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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

Dear First Family,
Our Church has been blessed for the past fifteen years to experience the life and ministry of Pat Van Dyke as Associate Pastor of Worship leading our Music Ministry. We will celebrate Pat's Fifteenth Anniversary in a Praise Service honoring Pat and Susanne this Sunday evening. When I think of Pat, Philippians 1:3 comes to mind, *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."*

The Year 2009 finds us another year closer to our Lord's Return. The Year 2009 gives us another year to serve the Lord Jesus Christ, to witness to the lost and to build up His Church. In January we are looking at some of the Letters to the Seven Churches and the challenges we face in a world opposed to the Gospel. But Jesus wins! We are "more than conquerors" through Him that loved us. We are to be a "radiant church without spot or blemish" as we work and await His Return. Our messages in January are under the theme, "Welcome Back, King Jesus!" In February we plan to begin a series through Easter on "The Fruit of the Spirit."

The Book of Revelation is forbidden to be read or used as the basis of a sermon in the State Churches in China. The Communist government allows a few State approved churches, but each sermon must be read and approved by the State Church regulator. No sermons from the book of Revelation are allowed! Satan hates the book of Revelation, so we ought to read it and love it more than ever. Revelation 1:3

says, "Blessed is he who reads the prophecy of this book." When we read and preach from Revelation, we are guaranteed a blessing. Revelation says, "Jesus wins." "The Kingdoms of the world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."

Our Deacons are my friends and servants of the Lord and His Church. We have a wonderful slate of Deacon Officers in 2009: Paul Batson, Chairman; Alan Austin, Vice Chairman; Bart Lynn, Secretary. The new deacon body includes several new deacons. We will have a weekend session of training for our new deacons. There are many great ministries they will help lead in 2009. Witnessing, ministry, and home visits will mark our 2009 deacon ministry. Our new deacon body and yokefellows for 2009 are: Jeff Anderson, Alan Austin, John Baker, Chris Barnett, Mark Barnett, Paul Batson, Jim Brannen, Walter Brooks, Kevin Brown, Joseph Cherry, Les Cochran, Ralph Conklin, Bob Fort, David Frey, Steve Girsky, Phillip Gordon, Roy Gregory, John Hansen, Eddie Hill, Don Hofe, Mark Holleman, Mark Hutson, Kenny Jones, Reber Kennedy, Gene King, Ed Larson, Bart Lynn, Rick Martin, Joe McClure, Scott McCullough, Henry Menees, Bob Murphy, Mike Ponder, Bill Prine, Glen Rainey, Shaun Robertson, Steve Salyers, Ron Samuels, Scott Samuels, Ohler Scalf, Bobby Smith, Dick Spangler, Ken Spiceland, Bing Verbist, Billy Walker, Doug Weiland, Frank White.

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Thank you, Pat Van Dyke, for 15 years of ministry!
Come celebrate with us Sunday, January 11, 2009, at 6:00 pm
as we honor Pat with a Special Praise Service.
A reception will follow in the Laida Fellowship Hall.





Greg Moore,
Minister to College
& Singles

LESSON PREVIEW

The Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, January 11 is about hope. We hope for many different things. Parents have certain hopes for their children. People have hopes about careers. In our current economy, many hope to have enough money to retire. Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, writes about the great hope of being ready for the Rapture of the Church. Some of the Thessalonians were concerned about what would happen to their loved ones who had already died. The great hope and joy of 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18 is if your faith and trust is in Christ, you will be “caught up” or *raptured* to live with Jesus forever!

PRAISE AND MINISTRY REPORT

Let us pray for those that we come in contact with on a weekly basis that we might share the gospel so that they will also take part in the “Rapture of the Church!”



PRAYER AND OUTREACH

We are very thankful that many of our deployed soldiers who are single adults are returning to our church. We need to continue to minister to our single soldiers and also to our married soldiers and thank God for their safe return!



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

Frank White teaches one of our classes in the Single Adult/College Ministry here at First Baptist Church. In fact, he has taught in other age groups as well over the years. Frank is always well prepared and known as a very good teacher. He even posts his lesson notes online on Facebook and emails his notes to many of our deployed soldiers. He is very involved in many aspects of our church such as mission trips, various committees, as a deacon, assisting in Doxa, etc. Frank has also disciplined/mentored many of the young men in our church. We greatly appreciate Frank and his wife Natalie for their leadership in Sunday School!!!!

