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From Your *PASTOR'S HEART*

Dear First Family,
Freddy Thomas Wyatt our Pastor to Young Families will be ordained to the Gospel Ministry on Sunday evening, January 27. We are honored to participate in this spiritual ceremony for this man of God. Freddy, Susan, and Jack are precious to our Church family. Freddy's parents, Freddy and Mary Coleman Wyatt raised Freddy T. in Church, and their children now all serve the Lord. God is so good!

Perspective and a Goal

I would like to place a goal before our Church family in this **Voice** article and cast a vision to help our future ministry. **Let us pray, work, and give to pay off the remaining debt on our beautiful new facilities within the next five years.** Since 1999, God's people at First Baptist Church, have purchased property and built buildings at a cost of \$23 million. Our debt now stands at \$5,736,816. Let us pray and give as God prospers us to retire this debt in short order, so more can be spent on other mission efforts in Clarksville and around the world.

Some perspective is needed. Building buildings for local Church ministry enables a local Church to be stronger to do missions here and abroad. In the past ten years, missions giving **outside the walls of First Baptist Church** totals **\$8,031,005.** This includes Cooperative Program giving, Cumberland Baptist Association, World

Missions Offering, and the Good Samaritan Medical/Dental Clinic. The proper perspective is that **"the light that shines farthest shines brightest at home."** Doing ministry locally empowers us to do more globally.

Retiring this debt will free more funds for missions and ministry. Our Budget and World Missions Offering must not suffer as we retire this debt. Let us work to be debt-free on our new Children's/Youth Building and Laida Fellowship Hall within five years. Every dollar given to the Find Us Faithful Still Building Fund goes directly to principal and debt reduction. "Now unto Him be glory in the Church, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" Ephesians 3:21

Sunday, February 3 is High Attendance Day in Sunday School. **"Super Sunday"** is an opportunity to call everyone on your Sunday School class roll the week prior to invite them to Bible Study on February 3. Let us work together for the glory of God and the edification of the body of Christ. There will be Sunday School classes at 8:30 A.M. in the Grace Sanctuary and 9:30 A.M. in the Faith Sanctuary, taught by Freddy and me, for those not in a Sunday School class presently.

I am glad to be your Pastor. God bless you and your family. The Lord is with us.

In Christ,

Roger P. Freeman

PASTOR FREEMAN AND PASTOR FREDDY TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Super High Attendance Sunday, February 3, Pastor Freeman will teach a Sunday School class in the Grace Worship Center at 8:30 am and Pastor Freddy will teach a Sunday School class in the Faith Worship Center at 9:30 am. These special one-time classes are for anyone who is not currently in a Sunday School class.

SUPER SUNDAY- FEBRUARY 3

Bring a friend and help us reach 1808 in 2008 in Sunday School. It is Super Bowl Sunday and it is Super Sunday School Sunday. We will have a great number that morning in Sunday School and then we will gather in the fellowship hall after the evening service to celebrate reaching 1808 in 2008 and enjoy the rest of the Super Bowl football game minus the commercials.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Consequences

So the Lord God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. Genesis 3:12-13 HCSB

As a child, there were many times that my parents had to discipline me for something I had done. I would lose the privilege to watch a television show or at times I would receive a spanking as a consequence for my disobedient behavior or poor choices. Throughout life, we are faced with choices that periodically result in unpleasant consequences. Good choices usually produce good consequences, while poor choices usually produce negative consequences. There is a direct correlation between our actions and the outcome of our actions.

We know from Genesis 2:15 that God had intended for man to work the garden of Eden and watch over it, so it was not intended for man to have a life of leisure. For Adam and Eve, the consequence for their sin was that they would not be allowed to live in the Garden of Eden, a place of paradise, where there was no pain or suffering.

We are all guilty of rebellion against God, and we continuously fall short of His glory; therefore, suffer the consequence of living in a fallen world where we experience pain, suffering, and death. As believers, it is only when we get to heaven that we will again be able to live in a place similar to the Garden of Eden as God intended. In heaven, we will live eternally in the fellowship and presence of our Lord God.

