

Teaching  
**THE**  
WORD...  
Touching  
**LIVES**

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART



Dear First Family,  
**God has given us a wonderful summer!** Vacation Bible School victories, Prove the Tith Day faithfulness, Music Camp, Children's and Middle School Camp, Recreation activities and

many other great activities are all blessing us. **Now we have the July Fourth weekend** and the 233<sup>rd</sup> birthday of America. Be in church and Bible study wherever you are this holiday weekend. It is Christianity in America that makes America the most blessed nation in the history of the world. We have many problems facing America, but Christ is still the answer for our world and our nation. II Chronicles 7:14 "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." – If "my people" (the Christians in America) will turn from all wickedness, God will spare America for the sake of the body of Christ.

**Dr. John Phillips** wrote an interesting piece about nations and choices. "When the drums of World War II were stilled and men turned hopefully to the pursuits of peace, they soon discovered that their dreams were turned into a nightmare. The Soviet Union launched a global effort to communize the world. The Iron Curtain came down and Eastern Europe was swallowed up. The Cold War began.

**Sir Winston Churchill** was appalled. It occurred to him that the Bible had prophecies that might shed light on his path as he sought to guide his people along the perilous paths of peace. But who could he get to shed light on these things?

After diligent inquiries, he chose the former missionary named Harold St. John, a gifted Bible teacher and one who was at home in the prophetic Word. Arrangements were made for the two to meet. For the better part of a day, the great statesman sat at the feet of one of God's choicest saints as the great Bible teacher took him through the Scriptures.

As the two men parted at the end of the day, Churchill said to his new friend, "Mr. St. John, I would give half the world for your knowledge of the Bible." Mr. St. John acknowledged the compliment and quietly said, "Sir, I gave all the world to get it."

**May all the Christians** in America say –  
"I'd rather have Jesus

Than silver or gold;

I'd rather be His

Than have riches untold;

Than to be the King of a vast domain  
And be held in sin's dread sway.

I'd rather have Jesus than anything this  
world affords today.

Look to Jesus, friend. Put Him first always.  
Crown Him Lord. He is our Hope, our  
only Hope. Rejoice! By faith you are His,  
and He is your Friend.

In His Love,

*Roger P. Freeman*

## CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP

Children who have completed grades 1 through 5 are invited to participate in Music Camp, July 20-24 with the presentation on Sunday night, July 26. This free camp runs Monday through Friday from 9 am to 12 noon. Registration forms are available in the Music Ministry Office or online at [www.fbct.org/worship](http://www.fbct.org/worship). Children will learn a musical, *GPS: God's Plan of Salvation*, to share on Sunday night. The camp t-shirt will be a memento of a time of learning songs about Jesus. Call 503-3280 to register your child now.



*God's Plan of Salvation*



# CHURCH NEWS



## NEW SIGN OVER COMMERCE STREET

See our new sign over Commerce Street to welcome the people of Clarksville to First Baptist Church.

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

As you know, our campus is very large. Just the buildings themselves cover almost two city blocks. We have not had any recent incidents but our Security Committee and our Property and Grounds Committee are always trying to be proactive in keeping us safe. We trust in the Lord first and additionally seek to use the good sense with which He has blessed us. We welcome all who come to worship. However, in this day and time not all enter churches with worship on their mind.

As you know all our doors are locked during the week and admission must come at one of the entrances where we have intercoms. This process helps protect those in the building for weekday events and those on the staff.

In order to help keep our facilities safe during worship hours, our entry doors have been equipped with automatic locking devices. These devices are helping us make our facilities a place where you can worship without worry for you, your children and your grandchildren. These doors will lock at pre-set times to protect our congregation. This is just another way our church is

working to protect you and your family at church. The steeple entrance to the Grace Building on Commerce Street will remain unlocked before and after worship hours. Thank you for your understanding in this.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

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

...**Dwight and Jonell Nicholson** in the death of Dwight's grandmother, Polly McCormick. Sympathy also to **Cole and Emily** in the death of their great-grandmother.