CHURCH NEWS

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Yokefellows are: Charlie Bumpus, Matt Drew, Ricky Johnson, Bob Meek, Mark Zirkle.

Our 2009 Deacon Body will be installed at a special Ordination and Installation service Sunday evening, January 18, 2009. Kevin Brown, Steve Girsky, Bing Verbist, Glen Rainey, John Baker, Phil Gordon, Billy Walker, Mike Ponder, Steve Salyers, Joe McClure, and Shaun Robertson will be ordained to the deacon ministry.

Our mission is to “know Christ, become like Christ, and make Christ known.” We are together in Christ and will love one another as we serve Him and make Him known . . . until He comes.

I am glad to be your Pastor as we face 2009 with victory together.

Gratefully, in Christ,

Roger P. Freeman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

December 21, 28, 2008
and January 4, 2009

Profession/Baptism: Tyler Tomes,
Shrader Hartlage, Craig Kay, Elijah Kay,
Alexis Kay, Frank James

Letter/Statement: Sherre Hartlage,
Barbara Herndon, Melanie Lower,
Bruce Gray, Cynthia Gray

Baptized: Lucy Chilcutt, Tyler Tomes,
Beverly Pugh, Mara Hirtle,
Micah Anderson, Andrew Austin,
John Luke McKenzie, Matthew Bowman,
Marcus Franzen, Clifton Hodges,
Shrader Hartlage

COLLEGE/SINGLES

BACK TO SCHOOL COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP

The College and Singles Ministry will have a Back to School College Fellowship at the home of Greg Moore on Sunday, January 18, 2009, at 6:00 pm. Call 572-1521 or e-mail greg.moore@fbct.org for more information or directions.

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 for more information.

SINGLES 40s AND 50s BIBLE STUDY

Each week the 40s and 50s Singles will meet to do Bible Study:

January 16—Margaret Martin’s Home
January 23—Davie Crockett’s Home
January 30—Cathy Wilcox’s Home

Contact Davie Crockett at 436-1235 or Greg Utley at 920-8178 for more information.

SINGLES 40s AND 50s SKI TRIP

The Singles 40s and 50s ski trip will be February 13-16, 2009, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Contact Davie Crockett at 436-1235 to sign-up or for more information.

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

January 4, 2009

8:15 Sunday School 689
9:30 Sunday School 608
10:55 Sunday School 169

Total Sunday School 1,466

January 4, 2009

Sunday 8:15 Worship 107
Sunday 9:30 Worship 1092
DOXA 516
Preschool 71
Korean Church 22
Hispanic Church 49
Total Worship 1,857

Exit One Church Sunday School 108
Exit One Church Worship 215

CHURCH NEWS

SAFETY SEMINAR

All are invited to a Safety Seminar sponsored by the Legacy: Life After 55 Ministry of the church. A representative from the Clarksville Police Department will discuss topics such as: Home Protection, Scams, Crime Prevention, Neighborhood Watch, Personal Safety Tips and Self Defense. The seminar will begin at 10:30 am in the Laida Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served, beginning at 11:30 am for \$4.00 each.

CHURCH MAILINGS NOTICE

The church has experienced a computer malfunction that might impact mailings to your home. This could impact your Voice or contribution envelopes. Please inform the church office at 645-2431 of any problems you might encounter with mailings from the church. We regret that this occurred and are working to solve the problem as fast as possible. We appreciate your patience and assistance during this time.

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. We are in need of:

- (1) Lead two-year-old teacher
- (1) Assistant two-year-old teacher
- (1) Assistant two-year-old teacher every other week rotation
- (25) Substitutes to teach in the absence of a teacher or assistant teacher for vacation or illness.

If you are interested in these ministry positions or if you would like to assist in any preschool classrooms, please call the Preschool Ministry Office at 572-1509 or e-mail at cheryl.mccrary@fbct.org.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO...

...**Jared Hodges** on his 3rd anniversary serving the Lord as Ministry Assistant for Missions at First Baptist Church.

...**John Lee** on his 3rd anniversary serving the Lord as Pastor of the Korean Church at First Baptist Church.

...**Billy Heflin** on his 2nd anniversary serving the Lord as Facilities Manager at First Baptist Church.

...**Rosina Seay** on her 15th anniversary serving the Lord as Pastor's Secretary at First Baptist Church.

...**Pam Herska** on her 1st anniversary serving the Lord on the Kitchen Staff at First Baptist Church.

CUMBERLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SEMINARY EXTENSION CLASSES

"Contemporary Christian Preaching"

This course is a diploma level course on the role of preaching and the preacher, the scope and purpose of the sermon, and how to organize and deliver a sermon. Attention is given to how to plan one's preaching from week to week and on a long range basis.

Teacher: Dr. Dennis L. Pulley
Date: Tuesday evenings beginning January 20, 2009
Place: CBA Shoulders Building 850 Highway 76, Clarksville
Time: 6:30—8:30 pm
Cost: (Books \$88.00 and Registration \$20.00)
TOTAL \$108.00

RECEPTION

Welcome Jeff Tilden

as Associate Minister to Students

There will be a reception on Sunday, January 25, following the evening worship in the Fellowship Hall to welcome our new Associate Minister to Students. You are invited to meet Jeff and his wife Stephanie and their daughter Karis.

STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

January 4, 2009

Budget Required	89,423.07
Budget Gifts	71,901.84
Find Us Faithful Still Budget	12,500.00
Find Us Faithful Still Gifts	12,474.16
World Missions Required	5,961.53
World Missions Received	5,682.58

Year-end Stewardship Receipts

2008 Operating Budget	\$4,550,000
2008 Actual Receipts	4,487,424
2008 Find Us Faithful Still Budget	\$600,000
2008 Find Us Faithful Still Actual Receipts	879,584
2008 World Missions Budget	\$375,000
2008 World Missions Receipts	333,399

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

...**Wanda Ferrell** in the death of her husband, Mr. Floyd Ferrell, also to **Brent, Jeff and Tammy** in the death of their father and to **Scott and Holly** in the death of their grandfather. Mr. Ferrell passed away January 1, 2009.

...**George and Dorothy Graves** in the death of George's Sister, Inez Graves Finney, who passed away December 28, 2008.

...**Marjorie Graham** in the death of her brother, Malcolm Sadler, also to **Rev. Bill and Mary Lou Graham** in the death of his uncle. Mr. Sadler passed away January 6, 2009.

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. Tickets are available in the foyer for \$40 per couple.

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: Bubba Cherry, Les Cochran, Ralph Conklin, Bob Fort, David Frey, Scott Girsky, Phil Gordon, Roy Gregory, John Hansen

Emeriti: Ray Barnett

PRAYER LINE—572-1534

NEW DTI CLASSES

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Wednesdays – 6:00-7:15 pm

Military Ministry ~ Led by Brad Pressley in Room 2321 (January 7 – February 28).

What in the World is Going On? ~ Led by Betty Bernard in Room 2317-19

Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed (A study of David) ~ Led by Tara Vinson in Room 2324 (January 7 - February 11).

The Case for Christ ~ Led by Bob Murphy in Room 2323 (January 7 – February 11).

Home School Support Group ~ Led by Becky Bittner in Room 2327 (on-going).

Sign Language Class ~ Led by Benjie Johnson in Room 2305-07 (on-going).

Living in Awe of God (A Study of Exodus) ~ Led by Ron Moore in Room 2322.

Understanding Spanish ~ Led by Pastor Freddy Valcarcel in Room 2208 (January 7 – February 4). This class is a continuation of the current class learning basic Spanish.

COMING SOON!

Heart to Heart ~ Led by Jill Stanley in Room 2320 (Begins January 21).

Note: On Sunday, January 18 at 5:00 pm there will be an informational meeting with refreshments in Room 3109.

Young, old and in between are encouraged to attend and find out more! Childcare will be available.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University ~ Led by Ron Samuels in Room 2311-13 (January 21 – May 6)

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)



FOOD SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

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

Rushed on Sunday morning? Don't skip the most important meal of the day because you don't have time! Allow us to cook breakfast for you. We offer a hot, delicious breakfast buffet each Sunday morning that will warm your tummies and embrace your heart as you spend a few minutes in fellowship. Our prices are great too! Stop by our Food Service Department in the Hope Building from 7:30-10:00 am. The Coffee is on us!

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 January 14, 2009

Adult Menu

Tossed garden salad, Beef Stroganoff, Black-eyed peas, Vegetable medley, Rolls/butter, Iced tea/coffee/lemonade/milk, Banana Pudding

Children's Menu

Corn Dogs, Mac & cheese bites, Fresh carrots & celery, Brownies

Heart Healthy

Chef salad with soup, Fruit

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



ROOM IN THE INN

The Room In The Inn currently has several needs:

- Thermal underwear (men's sizes)
- Hand warmers
- Work boots (Men's size 10 and up)
- Hoodies

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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