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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

Dear First Family,
Deacon Ordination Installation service this Sunday evening, January 18

will be so special and meaningful. There are wonderful ministry and outreach projects before us in 2009. I am joyful, spiritually optimistic and thankful to God about the future work for Christ together.

Sunday, January 25 will be Single Adult Ministry/College Student Recognition Sunday. This vital ministry in our fellowship, led by Greg Moore, ministers to a vibrant group in our church and city. Sunday School classes, **Overflow 235 Ministry** and many varied activities touch many lives and honor Christ.

Men! Our Spring 2009 Men's Ministry Bible Study breakfasts will restart, Thursday, February 5 and go through Thursday, April 9, the week before Easter. We will study "Spiritual Warfare" from the Bible and discuss how to be overcomers in Christ in our world to make a difference for our Lord Jesus Christ. Breakfast will be served at 6:30 am. The study will begin at 7:00 am and dismiss by 7:45 am.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving in 2008. Our **World Missions Offering**

gifts totaled \$333,399. This means more funding for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions and a host of other mission efforts. Your gifts to Find Us Faithful Still in 2008 were \$879,584 leaving a balance of \$4.9 million on the \$10 million plus facility we entered in May 2007. Keep praying and giving to Find Us Faithful Still, and let's retire that note of debt! Your gifts for the budget offering were \$4,487,424. The total gifts in 2008 were over \$5,700,000. To God be the glory, great things He hath done . . . through your sacrifice, giving and faithfulness.

Let us be found faithful still in giving, stewardship and evangelism. We do not know what the future holds but we know Who holds the future. The Lord is with us!

Traits of Love: Patience

by Gary Chapman

"Patience is accepting the imperfections of others. By nature, we so want others to be as good as we are; as on time as we are; as organized as we are. The reality – humans are not machines. The rest of the world does not live by your priority list.

Your agenda is not their agenda.







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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY® PRESENTS A PREMIER SIMULCAST EVENT:

FOCUS ON MARRIAGE™

Seeing your marriage through the eyes of God™

SCHEDULED TO APPEAR:

 Beth Moore Living Proof Ministries	 Dr. Gary Smalley Author of <i>The DNA of Relationships</i>	 Dr. John Trent Author of <i>Breaking the Cycle of Divorce</i>	 Gary Thomas Author of <i>Sacred Marriage</i>	 Dr. Del Tackett Focus on the Family's The Truth Project®	 Jeremy Camp Special musical guest
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LIVE SIMULCAST VIA SATELLITE **FEB. 28, 2009**
At First Baptist Church, Downtown Clarksville

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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.



Josh Phillips,
Minister to Students

LESSON PREVIEW

Our High School Ministry will be wrapping up a short teaching series on the importance of spending time with God daily. This Sunday they will study how to practice the presence of God in their lives throughout the day. Students will be challenged first, to realize that God is always with them; second, to keep a running conversation with God; and, third, to live out what they read in Scripture.

PRAISE AND MINISTRY UPDATE

Well, as you have probably already heard, we will welcome Jeff Tilden as our new Associate Minister to Students next week! Jeff and his wife Stephanie have been friends of mine since we were in youth

group together at Hilldale Baptist here in Clarksville. Jeff is passionate, creative, humble and definitely a man after God's own heart. I am so excited to embark on this new time in our Student Ministry serving alongside of Jeff. Please join with me in praying for Jeff and his family as they say goodbye to their church and friends in Texas and prepare to move to Clarksville.



Middle School Small Groups (Discipleship Program) and Men's Discipleship Training Institute Classes. Bob also serves as a deacon in our church. Currently he teaches 6th Grade Guys at

both the 8:15 and 9:30 Sunday School hours. In addition to this, he finds time to give guitar lessons to some of our students! Bob is the kind of guy that students are just drawn to. He's real, honest, straightforward and approachable. The students know that he loves them and truly wants what is best for them. It is evident that Student Ministry is a passion in Bob's life. It's not just something he does to pass the time or relieve his youth! He has a deep desire to see spiritual transformation in the lives of our students. Bob, I praise God for your life and your ministry. Because of you and your devotion to our church and ministry, many lives have been changed for all eternity.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

Bob Murphy has been a leader in the Student Ministry for many years. His service to our church and students has included teaching High School Sunday School, Middle School Sunday School,

STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

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.



Dear Friends of First Baptist Church,

I am very pleased and excited to accept the Associate Youth Minister position at your church. I am honored to have the opportunity. My wife and I

believe with full faith that this is God's will for our family, and we look forward to partnering with the wonderful men and women of First Baptist in reaching students for Christ, and displaying his love to the Clarksville-Montgomery County Community.

This will be a bit of a homecoming for my wife and me. We grew up and went to school together at Clarksville High School and are both graduates of Austin Peay State University. We love the Clarksville area. We love the people, and we could not be more thrilled to do God's Kingdom work

and raise our family here.

I look forward to starting my tasks on January 25, 2009. I am excited to get to know so many new people and to minister to your families. Please continue to pray for our family as we work through the transition process.