...**Jeff and Vicki Ferrell** in the death of Vicki's mother, Mrs. Helen Crotzer. Sympathy to **Holly and Scott Ferrell** in the loss of their grandmother, also to **Rachel and Toni Peacher** in the death of their great-grandmother. Mrs. Crotzer passed away June 25, 2009.

...**The family of Roger Gillespie** who passed away June 27, 2009.

...**L.G. and Frances Allen** in the death of Frances' brother, Mr. Charles Graham.

*Commander  
and Mrs. Allan Blackketter  
and  
Reverend Doctor  
and Mrs. Roger Freeman  
request the pleasure  
of your attendance  
at the marriage of their children  
Emily Marie  
to  
Daniel Pearce  
Saturday, the fifteenth of August  
two thousand nine  
at six o'clock in the evening  
at the residence  
of the bride's grandparents,  
250 McLemorsville Road,  
McLemorsville, Tennessee*

Visit the Wedding Website for more information about them and their day!  
[www.theknot.com/ourwedding/emilyblackketter&danielfreeman](http://www.theknot.com/ourwedding/emilyblackketter&danielfreeman)

## CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO...

...**Juliette Roake** on her 23rd anniversary serving the Lord as Music Librarian, Choir Secretary and staff member in the Food Service Ministry at First Baptist Church.

...**Quinton Donaldson** on his 11th anniversary serving the Lord on the Custodial Staff at First Baptist Church.

...**Mary Bumpus** on her 1st anniversary serving the Lord as Children Ministry Office Assistant at First Baptist Church.

## ATTENDANCE CORRECTION

June 21, 2009

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| 8:15 Sunday School         | 594          |
| 9:30 Sunday School         | 496          |
| 10:55 Sunday School        | 162          |
| <b>Total Sunday School</b> | <b>1,252</b> |
| Midweek Bible Study        | 215          |
| <b>Total Bible Study</b>   | <b>1,467</b> |

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

June 28, 2009

|                            |                                             |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Profession/Baptism:</b> | Grace Lewis,<br>Peyton Meehan               |
| <b>Letter/Statement:</b>   | Samantha Tucker,<br>Barbara (Bobbie) Braden |
| <b>Baptized this week:</b> | Ethan James                                 |

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

June 28, 2009

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| 8:15 Sunday School         | 675          |
| 9:30 Sunday School         | 492          |
| 10:55 Sunday School        | 165          |
| <b>Total Sunday School</b> | <b>1,332</b> |
| Midweek Bible Study        | 397          |
| <b>Total Bible Study</b>   | <b>1,729</b> |

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday 8:15 Worship           | 109          |
| Sunday 9:30 Worship           | 1,059        |
| Sunday 10:55 Worship (DOXA)   | 393          |
| Preschool                     | 70           |
| Korean Church                 | 19           |
| Missions                      | 23           |
| Hispanic Church               | 39           |
| <b>Total Worship</b>          | <b>1,712</b> |
| Exit One Church Sunday School | 64           |
| Exit One Church Worship       | 237          |

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

### BE A HERO IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD

Being a true Hero in the life of a child is easy. The Preschool Ministry needs loving arms to teach, rock or pray for our children in the new Sunday School year that begins on August 9, 2009. By being present and loving our preschoolers at the 8:15, 9:30, or 10:55 Sunday School hours you will make an eternal difference in the lives of our preschoolers from birth through kindergarten. We need individuals to help weekly, every other week or monthly. Please answer the call and contact Cheryl McCrary at 572-1509 for additional information.

### PRECHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

The new Wednesday nights for our preschoolers this fall is going to be **FUN** for preschoolers and teachers! We are recruiting teachers who would like to minister to our preschoolers by teaching crafts, music, games, Bible stories or preparing snacks. Our preschoolers will be rotating through 3 different classrooms so teachers will only be responsible for 15 minutes of lesson planning and will then teach that lesson three times. Call Cheryl McCrary at 572-1509 or email at [cheryl.mccrary@fbct.org](mailto:cheryl.mccrary@fbct.org) for additional information.

