

Teaching
THE
WORD...
Touching
LIVES

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART



Dear First Family,
We have had a wonderful **Vacation Bible School** this week. The Lord has brought hundreds of children to hear about Jesus and to learn more of God's Word. We will have

a VBS Celebration Day this Sunday morning, June 14. Pray for families and children without church homes who will be present this week for a new walk with the Lord in their homes.

Thank you for your faithfulness in the **Prove the Tithe Day** on Sunday, June 7. Your total gifts that day were \$215,864.76. Budget \$180,562.28; World Missions \$11,427.40; Find Us Faithful \$22,101.49; Habitat Houses and other Local Missions \$1,773.59. This is the second highest Prove the Tithe total ever. Thank you, dear people of God. To God be the glory for the lives that will be touched, saved and ministered to through your faithfulness. *"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father."* 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

This Father's Day (June 21) we are extending a special invitation to fathers who have not experienced believer's baptism. Baptism shows obedience and leadership in the home. Please call or e-mail the church office and ask to be included in the special Father's Day baptism. Contact may be made at 645-2431, irby@fbct.org or roger@fbct.org.

How is your heart? The parable of the Sower and the Seed, also called the Parable

of the Soil, reveals four kinds of hearts.

The Hard Heart – *"And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them."* Matthew 13:4 This hard heart is represented in the seed that fell on the beaten path. The Sower is the Gospel preacher. The Seed is the Gospel message of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Soil is the human heart. This first heart is Gospel hardened. The hard heart hears about Jesus and submission to the Kingdom but resists it.

The Shallow Heart – *"Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth."* Matthew 13:5 This seed fell on rocky, shallow soil and sprouted quickly. The hot summer sun scorched the plants, and they withered and died. This is a shallow heart, where there is no depth of repentance, no conviction of sin, but only a shallow interest in Jesus.

The Crowded Heart – *"And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them."* Matthew 13:7 The seed, being perfect, spouted briefly in this imperfect soil. The ground was crowded; it was thorny. These thorns represent the cares and riches of life.

The Fertile Heart – *"But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop; some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."* Matthew 13:8 Other seed fell on "good" soil. It was fertile. The seed took root and brought forth much fruit. *"Herein is my Father glorified, that you bring forth much fruit"* (John 15:8). The fertile heart has repented and broken up the fallow ground. He sticks with God when troubles or persecution comes. He does

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FATHER'S DAY BAPTISMS

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FATHER'S DAY

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

Parent/Child Dedications will be held on Father's Day, June 21, during all morning worship services. To schedule your Parent/Child Dedication, call Laura in the Preschool Ministries Office at 572-1508 by June 15.



LESSON PREVIEW

The Sunday School Lesson for June 14 deals basically with two important truths:

1) The Scriptural teaching that a person can become a Christian only through faith in Christ; and 2) The blessings promised to Abraham in such passages as Genesis 12:1-3 and 13:14-18 are available to people today. These blessings include: 1) being made right with God, 2) being adopted into God's family, 3) being blessed by God as heirs to all of God's promises to His people, 4) being used by God in His redemptive purposes and 5) being guaranteed everlasting life.

Paul guides his readers in understanding that Christ solves the problem of our sin and in seeing the utter fallacy of a gospel of salvation by works.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

If you were to ask Irene Griffey how long Hubert has been teaching Sunday School at First Baptist Church, she jokingly might say, "all of his life." Hubert would say in a more serious vein, "probably 50 years as either a teacher or department superintendent." Hubert moved to Clarksville in 1941, served in the Marines toward the close of World War II and married Irene in 1946. After the war he became involved in farming and real estate. They joined First Baptist Church in 1954. He says he has been teaching one of the Baracca classes for "years." In addition

to serving as a worker in Sunday School, Hubert has also served as deacon chairman on two different occasions plus serving on several different committees. After retiring in 1992 he has been able to spend more time gardening and, more recently, fishing.

He says he has enjoyed being able to give away his produce and fish.



MINISTRY COMMENTS

Because of a mechanical problem with the "Duk," our trip to Nashville for the "Duk Tour" had to be postponed until June 27. If you cannot make the trip on that date, we will refund your money. If you have questions, call the Senior Adult Ministry Office at 572-1527.



CHURCH NEWS

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not love this world. He loves Heaven more. He is not shallow; he goes down deeply into the Word. He abides in Christ. He brings forth much fruit.

Which heart is your heart? How deep is your heart?

I look forward to seeing you this Lord's Day, Bible in hand.
In His Grace,

Roger P. Freeman

FOUR PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE

Eastland Green ~ Saturday, June 20

The cost is \$40.00 per person, which includes green fees and 1/2 cart.

