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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

Dear First Family,
We are being blessed as we preach and study **"The Fruit of the Spirit"** in Galatians 5:22-23. We will study "Longsuffering" this Lord's Day morning. What a wonderful gift, so helpful, beneficial, and Christ-like is long-suffering. We are humbly grateful to God for increasing attendance in our three morning worships since the new schedule began last September. We pray we will stay in the Word and on our knees, asking our Father for His continued mercies. Everything good is from the Father of all mercies. His mercy in Christ is everlasting.

The new Salvation Army building will be dedicated this Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm with an Open House from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. I am proud of our First Baptist Church members who serve as Board members of the Salvation Army and led in construction of this beautiful, functional, much needed facility. Clarksville can be proud of this building. I also rejoice that your Church contributed \$100,000 to the building fund for this ministry. Missions Committee Chairman, Dr. Scott McCullough, reported that our Church contributed \$1,479,000 to missions causes outside the four walls of our Church in 2008. God will bless a Church that believes and preaches the Bible and has "Missions" as the centerpiece of outreach ministries. Pray for us to be more missions-minded

and do even more on a local level as well as through the Cooperative Program and the World Missions Offering.

The Habitat House Ground Breaking Dedication will be at 2:00 pm, Saturday, April 4. The first full work day is Saturday, April 25. We will have a GREAT time watching God work through this project. We are now receiving the \$25,000 Habitat Offering which is the sponsor's financial commitment along with physical labor. The lot is at 1012 Lincoln Street.

Greeting of our guests – Ask yourself this question each Sunday morning as you come to Sunday School and Worship, "What is it like to visit First Baptist Church for the first time?" First time guests need loving assistance finding the Preschool area, Children and Youth building and Adult Sunday School. You get "Ten Gold Stars" in your crown if you see a guest family and walk them to Sunday School, Preschool, or Worship. You get "One Hundred Gold Stars" when you bring guests and introduce them to the Pastor! Bring a guest to meet me on Sunday. (Stars will be handed out at the Judgment Seat!) This is ground level hospitality-evangelism.

It is a blessing for me to serve as your Pastor. See you Sunday Bible and tithe in hand. The Lord is with us!

In Christ, gratefully,

Roger P. Freeman

FOCUS ON MARRIAGE CONFERENCE IS COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009

This live via satellite conference will feature marriage experts Beth Moore, Gary Smalley, John Trent, Gary Thomas, Del Tackett and music by Jeremy Camp. This landmark event will show you what your relationship looks like through God's eyes. Focus on Marriage will help you understand the higher purpose of your marriage, while providing practical insights to help with the everyday issues. You can still purchase tickets by going to www.focusonmarriage.com. There are FREE tickets available for military couples. Please see Brad Pressley at the table in the foyer outside of the Grace Worship center for more details on the FREE military tickets.



Greg Moore,
*Minister to College
& Singles*

LESSON PREVIEW

The Sunday School
L e s s o n f o r
Sunday, February 22 is
about how we as

believers should serve the Lord faithfully every day. The passage is found in 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18. Verse 3 says, "But the Lord is faithful; He will strengthen and guard you from the evil one." As we strive to be faithful followers of the Lord Jesus each day, this verse gives us the power to live out the Christian life. Isn't it great to know that the Lord will help us to be faithful to Him when we submit ourselves to Him!

PRAISE REPORT

We are very thankful for our Singles 40+ Sunday School Class! We just returned from a Ski Retreat in Gatlinburg where we had several sessions on relationships and how God wants all of our relationships to be based on the truths of God's Word. We enjoyed Food, Fun, Fellowship and the Word of God!

PRAYER AND OUTREACH

Pray for our Singles 40+ Sunday School Class as they continue to grow and strive to meet the needs of many in the group. Several deal with issues such as divorce, losing a spouse by death, etc. Pray for them as they strive to become more and more like Jesus.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER HIGHLIGHT



Greg Utley teaches our Singles 40+ Sunday School Class here at First Baptist Church. In fact, he has taught this age group for several years. Greg is always well prepared and known as a very good teacher. The

Singles 40+ group is extremely active. They go on trips together (we just got back from a ski retreat in Gatlinburg), eat out together, hold weekly Bible studies, etc. and Greg is usually in the middle of all of it! He is also very involved in the music ministry of the church. Greg sings in the choir and sings in the One Voice group during the Sunday Evening Worship Services. We greatly appreciate Greg for his leadership in Sunday School!!!!

CHURCH NEWS

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.

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

THANK YOU

What a wonderful church family we are a part of! Words cannot express the depth of gratitude, love, and thankfulness I have for you and for all of the expressions of love and thoughtfulness you have shown our family during this time of healing. The phone calls, cards, visits, meals, and especially the prayer you have so generously given has overwhelmed me with God's peace through this process. I thank God for each of you, and pray that He will return your generosity with His great love. I miss you all terribly and look forward to serving alongside you again just as soon as God restores my strength. May God richly bless you as you continue to serve Him.

In His Care,
Janie Blaylock

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Hank and Leigh Smith on the birth of their daughter, **Abigail Reagan Smith** on January 29, 2009. Congratulations also to grandparents David and Paula Gullett.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

...**Billy and Linda Heflin** and **Joe and Brenda Jerles** in the death of Linda and Brenda's sister, Dorothy Moates, who passed away February 10, 2009.