Challenge – Admit your sins and rebellion against God. Ask God for forgiveness. Thank Him for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, so your sins can be forgiven and you can live in His presence throughout eternity.

Ron Moore, *Minister of Education*

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OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to **know Christ** through the worship of God, the teaching of the Bible and the fellowship of believers, so that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we may **be like Him**, and **make Him known** to others, for the glory of God."

STUDENT MINISTRY

THE 2008 DADDY/DAUGHTER DESSERT AND DEVOTIONAL

The Student Ministry Daddy/Daughter Dessert and Devotional will be February 2, 2008, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Laida Fellowship Hall with Special Guest Ken Hartley, Christian Illusionist. Tickets are \$8. This nationally known Christian Illusionist will astound you with his feats. More importantly, Ken, a father of two daughters, has an amazing story of Jesus' grace to share with you and your daughter. Order your tickets by calling the High School Ministry Office at 572-1525.

DISCIPLENOW 2008

"LEAP"

February 28-March 2

Cost: \$75.00

Call the Middle School Ministry Office at 572-1507, to sign up or for more information

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP 2008

June 25-29, 2008

In June 2008 the High School Ministry will hold its first ever summer camp in Orlando, Florida. The cost is \$405, if you sign up by January 27, 2008. That price will include hotels, three days at Walt Disney World, meals and transportation. Worship will be led by Clear Vision Drama Co. and Making Malorie. Call 572-1512 to sign up.



EXIT ONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Every Sunday morning our church sponsors a mission church that meets at the Great Escape Movie Theatre. Worship begins at 10:00 am.

VBS RECRUITING IS UNDERWAY.



Outrigger Island is the theme and the dates are June 2 – 6, 2008. The Children's Ministry needs over 100 adult volunteers for grades 1-5. Please prayerfully consider where you will serve and call 572-1510 to sign up.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

January 20, 2008

Profession/Baptism: Sophie Maynard,
Macy Maynard, Kallie Robertson
Letter/Statement: Bryan Wilson,
Haidy Grigsby, Eric Grigsby
Total Decisions: 6

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

January 20, 2008

8:15 Sunday School 811
9:30 Sunday School 773
10:55 Sunday School 37
Exit One Church Sunday School 71
Total Sunday School 1,692
Weekday Bible Study 627
Total Bible Study 2,319

Sunday 9:30 Worship 964
Sunday 10:55 Worship 426
DOXA 276
Preschool 79
High School Retreat Off-Campus 84
Korean Church 22
Exit One Church 241
Total Worship 2,092
Total Exit One Church 326

LEGACY: LIFE AFTER 55

"MY FAIR LADY" AT THE RENAISSANCE CENTER

You are invited to attend a presentation of Lerner & Lowe's "My Fair Lady."

Where: Renaissance Center, Dickson, TN

When: Wednesday, February 20

Time: Depart at 10:15 am
Return about 3:30 pm

Cost: \$40 (includes bus, meal and play)
Deposit of \$20 due by 1/31
Balance due by 2/11

To sign up, call the Senior Adult Ministry Office at 572-1527.

TAXES, INVESTMENTS AND PLANNING SEMINAR

You are encouraged to attend our Legacy Adult 55+ ministry sponsored seminar regarding taxes and financial planning Saturday, February 2, from 9:30-11:30 am.

Steve Springer will lead a conference regarding "Taxes and Adults 55+" from 9:30-10:25 am. After a break, Steve Williams will lead a conference regarding "Financial Planning for Adults 55+" from 10:45-11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited.

For more information, call the Senior Adult Ministry Office at 572-1527 or 503-3286.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

CONGRATULATIONS PARENTS-TO-BE!

If you are expecting or know someone in our church who is, please call the Preschool Ministries office so we can update our expecting list. We would love to send you our expectant parents packet full of useful and fun information! Please call the Preschool Ministry Office at 572-1508.



