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WORD...  
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**LIVES**



## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

Dear First Family,  
**Last Sunday we began** our "Fruit of the Spirit" sermon series from Galatians 5:22-23. The "fruit of the Spirit" is the character and nature of Christ lived out in a Holy Spirit filled life. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23 This Sunday we study the fruit of joy in the message, "Discovering Joy."

**Men!** Our Thursday morning Men's Ministry Bible Study will continue on Thursday, February 12 through Thursday, April 9, 2009 (the Thursday before Easter). Breakfast will be offered (\$5) at 6:15 to 7:00 am. There will be a testimony from one of our men each week. The study will begin around 7:00 am and dismiss by 7:45 am. Pastor Freeman will teach a Biblical study on "Spiritual Warfare – Defeating the Devil."

**Our Church** is considering a motion from the deacons to enter a deacon led, church wide, local missions project to build a Habitat for Humanity house for a local Clarksville family in 2009. Pray for this project.

**John 3:16 and Every Believer a Witness**  
**Florida quarterback, Tim Tebow**, is an outspoken Christian, the son of missionaries. He has a Bible reference painted under each eye over the black shadowing which keeps light from reflecting into the player's eyes. At the recent National Championship game **John 3:16** was boldly printed under each eye. For the next twenty-four hours, the most "Googled" item in the nation was John 3:16. Many people in America did not know what John 3:16 was or meant! Is this not a trumpet call that we live in a great mission field in America today? This is why we are holding a four day training session called **Every Believer a Witness** for every

person in our church. Please set aside March 22-25, 2009, Sunday through Wednesday. **Dennis Nunn**, former Minister of Evangelism at First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Georgia, will lead this Biblical and practical seminar.

**As pastor I am asking every deacon and every Sunday School class to set these dates as a priority and be prayerful and be present.** The Lord will be with us.

**JOY** Joy is a choice. Read about . . . "Joni Eareckson Tada, the quadriplegic who has impacted the lives of so many people with her testimony, wrote in a magazine article of being a speaker at a Christian women's conference. One woman said, 'Joni, you always look so together, so happy in your wheelchair. I wish that I had your joy!'

Joni responded, 'I don't do it. In fact, let me tell you how I woke up this morning. This is my average day. After my husband, Ken, leaves for work at 6 am, I am alone until I hear the front door open at 7 am. That is when a friend arrives to get me up. While I listen to her make coffee, I pray, 'Lord, my friend will soon give me a bath, get me dressed, sit me up in my chair, brush my hair and teeth, and send me out the door. I don't have the strength to face this routine one more time. I have no resources. I don't have a smile to take into this day. But You do. May I have Yours?' So . . . whatever joy you see today was hard won this morning. (And in reality, it is only what I begged from God today.)" Joy is a choice! *"You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures for evermore."* Psalm 16:11

**So, choose joy today.** It is included in your salvation as a fruit of the Spirit, but it must be claimed! So, claim **joy** today.

**I am honored** to serve as your Pastor. See you Sunday, Bible in hand.

In His Joy,

*Roger P. Freeman*



Pat Nowell,  
Interim Minister  
to Senior Adults

### LESSON PREVIEW

The lesson for February 8 begins a new unit entitled "Be Aware God Is In Charge." The Scriptural basis for this unit is 2 Thessalonians. The specific lesson for February 8 is entitled "You Can Feel Safe" based on 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12. Many of us have found ourselves caught up in circumstances prompting us to ask: "God, are you being fair with me?" The lesson writer emphasizes the Biblical truth that regardless of the adversities we may face, we can trust God that He always acts justly and works everything for our good. We may sometimes think that life is not fair, but let us remember that God is always fair. In v. 3 Paul writes that in spite of the Thessalonian Christians' adversities, their faith was continuing to flourish and the love of every one of them was continuing to increase. The present tense verb implies continuous action. May this be so in our lives today.

In v.12 Paul writes that his prayer for the Thessalonian church was that they bring glory to the Lord as a result of their works of faith. In spite of whatever difficulties and adversities we may face, may we Christians of today become better Christians instead of bitter Christians, resting assured that we can feel secure because God is, in fact, in charge.



