

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

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

### Prove The Tithe Sunday, June 7, 2009



*"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this, Says the*

*Lord of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such a blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.'"*

Malachi 3:8-10

*"For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law; justice and mercy and faith. **These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.**"* Matthew 23:23

**"Let's see what God will do when all of God's people bring their tithe to Worship together on the same Sunday."** That is the vision for Sunday, June 7. The tithe means "tenth." Tithing is giving back to God the first ten percent, the first tenth of our income. Tithing is the starting point. Both Old and New Testament ask believers to tithe. In Matthew 23:23 our Lord and Saviour asks us to tithe and to do the weightier matters of the Law also.

Tithing is so simple and does us and the Kingdom so much good. Tithing keeps us

connected to the local Church on a weekly basis. No tither will ever be disappointed in God's faithfulness.

I began tithing as a fourteen year old paper boy giving God \$3 on the \$30 wages for the month. It was one of the best decisions I ever made. Tithing has been a joyful habit and lifestyle these many years later. We will never out give God, and He will be a debtor to no man. Tithing opens "the windows of Heaven" and makes God our source for living.

Bring your tithe Sunday, June 7. Let's see what God will do in His people to bless the world.

### Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**This Lord's Day** our services will highlight VBS. Children often learn more of God's Word in VBS than any other single ministry of the church. "The Word of God will not return void." (Isaiah 55:11) Eternal spiritual dividends are paid for the investment of time, love and teaching. Thank you teachers for your "work of faith and labor of love." Sunday, June 14, will be VBS Celebration Sunday. We are inviting parents to be in Sunday School and Worship that day. Pray for many unchurched families to attend on June 14

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 8-12 ~ 8:45 am-12:15 pm



All children from kindergarten to 5th grade are welcome! Please join us for a VBS Celebration and Lunch on June 14, 2009, from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. For more information or to register, go to [www.fbct.org/vbs](http://www.fbct.org/vbs) or call 572-1508. You may also register at the display booth in the Grace hallway.

### FOCUS

FOCUS is a week long community ministry event during the week of Vacation Bible School for our Middle School Students, who have completed 6th-8th grades. Monday - Thursday, June 8-11 our Middle Schoolers will participate in various projects around our city such as lawn care, simple home repair, nursing home visits, etc. On Friday, June 12 we will travel with these students to Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green. FOCUS is a free event, but the trip to Beech Bend is \$40. Students may choose to attend FOCUS and not the Friday trip. Registration is now open online at [www.fbct.org/students](http://www.fbct.org/students) or you may register by submitting a Student Ministry Registration Envelope found in the Student Ministry Auditoriums.

## LESSON PREVIEW

On Sunday morning, June 7, our preschoolers will learn from Exodus 19:1-20 that God gave Moses the 10 Commandments at Mt. Sinai.

We teach preschoolers about the 10 Commandments because it is important for them to know that God loves them and asks them to follow certain rules. While preschoolers cannot completely understand all of the Commandments (i.e. thou shall not commit adultery), there are several commandments that preschoolers can understand and choose to follow or disobey (i.e. honor thy father and mother).

When was the last time you felt convicted because you knew you were not following one or more of the 10 Commandments? God wants us to understand and follow all of the Commandments. Parents are generally quick to correct a preschooler's behavior when he does not exhibit honor for his parents. Some questions you might consider are, "Who challenges your behavior when you do not keep the Sabbath day holy? Do you have another god (i.e. job, family, money, etc.) besides God?"

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

by Cheryl McCrary,  
Director of Preschool Ministries

The Commandments of God are simple to understand, but are often very difficult to follow. Many preschoolers understand the simple rules of God and seek to follow them, but many adults understand the 10 Commandments and then willingly choose to disobey.

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

All Aboard the Boomerang Express!!! Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 8-12 from 8:45 am—12:15 pm. We are thankful that we have amazing volunteers who are ready to teach preschoolers about Peter and the life of Jesus. They have committed to being missionaries the week of VBS to our Clarksville community of children.

