheryl in the Preschool Ministry office at 572-1508

DISCIPLE NOW 2009 Plastic Peace

Date: February 26-March 1 ~ **Cost:** \$75
DiscipleNow is a weekend-long, in-town retreat for students in grades 6-12. During the weekend, students stay in Host Homes, provided by families of First Baptist, with other students their grade and gender. Registration and payment can be made online at the church website (www.fbct.org), click "Ministries", "Student Ministries", "Event Registration") or by submitting a DiscipleNow Registration Form found in the Student Ministry Area.

NEW DTI CLASSES BEGIN

Due to the snow day and the cancellation of our Wednesday DTI classes two of the classes that were to begin on Wednesday, February 18 will begin on Wednesday, February 25. Join one of these new classes. Classes meet on the third floor of the Hope building 6:00 - 7:15 on Wednesday evenings.

Seize the Day - This video-driven four session class is based on the best-selling book, Carpe Diem by Tony Campolo. Tony will help you get in touch with your unspoken needs, release a passionate faith, and transform the world around you through the willingness to seize the moment and live life to its fullest. Led by Ron Moore in Room 2324. Cost for materials is \$10.

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman - Join Beth Moore in an in-depth and very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance. She peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. This 10 session study is led by Betty Barnard in Room 2317-19. Cost for materials is \$15.

Begins Wednesday, February 18

DivorceCare: Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing - It's a special weekly support group and seminar conducted by people who understand what you are experiencing. Most importantly, you will learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. This video-driven study has 13 sessions led by Harry Neal in Room 2320 on Wednesday evenings beginning February 18. Cost for materials is \$12.



STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

February 8, 2009

Budget Required	\$89,423.07
Budget Gifts	95,039.25
Budget Required for the Year	536,538.42
Budget Received for the Year	459,355.07
Find Us Faithful Still Budget	\$9,615.38
Find Us Faithful Still Gifts	16,164.92
Find Us Faithful Required Year	57,692.28
Find Us Faithful Received Year	75,105.43

World Missions

World Missions Required	\$5,961.53
World Missions Received	8,136.93
Required for the Year	35,769.18
Received for the Year	37,006.24

LEGACY: LIFE AFTER 55

A LUNCHEON TO HONOR ALL FIRST BAPTIST WIDOWS

Saturday, March 14 ~ Noon-2:00 pm
RSVP by February 27
Call the Senior Adult Ministry Office at 572-1527 for more information.

STEAK DINNER TO HONOR ALL FIRST BAPTIST WIDOWERS

Thursday, March 12 ~ 6:00 pm
RSVP by February 27
Call the Senior Adult Ministry Office at 572-1527 for more information.

ADAMS TRIP FOR LUNCH AND ANTIQUE SHOPPING

When: Thursday, February 26, 2009
Where: The old school house cafeteria in Adams
Time: 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Cost: \$15.00 bus fee plus lunch cost (Dutch) of \$6.00 up.
RSVP: by February 20, 2009, to 572-1527

TRIP TO SAVANNAH AND CHARLSTON

(All adults welcome!)
May 11-15, 2009
Call the Senior Adult Ministry Office at 572-1527 for more information.



CHURCH NEWS

THE SALVATION ARMY

Please join us in celebrating the opening of our New Emergency Shelter.
Place: 210 Kraft Street
Date: February 22, 2009
Time: 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm
Program: 1:30 pm

DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

You may enroll online to receive First Things First by Ron Moore, Dr. Freeman's Devotional, and Keeping In Touch from Dr. Freeman by going to the church website at www.fbct.org and then clicking on the "Publications" tab. The website will walk you through the steps from there.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Active: Walter Brooks, Kevin Brown, Bubba Cherry, Les Cochran, Ralph Conklin, Bob Fort, David Frey, Steve Girsky, Phil Gordon
Emeriti: Bill Fitzgerald
Security: Kevin Brown, Bubba Cherry, Les Cochran, Ralph Conklin

PRAYER LINE—572-1534

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PASTOR'S SERMON SERIES

"The Fruit of the Spirit" Galatians 5:16-25

February 15—"Peace in the Storm"
PEACE (The Upward Fruit)

February 22—"The Quality That Always Wins"

LONGSUFFERING/PATIENCE
(The Outward Fruit)

March 1—"Making Your Life Count for Christ"

DiscipleNow Speaker – Ed Newton
(Fruit)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

...**Sam and Susan Brock** and **Brian and Debbie Brock** in the death of Sam and Brian's father, Robert Lee Brock, who passed away Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Sympathy also to **Christian Tyler Brock** in the death of his grandfather.

...**Jack and Debbie Wickham** in the death of Jack's mother, Mrs. Sarah Wickham, who passed away February 5, 2009. Sympathy also to John and Jessica Dickison in the death of Jessica's grandmother also to **John Byard Dickison** and **Porter Dickison** in the death of their great-grandmother.

...**Chris and Jemina Clinard** in the death of Chris's grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Davidson. Sympathy also to **Carson Clinard** in the death of his great-grandmother.

FOOD SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served from 7:30-10:00 am.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Adults \$4 • Children \$3

Heart Healthy \$4 • Family Maximum \$15

Please limit your meal to one plate
of food per person.

Serving from 4:30-5:45 pm

*Menu is subject to change without notice.

Menu for February 18, 2009

Adult Menu

Tossed salad, Beef stew, Corn on the cob,
Green peas, Yeast rolls, Orange slice cake,
Chocolate pound cake

Children's Menu

Individual pizza, Chips, Raisins and fruit

Heart Healthy Menu

Chef salad, Fresh fruit

Reservations for the heart healthy meal may
be made by calling 472-1171.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO...

...**John Edmondson, Sr.** on his 2nd
anniversary as Interim Activities
Coordinator, serving the Lord and First
Baptist Church.

...**Sandie Hetland** on her 1st anniversary
as Church Accountant, serving the Lord
and First Baptist Church.

COLLEGE/SINGLES

COLLEGE AND SINGLES

Overflow 235 Coffee House

Sunday ~ Bible Study ~

8:15 am & 9:30 am

Hangout ~ 7:00 pm

Monday ~ Hangout ~ 7:00 pm

Wednesday ~

Worship/Bible Study ~ 7:45 pm

(Doors open for hangout at 7:00 pm)

Friday ~ Hang Out/Chill Out ~ 7:00 pm



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 DOXA Worship
(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

5:00 pm Youth Choir (2402)

6:00 pm Impact and Delight
(Middle School)

6:00 pm The Family Room
(High School)

6:00 pm Worship (Grace Building)

Wednesday

4:30 – 7:30 Wednesday 2/Wednesday
Outreach

4:30 – 6:00 Fellowship Meal

5:15 – 6:00 Preschool and Children's
Choirs

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 from our
church 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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