### PRESCHOOLERS LEARN ABOUT MISSIONS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS THIS FALL

Preschoolers love to help. They want to help cook, clean and build. Teaching preschoolers about missions at an early age helps them learn that missionaries help people while teaching them about Jesus. Missionaries help in the same ways that they can help. This teaches preschoolers that they can be missionaries as well. Beginning August 16 on Sunday evenings from 6-7 pm, our preschoolers will learn that they can be missionaries. If you are available to help preschoolers learn about missionaries, call Cheryl McCrary at 572-1509 for additional information.

### STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

June 28, 2009

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Required                | \$84,809.97  |
| Budget Gifts                   | 54,762.49    |
| Budget Required for the Year   | 2,265,029.52 |
| Budget Received for the Year   | 2,055,272.86 |
| Find Us Faithful Still Budget  | \$9,615.38   |
| Find Us Faithful Still Gifts   | 6,106.55     |
| Find Us Faithful Required Year | 249,999.88   |
| Find Us Faithful Received Year | 327,659.24   |

## MISSIONS MINISTRY

### INFORMATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

#### TWO OCTOBER MISSION TRIPS

On Sunday, July 19 at 4:00 pm, Bill Graham and Jared Hodges will meet in the church parlor with people who want more information on the October trips to Ghana, West Africa and Omsk, Russia. The first 30 minutes each person will learn general information about taking an international mission trip. From 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm people interested in the Africa trip will go with Jared Hodges. Bill Graham will work with people interested in traveling to Russia.

October 7-18 are the dates for the Ghana, West Africa trip. Jared Hodges will be leading his sixth trip to Nalergiu, Ghana. This is our second year of a three year partnership to impact the Bissa People in Northern Ghana. Using the Baptist Medical Centre as the base of operations, the team will use medical providers and nurses. Other team members will spend time in the villages of Naumausm and Nagbo where team members have spent time on previous trips. Opportunities to teach English will be available as well. Special inoculations are required for this trip.

The Russia trip will begin on Thursday, October 22 and will return on Sunday, November 1. The project will be teaching English to university students in Omsk, Russia. Working with two new churches the team will have opportunity to share their faith and distribute Scriptures. Steve and Svetlana Parish, our missionaries serving in Tula, Russia, have been given permission to assist us in this project.

For more information about the mission trips or the information meeting, contact the Missions and Ministry Office at 245-0015.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Doug and Dawn Conquest on the birth of their twins, **Gynneth Frances and William Douglas Conquest**, born June 17, 2009. Congratulations to grandparents, Shirley Guinn and Dotson and Peggy Guinn.

### World Missions

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| World Missions Required | \$4,571.65 |
| World Missions Received | 3,774.75   |
| Required for the Year   | 154,999.78 |
| Received for the Year   | 144,571.17 |

### INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP PLANNED

Debbie Moore is taking a nurse from Florida and a young couple from Nashville to Belarus in July. These four team members will be joined by a student summer missionary with the International Mission Board serving in Belarus. They will be working with a local church in Belarus who is sponsoring the week long camp for children with special needs. They will conduct Bible-related activities for the children and their families. Many of the children will have significant medical concerns. The team has asked us to not only to pray for them but for every child and their parents to feel Christ's love through each team member. Pray for the local church leaders to learn how to love the special needs children and their parents during the week long camp. The team leaves for Belarus July 10 and returns on July 20. Debbie teaches a Special Needs class at the 9:30 hour. This is a continuation of her ministry not only here but in Belarus.

## CHURCH NEWS

### WATCH WORSHIP ONLINE

On those Sundays when you are not able to be here, with computer access, you can join us in worship. Go to [www.fbct.org/live](http://www.fbct.org/live) Sundays to see the 9:30 am, 10:55 am or 6:00 pm worship. This is delivered through Window Media Player so you must be on a PC using Internet Explorer.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please contact Irby Stanley at [irby@fbct.org](mailto:irby@fbct.org) if you are not receiving offering envelopes.