CHURCH NEWS

CUMBERLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SEMINARY EXTENSION CLASS

"The Bi-vocational Pastor"

An overview of the bi-vocational ministry, including Biblical and historical roots, trends affecting the development of bi-vocationalism, the unique nature of bi-vocational ministry, preparation for the work, the specific duties of ministers who serve bi-vocationally, and the future of bi-vocationalism. This class is taught by Dr. Dennis Pulley on Monday evenings beginning February 4, 2008, from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Cumberland Baptist Association Shoulders Building, 850 Highway 76. The total cost is \$55. (The cost for books is \$35 and Registration is \$20.)

WEDNESDAY TO WEDNESDAY BEGINS IN FEBRUARY

Part of our church's mission statement is to "Make Christ Known." If we are going to fulfill our mission and the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:19-20, every member needs to be about the business of reaching out to people and inviting them to church. To assist you in this effort we will begin "Wednesday to Wednesday" on February 6. There will be a designated "Wednesday to Wednesday" area in the fellowship hall each Wednesday beginning at 4:30 pm. In this area there will be Sunday School class rolls and prospect information along with some outreach resources (cards, pens, maps, etc.). You can go to this area to pick up information and then make a contact (card, telephone call, or visit) during the week and then submit a report by the following Wednesday (Wednesday to Wednesday). You may also sit down and write some cards to people in your class or prospects and we will mail them for you. Everyone is encouraged to participate in Wednesday to Wednesday. Additionally, each adult Sunday School class will be assigned a certain Wednesday during the month when they will be asked to be at "Wednesday to Wednesday" to help make contacts and invite people to First Baptist Church. You can be a part of accomplishing the Great Commission by participating in "Wednesday to Wednesday"! See you on Wednesday!



VOICE Harmattan has hit of the northern Ghana and the Bissa. This is a time when the dust

storms from the Sahara blow so much dust that at times one can look directly at the noon-day sun and not squint! The storms should be over by the time our first official FBC team arrives in Nalerigu on February 14, but everything will be dry and parched.

Please pray for our first team which has 14 members! It consists of: Pastor Roger Freeman, Pastor Bill Graham and Mary Lou Graham, Pastor Brad Smith, Pastor Jared Hodges, Dr. Donnie Crawford, Bob and Velda Fort, Frank White, Kevin Brown, Davis and Carol McCutchen, Bill Belew, and Gloria Rosser.

As you pray for this first team, please pray about joining the second team or third or fourth in 2008. The April team is most pressing and we are looking for volunteers to spend 11 days in Africa. The date for this trip is April 14 - 25. The initial cost for this trip (if you don't have a passport, visa, scholarships, or inoculations) is \$3,000. If you have all those, the cost goes down.

We are praying that God will call harvesters into His harvest field. If he calls you, do not let the seeming lack of finances close the door. If God lays it on your heart to go, then He will find a way.

Jared Hodges,

Ministry Assistant for Missions/Evangelism

MEN'S BAKE-OFF PLANNED FOR SUPER SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 3



All men are challenged to bake or make a dessert of some type and bring it to the fellowship hall area prior to the evening service at 6:00 pm. There will be a group of ladies that will judge the best tasting, best looking, and most unusual. Prizes will be awarded. It will be a fun evening of fellowship and food. So men, get in the kitchen and let's see what you can do!



STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

January 20, 2008

Budget Required	\$67,307.24
Budget Gifts	122,103.65
Budget Required for the Year	201,921.72
Budget Received for the Year	292,416.90
Find Us Faithful Still	16,402.66
Find Us Faithful Still Y-T-D	56,601.05

World Missions

World Missions Received	\$11,385.16
Received for the Year-to-Date	20,160.51

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Kyle Jones, Kevin Kennedy, Reber Kennedy, Gene King, Bart Lynn, Rick Martin, Scott McCullough, Robert. Murphy, Zoot Parker
Emeriti: Dwight Dickson

COLLEGE & SINGLES

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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

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: SINGLES 40'S & 50'S

On Sunday February 3, Davie Crockett will start teaching a new Sunday School class for single adults in their 40's & 50's. The class will meet in Room 2301 in the Hope Building (top floor) at 9:30 am. Please plan to come and bring someone with you!