...**Randy and Barbara Clifton** in the death of his mother, Mrs. Ann Clifton. Mrs. Clifton passed away February 15, 2009.

...**Ed and Nancy Sneed** in the death of Nancy's father, Mr. Charles Glasscock. Sympathy also to **McClain Wills** and **George Conners** in the death of their grandfather.

...**Doyle and Kim Robertson** in the death of Kim's step father, Mr. Robert Seay. Mr. Seay passed away February 14, 2009. Sympathy to **Whitney** and **Kallie** in the death of their grandfather.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

February 15, 2009
Profession/Baptism: Autumn Johnson
Destiny Daniel

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

February 15, 2009
8:15 Sunday School 707
9:30 Sunday School 613
10:55 Sunday School 178
Total Sunday School 1,498
Midweek Bible Study 585
Total Bible Study 2,083

Sunday 8:15 Worship 108
Sunday 9:30 Worship 1154
DOXA 541
Preschool 62
Korean Church 22
Hispanic Church 35
Missions 25
Total Worship 1,947
Exit One Church Sunday School 132
Exit One Church Worship 281

DTI CLASSES

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.

DivorceCare – It is not too late!

This class started February 18, but you can still jump in and begin this study this Wednesday. 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 is led by Harry Neal in Room 2320. Cost for materials is \$12.



STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

February 15, 2009

Budget Required	\$89,423.07
Budget Gifts	72,724.58
Budget Required for the Year	625,961.49
Budget Received for the Year	531,829.65
Find Us Faithful Still Budget	\$9,615.38
Find Us Faithful Still Gifts	20,274.75
Find Us Faithful Required Year	67,307.66
Find Us Faithful Received Year	95,380.18

CHURCH NEWS

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 the Preschool Ministry office at 572-1508 or the Children's Ministry office at 572-1510.

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

ROOM IN THE INN

Jesus came to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comforted... Are you comfortable? Move out of your comfort zone and help a homeless person move into his or hers. How? Come to the church Parlor any Tuesday night to share your love and testimony with someone who needs a blessing.

Come any time from 6:00 pm – 7:00 am. You are especially needed as an evening host (7:30 pm – 9:30 pm) or an overnight host (9:00 pm – midnight, or midnight - 3:00 am, or 3:00 am - 7:00 am). Call Janet at 648-4952 or Mike at 206-0293.

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.
Please let us know if you will need transportation for this event.

DATE CHANGE

Moved from March 7 to March 14.
Please mark your calendar.

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 CHARLESTON

(All adults welcome!)



What: 5 day, 4 night trip by Motorcoach to Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina. Tours of Savannah and Charleston; a visit to a famous and historic home; tours of Jekyll Island and St. Simon's Island and more.

When: May 11-15, 2009
Meals: 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners.
Lodging: 4 nights
Cost: \$479.00.
Deposit: \$100.00 per person due upon signing.

Final Payment: Due March 8, 2009
Call: Senior Adult Ministry Office at 572-1527

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Active: Roy Gregory, John Hansen, Eddie Hill, Don Hofe, Mark Holleman, Mark Hutson, Kenny Jones, Reber Kennedy, Gene King
Emeriti: Joe Garrett
Security: John Hansen, Eddie Hill, Don Hofe, Mark Holleman

PRAYER LINE—572-1534

CHURCH NEWS



PASTOR'S SERMON SERIES

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

February 22—"The Quality That Always Wins"

LONGSUFFERING/PATIENCE
(The Outward Fruit)

March 1—"Making Your Life Count for Christ"

DiscipleNow Speaker – Ed Newton

March 8—"Try a Little Kindness"
KINDNESS/GENTLENESS
(The Outward Fruit)

March 15—"From the Inside Out"
GOODNESS (The Outward Fruit)

March 22—"Every Believer a Witness" with Dennis Nunn

March 29—"Got Faith?"
FAITHFULNESS (The Inward Fruit)

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.

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.

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 25, 2009

Adult Menu

Tossed garden salad, Oven baked pork chops with gravy, Potato casserole, Black-eyed peas, Corn muffins, Banana pudding

Children's Menu

Grilled cheese, Smiley faced potatoes, Ice cream cup

Heart Healthy Menu

Oven baked pork chop, Baked potato, Sugar free pie

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

CHURCH NEWS

NEW YOUNG COUPLE CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009

Brian and Cindy Morgan will lead a new class for young adult couples at the 9:30 am Sunday School time in Room 2232 in the fellowship hall beginning Sunday, March 1. There is a **FREE LUNCH** for anyone interested in discovering more information about this class and meeting Brian and Cindy. You and your family are invited to join us in the fellowship hall at Noon on Sunday, March 22.

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 Laida Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 1 at 9:30 am. You don't have to make any reservations, just come on by. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

5:30 – 6:00 Preschool Choirs and
Children's Choir

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

Charter channel 9 or Broadcast channel 49.

Sundays at 9:00 am

Mondays at 8:00 pm

Wednesdays at 8:30 am

Hispanic Service—Thursdays at 7:00 pm

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