### PRAISE AND MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Legacy: Life After 55 Ministry recently sponsored a "Safety Seminar" with Public Information Officer Jim Knoll as our guest speaker. Officer Knoll spoke to the group regarding such topics as personal safety, home protection, scams, crime protection, and self-defense. Officer Knoll had no difficulty keeping everyone's attention with his witty and humorous way of presenting his information.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

How many people do you know who have been on 45 mission trips? Probably not too many, right? Such a person is our highlighted teacher of the week: Charles Currie, known to many as Chaplain Currie. Charles has been on mission trips to such places as: Brazil, China, India, Russia, Ukraine, Austria, Germany, Guatemala and Venezuela to name just a few. Charles, sometimes called "Chuck," and his wife of 60 years, Mary, have been members here at FBC since 1978. He started teaching in Sunday School shortly after joining the church. In addition to teaching in Sunday School and going on mission trips, Chuck has also served as a deacon, works in our Room In the Inn ministry as well as frequently going to minister at the Nashville Rescue Mission. After having served as chaplain in the army for a number of years, Chaplain Currie retired in 1974. We feel very fortunate to have Charles and Mary serving the Lord here at FBC, Clarksville.

## CHURCH NEWS

### TRIP TO SAVANNAH AND CHARLSTON

(All adults welcome!)  
May 11-15, 2009

Call the Senior Adult Ministry Office at 572-1527 for more information.

### 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.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

February 1, 2009

**Profession/Baptism:** Jonathan Pittman  
Ronald Berry

**Letter/Statement:** Michael Grier  
Tiffany Grier

**Baptized This Sunday:** Emily Currie,  
Lindsey Currie, Karen Currie, Sarah Harper,  
Hans Moore, Philip Marker

## LEGACY: LIFE AFTER 55

### A VERY SPECIAL LUNCHEON TO HONOR ALL FIRST BAPTIST WIDOWS

Our Legacy: Life after 55 ministry wants to honor all First Baptist widows with a luncheon and entertainment.

**When:** Saturday, March 7 ~ **Time:** Noon-2:00 pm ~ **Where:** Laida Fellowship Hall

**Special Guest:** "Minnie Pearl" (Jane Morrison)

**RSVP:** by February 27 ~ **Call:** Legacy 55+ Office at 572-1527

**Attire:** Church clothes. Wear a hat for fun.

### STEAK DINNER TO HONOR ALL FIRST BAPTIST WIDOWERS

Our Legacy: Life after 55 ministry wants to honor all First Baptist widowers with a steak dinner and entertainment.

**When:** Thursday, March 12 ~ **Time:** 6:00 pm

**Where:** Upper level multi-purpose room (across from the Recreation office)

**Special Guest:** James Hargrove (magician)

**RSVP:** by February 27 ~ **Call:** Legacy 55+ Office at 572-1527

**Attire:** Church clothes.

### 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

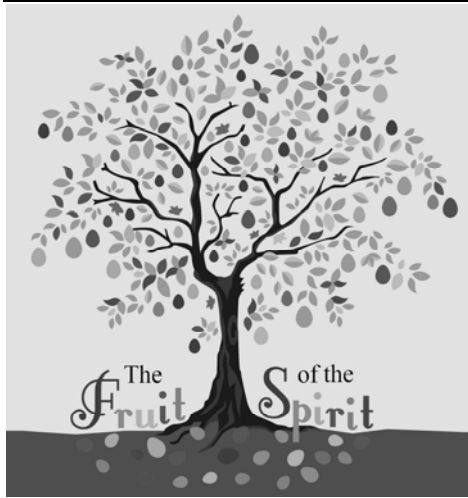
## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

February 1, 2009

Sunday School Attendance Totals  
Not Available at Press Time

Sunday 8:15 Worship	130
Sunday 9:30 Worship	1191
DOXA	581
Preschool	94
Korean Church	22
Hispanic Church	41
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>2,059</b>
Exit One Church Sunday School	134
Exit One Church Worship	283

## CHURCH NEWS



### PASTOR'S SERMON SERIES

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

February 8—"Discovering Joy"  
JOY (The Upward Fruit)

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

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)

April 5—Easter Music –  
"That He Might Be Glorified" John 15:1-8

April 12—"The Man God Uses"  
MEEKNESS/GENTLENESS  
(The Inward Fruit)

April 19—"Control Yourself"  
SELF CONTROL (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.

### 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.

## DTI CLASSES

### NEW DTI CLASSES

Wednesdays – 6:00-7:15 pm

**Esther – It's Tough Being a Woman!** ~ Led by Betty Barnard in Room 2317-19 (February 18 – May 13).

**Carpe Diem (Seize the Day)** ~ Led by Ron Moore in Room 2324 (February 18 – March 11)

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

### THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

...David and Carol Frey in the death of David's sister, Connie Rushing. Mrs. Rushing passed away January 28, 2009.