Join us at one of our morning worship services on Sunday, June 7 for a time of

prayer and commissioning for our VBS, our children, their families and our teachers. While we understand that not everyone can volunteer to teach our children, everyone can pray. Please pray daily that our teachers will have the correct words to teach and that the Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts of our children to hear the Gospel message that God loves them. Also pray for the families of our children that their daily struggles will not preclude any child from attending VBS.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

Mandi Scott, Jessica Dickison, Wanetta Armitage and regular substitute Bridgett Phillips are energetic teachers who teach our toddlers class at 9:30 am on Sundays. Each week they average over 12 toddlers. You are as likely to see Mandi, Jessica, and Bridgett in the hallways pushing a bye-bye buggy full of preschoolers as sitting on the floor reading a Bible story. Every week they welcome visitors and members alike with a warm smile and reassuring words that toddlers love and understand. Every minute not spent changing diapers is used to teach toddlers about Jesus' love and that church is a happy place. Whether teaching preschoolers by reading a Bible story, playing on the floor, or rocking them, Mandi, Jessica and Bridgett are exhibiting Jesus' love for them.

## CHURCH NEWS

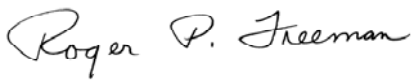
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from the 1,000 Preschool through Middle School children we hope to be enrolled during VBS and FOCUS this week.

**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 email 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.

**The Lord is with us.** See you Sunday. Until then, rejoice in His salvation for you.

In His Grace,



Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Leon Bransford  
request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

*Lori Elizabeth Bransford*

to

*James Ruben Moore*

son of

Mrs. Peggy Robinson Moore

and the late James Patrick Moore

on Saturday, the twentieth of June

Two thousand and nine

at six o'clock in the evening

Shady Grove United Methodist Church

Union City, Tennessee

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

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

...**Bob and Donna Bales** in the death of their daughter, **Astrid Holt**. Sympathy also to Jeffrey, Emily, Lauren and Rebecca Holt in the death of their mother. Ms. Holt passed away May 28, 2009.

...**Terry King** in the death of his mother, **Beuna Idell Eatherly King**. Sympathy also to Marjorie Goostree in the death of her sister. Ms. King passed away May 29, 2009.

### IN MEMORIAM OF

...**Elois West Stephenson** who passed away May 31, 2009.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

May 31, 2009

**Baptized:** Brady Smith

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

May 31, 2009

8:15 Sunday School 721  
9:30 Sunday School 552  
10:55 Sunday School 155

**Total Sunday School 1428**

Midweek Bible Study 374  
**Total Bible Study 1,936**

Sunday 8:15 Worship 103  
Sunday 9:30 Worship 1,049  
Sunday 10:55 Worship (DOXA) 429  
Preschool 79  
Korean Church 21  
Hispanic Church 56  
**Total Worship 1737**

Exit One Church Sunday School 134  
Exit One Church Worship 301

# CHURCH NEWS

## 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](http://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.

### CAN WE HELP?

Our Middle School Ministry is currently organizing service projects to be completed during our FOCUS event June 9-11. If you have any needs or know of someone we can serve, please contact the Student Ministry Office at 572-1507.

## VBS HOSPITALITY NEEDS

The preschool and children's ministries will be accepting donations of baked goods and other food items for our teacher hospitality rooms. Please bring by your items to either registration table in the Preschool or Children's area any morning of VBS week. For more information, please call 572-1508.

## FATHER'S DAY

### PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

Parent/Child Dedication is a special day in the lives of our families. It is a time for parents to dedicate their child to God, and to express to the church family their desire to teach their child about God and His infinite love and mercy.

Parent/Child Dedications will be held on Father's Day, June 21, 2009, during all morning worship services. To schedule your Parent/Child Dedication, call Laura in the Preschool Ministries Office at 572-1508 by June 15, 2009.

If you are unable to dedicate your child during our Father's Day Dedication, we welcome you to participate in our Christmas Parent/Child Dedication in December 2009.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Brian and Kathryn Minniehan on the birth of their son, **Jackson Brian Minniehan**, born May 8, 2009. Grandparents are Joe and Gayle Minniehan, Janis Kraeske and Johnny Kraeske. Great-grandparents are Janie Whitley and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCurdy.