## CAMP INFORMATION

### KID'S CAMP 2009

July 13-16 at Camp Linden. Register on-line or pick up registration and medical release forms in the Children's Area or Church Office or online at [www.fbct.org/children](http://www.fbct.org/children). Call the Children's Ministry at 572-1510 for more information.

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

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

**Emeriti:** Ed Hawkins

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### FIRST CLARKSVILLE CONSERVATORY

Registration brochures for the Fall Semester of the Conservatory are available in the Music Ministry Office until August 14. The semester begins the week of August 24. Contact Linda Ponder, Conservatory Administrator, at 572-1515 or visit [www.fbct.org/conservatory](http://www.fbct.org/conservatory) for more information or to register online.

### HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are designed to provide a non-threatening environment where people can get acquainted with others and feel comfortable discussing God's Word. Would you be willing to open your home to a community group meeting each week? You pick the night and time and we will provide a group facilitator. Groups will meet September 13 – November 15. For more information contact Ron Moore, Minister of Education, at 572-1505 or [ron.moore@fbct.org](mailto:ron.moore@fbct.org) or Kyle Jones, Community Group Director, at 320-1815.

## LEGACY: LIFE AFTER 55

### DEPOSIT FOR COOKEVILLE TRIP

If you have signed up for the train trip to Cookeville, TN, we need a \$30.00 deposit by Friday, July 17 in order to reserve your seat.

**Date:** Saturday, October 17

**Time:** Leave church at 6:15 am; return about 7:00 pm

**Cost:** \$60.00 total cost for bus to Nashville and train to Cookeville.

Plus your meal in Cookeville.

**Deposit deadline:** \$30.00 by July 17.

**Call:** Senior Adult ministry at 572-1527 for further information..



## FOOD SERVICES

### SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Everyone likes gifts. Give your spouse the Breakfast Break Gift. Leave home a little early Sunday and surprise him/her with a freshly made breakfast. This Southern buffet includes all your favorites: crisp bacon, savory sausage, fluffy eggs, hash brown potatoes, fresh baked biscuits, country gravy, southern grits, juice, coffee, sodas, fresh baked muffins, delicate Danish pastries and fresh fruit. You choose your favorites and sit in a relaxing, friendly church atmosphere right in the center of activity. We serve it with a smile. Serving each Sunday from 7:30 until 10 am, we hope to see you this Sunday.

### 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 July 8, 2009

Join us for our Super Salad Menus each Wednesday. There will always be hot breads, the dessert table and cool beverages. The heart healthy patrons will enjoy the same delicious choices. \*\*Our Children's Menu will be limited due to lower summer participation

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

### ACTIVITIES CENTER HOURS

The Activities Center will be open during the summer months Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. for free play and walking track. If the Activities Center is needed for a special event, we request that you contact the church office (645-2431) and complete an Activity Sheet. This will enable us to reserve the room for your event. Thank you.

## REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULE

### Sunday

7:30 am Deacon Prayer Time  
Laida Fellowship Hall (2230)

### Worship

8:15 am & Grace Worship Center

9:30 am

10:55 am DOXA Worship  
(Grace Worship Center)

### Bible Study/Sunday School

8:15 am & Bible Study Classes for all ages

9:30 am

10:55 am Adult Bible Study Classes

### Sunday Evening

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

6:00 – 7:15 Prayer Meeting/Bible  
Study in Grace Worship Center

6:00 – 7:15 Discipleship Training  
Institute Classes

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  
(Hope Children's Area/  
Room 2161)

### 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

Charter channel 9 or Broadcast channel 49.

Sundays at 9:00 am

Mondays at 8:00 pm

Wednesdays at 8:30 am

Hispanic Service—Thursdays at 7:00 pm