Play begins at 1:00 pm with a shotgun start.

Sign up now in the Activities Building.

Call 645-2431 for more information or to sign up.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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. 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.

FIRST CLARKSVILLE CONSERVATORY

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

PRAISE THE LORD!

Sunday, June 7 was an example of what God's people can do if they submit their will to His and seek to please him thru obedience. The following outlines what His church, First Baptist, Clarksville did thru Prove the Tithe Day:

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To Budget = \$180,562.28 - this is the second highest Prove the Tithe Sunday ever!

To World Missions = \$11,427.40

To Find Us Faithful = \$22,101.49

The remainder went to the Habitat House, Camp Scholarships, the Korean Church and the Hispanic Church. To God be the glory great things HE has done, thru you and this church.

Let's continue to love and encourage the congregation to continue their support of the church during these summer months. If we will continue to remain faithful, God will allow us to meet our budget by the end of this year and meet the many ministry needs He has for us.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

June 7, 2009

Profession/Baptism: Abby Watson
Letter/Statement: Kimberly Smith,
Aven Smith

Baptized: Carson Armitage,
Brooke Armitage, Isaac Rankhorn

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

June 7, 2009

8:15 Sunday School 700
9:30 Sunday School 631
10:55 Sunday School 167

Total Sunday School 1,498

Midweek Bible Study 358
Total Bible Study 1,856

Sunday 8:15 Worship 115
Sunday 9:30 Worship 1,118
Sunday 10:55 Worship (DOXA) 476
Preschool 96
Korean Church 19
Hispanic Church 45
Total Worship 1,869
Exit One Church Sunday School 48
Exit One Church Worship 236

CHURCH NEWS

FBC ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark your calendars now to save the date for Sunday, June 28 for our Annual Picnic. Have you been hankerin' for some of Sally's Southern Potato Salad? Wishing you had a serving of Patty's Famous Pecan Pie? Well, wait no more! Put your food request in to your favorite cook and plan to join the fun. The more the merrier.

Like a good Baptist Church, we will provide lots of FRIED CHICKEN and Sweet Iced Tea. Everyone else brings their favorite side dish (don't forget desserts) to make it an all out smorgasbord!

There will be games at 4:00 pm for the kids, horse shoes for the champions and great fellowship for all. The meal begins at 5:00 pm. The food will be set-up in the Laida Fellowship Hall. Worship starts at 6:00 pm with music and some good preachin' after supper.

Mark you calendars and PLEASE mark your serving dishes to prevent confusion when you're ready to go home. See you there! For more information, call Lynn Dallas in the Food Service Ministry at 472-1171.

FAMILY MISSION OPPORTUNITY

On Saturday, June 20 from 10 am-2 pm we will conduct a block party ministry opportunity with the Living Waters Fellowship Church in Oak Grove, KY. Four years ago we hosted a block party in a field where the church building is now located. The church has been constituted and is a member of the Cumberland Baptist Association. The block party will attempt to minister to children and families in the local area around the church. We will have inflatables, face painting and other fun activities for the kids. Snow cones, cotton candy, hot dogs and hamburgers will be served. Our Student Ministry and Music Ministry will be providing opportunities to serve and meet the people. For additional information, please contact the Missions Office at (931) 245-0015. Volunteers are needed to greet and converse with folks to help extend the ministry of this young church.

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 or Kyle Jones, Community Group Director, at 320-1815.

TECH HELPERS NEEDED

Our church's Tech Ministry helps provide lights, sound, projection and recording for worship and other events. We are always needing people to help. To volunteer, e-mail pat@fbct.org. You can serve in any worship.

LEGACY: LIFE AFTER 55

TRIP TO GRAND RIVERS, KY

- What:** See the show "Variety! Music, Memories and More" at Badgett Playhouse
- When:** Saturday, July 18
- Time:** Leave at 9:30 am; return about 5:30 pm
- Cost:** \$40.00 (includes bus and show) plus meal at Patti's
- Deadline:** Tuesday, June 30
- Call:** [Brenda Spurgeon \(572-1527\)](mailto:Brenda.Spurgeon@fbct.org)

FALL FOLIAGE

EXCURSION TRAIN ~ October 17

Would you be interested in riding a train through some beautiful fall foliage and scenery in Middle Tennessee on your way to Cookeville, TN? We would leave at 6:15 am and return about 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 17. The cost is \$60.00 for bus and train, plus your meal in Cookeville.

