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WORD...  
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**LIVES**



## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

Dear First Family,  
**Men!** Our Thursday morning Men's Ministry Bible Study will begin for ten weeks on Thursday, February 5 through Thursday, April 9, 2009 (the Thursday before Easter). Breakfast will be offered (\$5) from 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 country** inaugurated a new President this week. It is the Christian's joy, and obligation to pray for our leaders according to I Timothy 2:1-2 "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." We pray for President Obama, for the new Congress, and every elected official on the national, state, and local level. The Christian is a citizen of two worlds and should be the best citizen of all in this earthly world. We are pilgrims (Hebrews 11:13) on the way to Heaven to serve the King of kings and Lord of lords. We are to pray for our leaders, pay our taxes, obey the laws of the land and respect all authority as good followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. I Peter 2:17 – "Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."

**As you pray**, you can use the **Five Finger Prayer** to guide you in daily prayers.

1. Your thumb is nearest you. Begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you in your family. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, physicians, lawyers, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the

President, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble, in pain or who have lost loved ones. Pray for marriages that need to be stronger in Christ.
5. Lastly comes our little finger, the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective. Warren Wiersbe often said, "A prayer for yourself is not a selfish prayer." Pray Psalm 19:13-14 for yourself, "Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

**We will observe** the Lord's Supper this Sunday morning. The Lord is with us today and will be with us as we worship. It is a joy to serve Christ together with you.

**This Sunday, January 25** is Single Adult and College Ministry Recognition Sunday. We are thankful to God for the Ministry of Greg Moore and for the devoted, talented, committed members of our Church who attend and serve Christ in these areas.

**Pray for our Greeter Ministry.** Deacon Chairman, Paul Batson, and the staff and I are committed to seeing our greeter ministry and in-house hospitality to guests brought to a new level. "If an outsider enters . . . he will declare that God is really among you." (I Corinthians 14: 23-25) I love you and rejoice in the privilege to serve as your pastor. The Lord is with us. In His Grace,

*Roger P. Freeman*

Brad Smith  
Minister to Children



**LESSON PREVIEW**

This Sunday the children will be studying in the book of Judges. They will be looking at the life of Samson and the call that God had on his life. Samson had been chosen by God to deliver the Israelites from the Philistines. His parents had promised God that they would keep him from the things of the world. He did not eat unclean food or drink alcohol. He did not cut his hair and was a man of great strength. Just as God had a plan for Samson, so God has a plan for each of us. God has placed a call on each of us and it is our duty to seek Him and to answer that call. We see in this story that God had a call on Samson's life and he provided the strength he needed. God will provide the strength that we need to accomplish the tasks before us today. He is a great God and we can count on Him.

**PRAISE AND MINISTRY UPDATE**

We have started out the New Year on a great note. We have seen many new families visiting with us the past few weeks. God has truly opened doors for us to reach out to these families. Please be in prayer for those families as we reach out to them and minister to their needs. Also be in prayer for the Children's Ministry as we begin ramping up for the many ministry events this year. Two of these events are Children's Camp and VBS. These are great ministry events in our church where the gospel is preached and taught.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
TEACHER HIGHLIGHT**

Beau and Jan Battles have been teaching Sunday School in the Children's area for many years now. They are currently teaching in the 3rd grade department at 9:30 am. They have three great children: Taylor, Riley and Bailey. The Battles are long-time faithful members, so please be in prayer for them this week as they are preparing to teach this coming Sunday and the Sundays



to come. Pray about God's working in your life and see if he might lead you to serve in the Children's Ministry.

**CHURCH 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.

**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 will lead a men's Bible study on Spiritual Warfare beginning Thursday, February 5 in the Laida Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be available at 6:15 am and the study will begin at 7:00 am each Thursday until April 9. This ten-week study will change your life.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND  
THANK YOU TO...**

...**Jean Hofe** on her 10th anniversary serving the Lord as Music Ministry Office Assistant at First Baptist Church.

...**Josh Phillips** on his 3rd anniversary serving the Lord as Minister to Students at First Baptist Church.

...**John McClain** on his 1st anniversary serving the Lord on the Custodial Staff at First Baptist Church.

**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.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

January 18, 2009

**Profession/Baptism:** Timothy Bridges, Brittney Balmececa, Jose Barcales, Carolinn Barcales  
**Letter/Statement:** Richard Johnson, Kasey Johnson, Jack Iles, Mildred Iles, Josh Adams

**Baptized this Sunday:** Brittney Balmececa, Timothy Bridges, Frank James

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

January 18, 2009

8:15 Sunday School 756  
9:30 Sunday School 656  
10:55 Sunday School 177

**Total Sunday School 1,589**

Midweek Bible Study 571  
**Total Bible Study 2,160**

Sunday 8:15 Worship 117  
Sunday 9:30 Worship 1,175  
DOXA 592  
Preschool 87  
Korean Church 22  
Hispanic Church 51  
**Total Worship 2,044**  
Exit One Church Sunday School 120  
Exit One Church Worship 242

# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S SERMON SERIES

### "The Fruit of the Spirit"

**Galatians 5:16-25**

February 1—"The First Fruit of the Spirit"  
LOVE (The Upward Fruit)

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)

## COLLEGE/SINGLES SERVICE

Join us Sunday, January 25 for the College/Singles Worship Service at 6:00 pm. We will have great testimonies, preaching and special music. Come hear what God is doing in the lives affected by our College & Singles Ministry!

## STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

### January 18, 2009

Budget Required	\$89,423.07
Budget Gifts	74,065.07
Budget Required for the Year	268,269.21
Budget Receipts for the Year	214,067.32
Find Us Faithful Still Budget	\$9,615.38
Find Us Faithful Still Gifts	20,403.34
Find Us Faithful Required Year	28,846.14
Find Us Faithful Received Year	40,479.34

### January 11, 2009

Budget Required	\$89,423.07
Budget Gifts	66,938.89
Budget Required for the Year	178,846.14
Find Us Faithful Still Budget	\$9,615.38
Find Us Faithful Still Gifts	7,601.84
Find Us Faithful Required Year	19,230.76

## IMPORTANT PRESCHOOL CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT POLICY

First Baptist Church loves and values our preschoolers. We are honored that you have entrusted their safety into our care, and we take that responsibility VERY seriously. Beginning February 1, 2009, we are implementing a new security arrival and dismissal policy for all of our preschoolers during any preschool ministry event. This new policy will help us ensure that your child and all of our preschoolers are safe and are only released to authorized adults.

All preschool members and regular attendees will have a preprinted sticker placed on their back when they enter their classroom. On the sticker is a randomly assigned word that will change weekly. You will also be given a label that will have your child's assigned word printed on that label. When you pick-up your child, you will be asked to return the label. Before your child is released the preschool ministry worker will make sure that the assigned words from the preschooler's sticker and the pick-up label match. Preschoolers will not be released (even with a sticker) to individuals below the age of 18, including siblings.

If you are not able to return your sticker, you will be asked to produce your driver's license and we will ensure that you are an authorized pick-up individual on your child's information sheet.

This new policy is designed to provide for the safety and security of our preschoolers. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Cheryl McCrary, Director of Preschool Ministries, at 572-1509 or [cheryl.mccrary@fbct.org](mailto:cheryl.mccrary@fbct.org).



## ROOM IN THE INN

**Thank you** to those Sunday School classes who have participated in providing meals for Room In The Inn. We still need breakfasts and lunches provided for the following dates: February 10, 24 and March 24. Please call the Adult Education Office at 572-1506, if you are able to assist in this ministry area.

## 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.

## 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 are interested in a ministry position 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](mailto:cheryl.mccrary@fbct.org).

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

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

.....Marjorie Graham and Maxine Burge in the death of their brother, Malcolm Sadler, also to **Rev. Bill and Mary Lou Graham, Clara Shrader and Ruth Richardson** in the death of their uncle. Mr. Sadler passed away January 6, 2009.

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

**Active:** Rick Martin, Joe McClure, Scott McCullough, Henry Menees, Rick Murphy, Mike Ponder, Bill Prine, Glen Rainey, Shaun Robertson  
**Emeriti:** Hilliard Dabbs

**PRAYER LINE—572-1534**

## 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 on-line at the church website or by submitting a DiscipleNow Registration Form found in the Student Ministry Area.

### VOICE OF THE BISSA



In September 2008, First Baptist Church purchased a small portable DVD player and

two sets of speakers for our missionary partners, Jay and Kathy Shafto. They are using them to show the Jesus Film in the Bissa language in remote villages and in the capitol city of Burkina-Faso to Muslims who might never hear the gospel in their language. I received a letter from Jay on January 19, 2009, expressing his thanks to First Baptist for the wonderful ministry tool that has enabled him to share the gospel with people. The Jesus Film will probably be the only film ever made in the Bissa language. You can only imagine how people would be amazed to hear and see a movie in their own tongue!

Jay writes:

"The two young volunteers working with us] have made good use of the DVD player and speakers. This past week four men prayed to received Christ after watching the Jesus Film. Countless others have heard the gospel and/or Bible Stories through the speakers..."

Thank you, First Baptist, for caring about people around the world. Your continued giving to the World Missions Offering enables us to have an impact on the eternity of countless peoples around the world.

## 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 28, 2009

#### Adult Menu

Tossed salad, Boneless breast of chicken, Mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, Rolls with butter, Fudge or chess pie

#### Children's Menu

Chicken nuggets, Mashed potatoes, Raw veggies with dip, Grapes

#### Heart Healthy

Grilled chicken on a bed of rice, Steamed veggies, Fresh grapes

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

## CHURCH NEWS

### PULPIT FLOWERS

The flowers that you see at the front of the Grace Worship Center each week are there to enhance our time of worship. They provide a beautiful foreground to the pulpit that reminds us of the magnificence of God's creations.

You can help the church and remember a loved one by giving flowers in memory or in honor of someone special in your life or of a special occasion. The cost of an arrangement is \$35. You can schedule a time by calling Annette Shrader at 552-2356 or e-mail her at [as\\_fromthegarden@charter.net](mailto:as_fromthegarden@charter.net). Your gift will be acknowledged in the bulletin on that Sunday morning. We only use one arrangement per week so call now to set aside the date you prefer. You may take these flowers home or to a loved one after the evening worship. Or you may leave the arrangement and they will be taken to a shut in or a nursing home.

Thank you for considering this help.

## 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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