...Phil and Elaine Hutson, Mark and Connie Hutson and Mike and Sue Atkins in the death of Phil, Mark and Sue's mother, Willie Ray Hutson. Sympathy also to Stacy and Holly Brown, Sam and Tracy Hutson, Katie and Robin Hutson, Dan Atkins and Kyle and Casey Atkins-Murphy in the loss of Holly, Sam, Katie, Robin, Dan and Casey's grandmother. Mrs. Hutson passed away Sunday, February 1, 2009.

## STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

### February 1, 2009

Budget Required	\$89,423.07
Budget Gifts	90,178.19
Budget Required for the Year	447,115.35
Budget Received for the Year	364,200.50
Find Us Faithful Still Budget	\$9,615.38
Find Us Faithful Still Gifts	11,270.26
Find Us Faithful Required Year	48,076.90
Find Us Faithful Received Year	58,540.51

### World Missions

World Missions Required	\$5,961.00
World Missions Received	8,374.95
Required for the Year	29,807.65
Received for the Year	28,844.31

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their families are welcome.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is coming, **June 8–12**. If you are interested in helping, please call the Preschool Ministry Office at 572-1508 or the Children's Ministry Office at 572-1510.

### KID'S CAMP

Keep your calendar open for Kid's Camp. July 13 – 16, 2009.

More information coming soon.

## 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



### ROOM IN THE INN

Have you given food, money, paper goods, or clothing to the Room In The Inn homeless ministry? None... enough... more than your share?

Consider 1 Samuel 15:22 where God tells Moses, "Obedience is better than sacrifice." Is God calling you to give of yourself to the homeless ministry?

Consider serving in two ways:

Evening host: 7:20 am - 9:30pm

Overnight host: 9:30 pm – 12 am

12am – 3am

3am – 6am

Call Janet at 648-4952 or Mike at 206-0293 to volunteer your time, a

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

**Active:** Doug Weiland, Frank White, Jeff Anderson, Alan Austin, John Baker, Chris Barnett, Mark Barnett, Paul Batson, James Brannen

**Emeriti:** Reece Elliott

**Security:** Frank White, Jeff Anderson, Alan Austin, John Baker

PRAYER LINE—572-1534

## CHURCH NEWS

### NEW BOOK BY JAMES CARLIN

Dr. James Carlin, a former member of our church, has written a new book titled "The Holy Godhead – That Triune Name". This book tells of the work and blessings of The One True God; manifested in the Person of God The Father, The Person of God The Son and God The Holy Spirit. Eighty-six different passages of Scripture across 15 topics show this Holy God at work now in the lives of every human being. Readers are taken from pre-existent eternity, into the beginning of human existence to eternity present; through final earthly events into eternity's future. What a stirring series of events are now being activated in the day of our Lord when time shall be no more!

You can order this book from [www.challengepress.org](http://www.challengepress.org) or [baptistbooks.com](http://baptistbooks.com).

### IMMEDIATE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Do you enjoy laughing and smiling on Sunday mornings? If you do, then we have a ministry opportunity for you. We have an immediate opening(s) in the Preschool ministry at the 9:30 worship hour.

If you would like to assist in any preschool classrooms, please call the Preschool Ministry Office at 572-1509 or e-mail to [cheryl.mccrary@fbct.org](mailto:cheryl.mccrary@fbct.org).

### 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 on-line at the church website ([www.fbct.org](http://www.fbct.org), click "Ministries", "Student Ministries", "Event Registration") or by submitting a DiscipleNow Registration Form found in the Student Ministry Area.

## 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 11, 2009

#### Adult & Children's Menu

Tossed garden salad, Spaghetti with meat sauce, Lasagna, French style green beans, Toasted bread, Hot fudge cake

## 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

### SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP

The Spring Break Mission Trip to Galveston, Texas will be March 7-15, 2009. The Cost is \$100 plus food and traveling expenses. Call 572-1521 or e-mail [greg.moore@fbct.org](mailto:greg.moore@fbct.org) for more information.



### DIVORCE CARE

Beginning Wednesday, February 18 at 6:00 pm, DivorceCare will be led by Harry Neal in Room 2320. The cost for the workbook is \$12.

## 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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