COLLEGE & SINGLES SUPER BOWL PARTY

College students and single adults are invited over to the Overflow 235 Coffee House (420-A Madison St.) on Sunday, February 3 at 5:00 pm to watch the Super Bowl! Pizza will be provided.

THE PASTOR & CONGREGATION EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

...**Don and Sherre Hartlage** in the death of Don's father, Don Hartlage, and to **Shrader and Mitchell** in the death of their grandfather.

...**Zane Booth** in the death of his mother, Mildred Booth. Mrs. Booth passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2008.

...**Agnes Hite Towe** in the death of her brother, Hoy Jones. Mr. Jones passed away Thursday, January 17, 2008.

...**Jay and Joan Goins** in the death of Joan's Sister, Sarah Fouche.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO...

...**Robert Whitecotton** on his 1st anniversary as the Office Assistant to Young Families serving the Lord and First Baptist Church.

CHURCH NEWS

FBC INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Whenever the Montgomery County School System is closed due to weather, scheduled events, programs, and activities at First Baptist Church will be cancelled:

NO Senior Adult Friday Activities,

NO Wednesday programs,

NO Bible Studies, **NO** Sports,

NO Parent's Day Out, and

NO Conservatory Lessons.

Listen to WJZM, 1400 AM; WDXN, 540 AM; or WNKJ, 89.3 FM or call 645-2431

for updated worship and activities information. The Church Office and Hope Building will remain open if possible.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Lynn Dallas on the birth of her grandson, **Preston Michael Rittenberry**, on December 13, 2007.

...Brett and Amanda Wade on the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Madelyn Wade**, on January 18, 2008.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Adults \$4 • Children \$3

Heart Healthy \$4

Family Maximum \$15

**Menu subject to change without notice*

Serving from 4:30-5:45 pm

Menu for January 30, 2008

Adult Menu

Tangy Cole slaw, Barbeque chicken, Hot bacon potato salad, Baked beans, Corn muffins, Iced tea or Coffee, Carrot cake or Chocolate dirt cake

Children's Menu

(For our friends 10 and under please)

Spaghetti, Fresh carrots, Bread sticks, Milk, Chocolate dirt cake

Heart Healthy Menu

Chef Salad with low fat dressing,
Fresh fruit, beverage

Reservations for the heart healthy meal must be called into the Food Service Department no later than Monday prior to the Wednesday night meal, or call and make a standing reservation at 472-1171.

REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 am - Deacon Prayer Time

Laida Fellowship Hall (2230)

Worship

9:30 am, 10:55 am -

Grace Worship Center

10:45 am - DOXA Worship

Faith Worship Center

Bible Study (Sunday School)

8:15 am and 9:30 am

Bible Study Classes for all ages

Sunday Evening

5:00 pm Youth Choir

6:00 pm - Impact and Delight
(Middle School)

6:00 pm - The Family Room
(High School)

6:00 pm - Worship -

Faith Worship Center

Wednesday

4:30-5:45 - Family Fellowship Meal

5:45-6:30 - Preschool Choirs

5:45-6:30 - Children's Choirs

5:45-6:30 - Youth Ministry Groups

5:45-6:30 - Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
in Fellowship Hall

6:30-7:45 - Adult Choir & Orchestra

6:30-7:45 - Preschool Activities/
Mission Friends/childcare

6:30-7:45 - The Back Yard (Children)

6:30-7:45 - Reaction (Middle School)

6:30-7:45 - The Family Room
(High School)

6:30-7:45 - Discipleship Training
Institute

7:45-10:00 - College/Singles

Bible Study & Hangout

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 three times during the week on Charter Communications cable channels.

Sundays at 9:00 am on Channel 9

Mondays at 8:00 pm on Channel 10

Wednesdays at 8:00 am on Channel 10