...Ben and Angela Fagan on the birth of their son, **William Gallatin Fagan**, born May 22, 2009. Congratulations to grandmother, Dolores McNutt.

### CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO...

...**Maxine Jones** on her 19th anniversary serving the Lord in the Preschool Ministry at FBC.

...**Greg Moore** on his 4th anniversary serving the Lord as Minister to College and Singles at FBC.

...**Freddy Valcarcel** on his 1st anniversary serving the Lord as Hispanic Pastor at FBC.

# MISSIONS MINISTRY

## FAMILY MISSION OPPORTUNITY

On Saturday, June 20 from 10 am-2 pm we will be conducting 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 to extend the ministry of this young church.

## PRAY FOR VALERIE MCGEE



Valerie is the daughter of Dennis and Julia McGee; she is a second year student at UT Knoxville. She departed June 2 to

spend two months in the Philippines on Mindanao Island, the second largest island in the Philippines. Valerie will work with other college students. Please pray for her as she is oriented during her first week in Manila and as she travels with her team up and down the rivers of the Province. Valerie will participate in Bible distribution, sharing the gospel and other evangelistic opportunities as the Lord presents. Pray for her physical wellness as she adapts to the different culture. We are grateful that Valerie has been sensitive to the call of the Holy Spirit to missionary service this summer.



## STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

### May 31, 2009

Budget Required	\$84,809.97
Budget Gifts	68,883.71
Budget Required for the Year	1,925,789.64
Budget Received for the Year	1,702,112.46
Find Us Faithful Still Budget	\$9,615.38
Find Us Faithful Still Gifts	7,225.33
Find Us Faithful Required Year	211,538.36
Find Us Faithful Received Year	272,659.02

### World Missions

World Missions Required	\$5,961.53
World Missions Received	4,371.35
Required for the Year	131,153.66
Received for the Year	121,157.02

**Habitat House to Date: \$42,670.53**  
**TBC Children's Home to Date: \$8,492.00**

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

**Active:** Bubba Cherry, Les Cochran, Ralph Conklin, Reece Elliott, Bob Fort, David Frey, Steve Girsky, Phil Gordon, Roy Gregory

**Emeriti:** Bill Fitzgerald

**PRAYER LINE—572-1534**

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## CHURCH NEWS

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

What: Red Cross Blood Drive  
 When: June 7, 2009  
 Time: 10:30 am – 2:30 pm  
 Where: Hope Building/GYM

Returning blood donors may call the Missions Ministry office at 245-0015 to schedule a time.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COLLEGE, GRADUATE & DOCTORAL STUDENTS GRADUATING...

#### Kathryn Bonecutter

Master of Science  
 in Health & Human Performance  
 Concentration in Athletic Training  
 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

#### Ricky Hester

Bachelor of Science in Management  
 and Organization Design  
 Bethel University

#### Maria Elaine Young

Bachelor of Science  
 in Broadcast Communications  
 Austin Peay State University

### FOUR PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE

Eastland Green ~ Saturday, June 20, 2009

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 645-2411 for more information or to sign up.

### FIRST DISCOVERY

Interested in joining First Baptist? Come to First Discovery! This is a one-hour class to help you know more about First Baptist, our many ministries and how to become a member of our church. Ron Moore, Minister of Education, will lead this class in Room 2222 in the fellowship hall on Sunday, June 7, 2009, at 9:30 am. You don't have to make reservations, just come on by. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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 10, 2009

##### Adult Menu

Tossed garden salad, Turkey and dressing, Cranberry sauce, Green beans almandine, Rolls with butter, Pecan pie

##### Children Menu

Corn dogs, Smiley face potatoes, Jell-O

##### Heart Healthy Menu

Turkey Breast, Baked potato, Side salad

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

### HEART HEALTHY

Start eating healthier now! Call for reservations to our Heart Healthy Selection no later than the Monday prior to the Wednesday meal. We will keep you on a standing reservation. When you travel or know you won't be at church, call 472-1171 or 572-1530 or email [lynn.dallas@fbct.org](mailto:lynn.dallas@fbct.org) and we will cancel your reservation for that night.

### 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.

## 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

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