Call the Legacy (Senior Adult) department at 572-1527 or 503-3286 for further details.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

THREE MISSION TRIPS SET FOR JUNE AND JULY, 2009

- * The High school and College Ministries are preparing to travel to New York City and work with the Gallery Church, where our own Freddie T. Wyatt is serving as Teaching Pastor. Led by Greg Moore and Jeff Tilden, our team of 24 people will be working with the Gallery Church's emphasis of "City Uprising". They will depart June 26 and return July 2. A number of other churches are participating in this effort to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is the main summer event planned by Gallery Church. Please pray that the lost will hear the gospel, repent and believe. Please pray for boldness in witnessing.
- * Our Summer trip to West Africa is led by Jared Hodges, with three others returning to the Baptist Medical Center in Nalergiu, West Africa. They depart July 18 and return July 29. Please pray for God to give us a greater burden for the lost and skill and sensitivity in witnessing to the Bissa and Mamprusi people groups they will encounter.
- * Josh Phillips and Bill Graham will take a team of 22 to return to the New Colony Baptist Church in Billerica, MA, to assist that church in their Super Summer July Program. This year we will lead Vacation Bible School, using our own VBS material from our church. Our students will get to rehearse their role in our own VBS and then participate as leaders with the children at Billerica. Plans include a local mission project as well as visiting a few sites in the Boston area. The team leaves July 26 and returns on August 1. Please pray for flight connections and safety for these youth. Please pray that God will be glorified.

In all of these endeavors, may God quicken the hearts of lost persons in the paths of these "missionaries" and give them sensitivity toward the lost in meeting their needs, relating to them and drawing them to Christ.

STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

June 7, 2009

Budget Required	\$84,809.97
Budget Gifts	180,562.28
Budget Required for the Year	2,010,599.61
Budget Received for the Year	1,883,854.74
Find Us Faithful Still Budget	\$9,615.38
Find Us Faithful Still Gifts	22,101.49
Find Us Faithful Required Year	221,153.74
Find Us Faithful Received Year	294,760.51

World Missions

World Missions Required	\$5,961.53
World Missions Received	11,427.40
Required for the Year	137,115.19
Received for the Year	132,584.42

Habitat House to Date: \$43,211.53

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Active: John Hansen, Eddie Hill, Don Hofe, Mark Holleman, Mark Hutson, Kyle Jones, Reber Kennedy, Gene King, Ed Larson

Emeriti: Joe Garrett

PRAYER LINE—572-1534

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CAMP INFORMATION

CAMP FUSION 2009 UNDERGROUND



We are currently registering Middle School students who have just completed grades 6, 7 or 8 for our summer camp. Camp this year is July 6-10 and will be held at Hillmont Christian Camp in White Bluff, Tennessee. The cost for camp is \$265 with registration and complete payment due by June 28. Registration can be completed by filling out and submitting a Student Ministry Event Registration Envelope found in the Student Ministry Area or Student Ministry Office. You can also register and pay by filling out our online registration form found at www.fbct.org/students.

We hold a very firm policy that we never want to see a child miss camp for financial reasons. If you or your child would like to attend Camp Fusion 2009 but find the cost prohibitive, please submit a Scholarship Request Form found in the same locations as the Registration Envelope. If you are a Sunday School Class who would like to support our Scholarship Fund through a donation, please call the Student Ministry Office at 572-1507.

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. Call the Children's Ministry at 572-1510 for more information. Don't get left behind.

UPWARD BASKETBALL CAMP

June 24, 25, & 26

Coaches Becky and Duane Padgett

UPWARD CHEER CAMP

June 29—July 2

Coach Adrienne Beech

Cost \$35.00

Sign up in the Children's Ministry Office.

Last day to sign up is June 18.

Call Joel Bass at 206-4905 or

Brad Smith at 572-1510 for more info.

FOOD SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

We serve a hot buffet from 7:30-10:00 or you may choose coffee and a fresh baked muffin. Bring your family or meet a friend. Either way, simplify your day!

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 June 17, 2009

Adult and Children's Menu

Green salad, Spaghetti with meat sauce, Corn on the cob, Toasted bread, Spumoni ice cream

Heart Healthy Menu

Pasta with veggies, Corn on the cob, Jell-O

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

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 Adult Choir and Orchestra

6:00 – 7:15 Children's Backyard

6:00 – 7:15 Preschool Team/Kid

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

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

VISIT THE FBC LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

Hope Activities Building (3rd Floor) ~ Room 2326

Sunday, 9:00 am—12:00 pm and 5:00—6:00 pm

Wednesday, 4:00—6:00 pm

FBC LIBRARY ~ FEATURED BOOK

"The Power of a Praying Wife" by Stormie Omartian

In another volume of her series on prayer, Stormie guides readers on how to pray for a specific aspect of their husbands' lives each day. Chapters include related scripture for each topic. This book provides the tools to expand and strengthen the prayers of a wife for her husband.