In Christ,
Jeff Tilden



CHURCH NEWS

FAITH NIGHT @ APSU

Austin Peay State University Athletics Department has designated Saturday, January 24 as "Faith Night." A \$7 ticket may be bought for only \$3 by bringing a church bulletin with you to the game. Groups may reserve seating for the same price by calling the APSU Ticket Office at 221-7761.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

January 11, 2009

Profession/Baptism: Christi Harper
Sarah Harper, Lindsey Currie, Karen Currie,
Emily Currie

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

January 11, 2009

8:15 Sunday School 769
9:30 Sunday School 691
10:55 Sunday School 154

Total Sunday School 1,614

Midweek Bible Study 592
Total Bible Study 2,206

Sunday 8:15 Worship 116
Sunday 9:30 Worship 1,202
DOXA 574
Preschool 89
Korean Church 22
Hispanic Church 58
Total Worship 2,061
Exit One Church Sunday School 141
Exit One Church Worship 246

CHURCH NEWS

(From Your Pastor's Heart continued from p. 1)

Patience is giving people freedom to be different. When is the last time you were impatient? Did your impatience not come from someone failing to live up to your expectations? The Bible says, "love is patient." Love apologizes when in impatience I lash out at you. What if all Christians were patient?"

God's hand is with us. Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this Lord's Day. Reach out to everyone you see this Sunday at Church, in the parking lot or hallways. Be a friend. God bless you. In Christ, Gratefully,

Roger P. Freeman

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Freeman will lead a men's Bible study on Spiritual Warfare beginning Thursday, February 5 in the Laida Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be available at 6:30 am and the study will begin at 7:00 am each Thursday until April 9. This ten-week study will change your life.

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. While at the Host Home, a guest leader will guide each group through a series of Bible Studies custom written for our Student Ministry! During the weekend, students will also participate in large group worship and teaching times held in the Student Ministry area of First Baptist Church.

Registration and payment can be made on-line or by submitting a DiscipleNow Registration Form found in the Student Ministry Area.

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 to cheryl.mccrary@fbct.org.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

...**Allen and Michele Rippy** in the death of Allen's mother, Dorothy Helen Rippy, also to **Doug and Graceon** in the death of their grandmother. Mrs. Rippy passed away January 8, 2009.

IN MEMORIAM...

...**Hazel Fulton**, who passed away December 29, 2008.

...**Barbara Kizzee**, who passed away January 5, 2009.

...**Alonzo Smith Jr.** who passed away January 9, 2009.

EVANGELISM TRAINING

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

HELP FILL THE BARREL

The WMU is asking for your unused offering envelopes. These envelopes will be used to dispense medicine at the Baptist Medical Center in Nalergu, Ghana. Five thousand envelopes are used each week. You may want to mark through your name and address. You may also make bandages rolls from sheets. Stop by their display at the steeple entrance for more information.

DTI CLASSES

NEW DTI CLASSES

Wednesdays – 6:00-7:15 pm

Heart to Heart ~ Led by Jill Stanley and Becky Bourne in Room 2320 (Beginning date TBA).

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)

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

My heart was overwhelmed with gratitude as the church remembered my 15th anniversary last Sunday night. Thanks to all the music groups and tech crew that showed up and lead in worship. Thanks to Ruth Hoekstra for heading up this effort. Thank you church for the generous gift to our family.

Most importantly, we thank God for allowing us to serve along side His people here at First Baptist. Thanks to our Pastor for his leadership and encouragement to me. Thanks to the Music Ministry Staff and all those participating in God's Music Ministry here. Thanks to each member of the congregation who I join in worship each Sunday. Thank you to my wife and family for their incredible support and sacrifice. May Jesus be praised!

Yours in Christ,
Pat Van Dyke

STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

January 11, 2009

Financials not available at time of publication.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Active: Eddie Hill, Don Hofe, Mark Holleman, Mark Hutson, Kenny Jones, Reber Kennedy, Gene King, Ed Larsen, Bart Lynn
Emeriti: Neil Batemen

PRAYER LINE—572-1534

COLLEGE/SINGLES

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.

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

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

“Working with Youth in the Church”

This course is a study of the basics of youth education and how to design an effective program of youth education in the local church.

Teacher: Rev. Wally Vinson

Date: Monday evenings beginning
February 2, 2009

Place: CBA Shoulders Building
850 Highway 76, Clarksville

Time: 6:30—8:30 pm

Cost: Books \$42.00,
Registration 20.00
Total \$62.00

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 January 21, 2009

Adult Menu

Tossed garden salad, Pig In A Poke, Hash brown casserole, Baked apples, Sweet potatoes, Fruit cobbler for dessert

Children's Menu

Pigs in a blanket, Nachos with cheese sauce, Fresh apples, Pudding cups

Heart Healthy

Pork tenderloin, Cranberry relish, Whole baked apple

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

LEGACY: LIFE AFTER 55

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 be held on Friday, January 23 and will begin at 10:30 am in the Laida Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served, beginning at 11:30 am for \$4.00 each.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DVD

A DVD video of our “Golden Anniversary Celebration” is available for a cost of \$5.00 each. You may mail your check to “Senior Adults” at FBC. If you have questions call our office at 572-1527.



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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