

Teaching
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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

Dear First Family,
Thank you for your faithfulness to Christ and to the mission of First Baptist Church. **Thank you** for your prayers and participation in our "Every Believer A Witness" training last week. Hundreds were trained, encouraged and equipped to share Christ naturally in the marketplace, neighborhoods and with our family members. The years ahead will yield glory to God and fruitfulness in changed lives that touch the whole world.

Our Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking and Pre-Easter outreach is Saturday, April 4. We will have a block party and door to door visitation that Saturday. At 2:00 pm we will be with our family at 1012 Lincoln Street for a Groundbreaking Dedication Service. You are invited to this special time of worship, ministry and labor of love. "We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." I Thessalonians 1:3

Uprising, New York City Freddy T. Wyatt and the Gallery Church of Manhattan invite members of our Church to participate in a mission outreach event in New York City, held in Central Park, called Uprising, June 26-July 2, 2009. Our student

ministry and college/single adult ministry are leading the trip. If you want more information and are interested in going, please contact jeff.tilden@fbct.org or greg.moore@fbct.org.

God is blessing. The number in our Sunday morning Preschool ministry is increasing! This means more young families are attending as well. God is good! Cheryl McCrary and our pre-school leaders do a magnificent ministry touching our preschoolers with the love of Christ and ministering to parents. Perhaps you want to give an extra hour of ministry, especially in the last 10:55 am worship hour in preschool. Connect with Cheryl at (cheryl.mccrary@fbct.org) or 572-1509 for information. When we touch a child, we change the world.

Easter Music will be on Palm Sunday morning, April 5. Our Choir and music ministry will present, "First Easter." We will be blessed as we begin this special celebration of the Gospel and His glorious resurrection.

We are observing Easter baptisms Palm Sunday evening and Easter Sunday. We will have four services Easter Sunday morning. If you want more information about the Easter baptism e-mail me at roger@fbct.org or Brother Irby at irby@fbct.org.

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EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 12 is the date to celebrate Easter this year. We will expand to four morning worships that one day to help accommodate the crowds. Worship times will be 7:15, 8:15, 9:30 and 10:55 am. If you usually attend the 9:30 worship and can move to 7:15 that day, it would be very helpful. Also, in order that our members may spend family time together, we will not have evening activities at church on Easter Sunday.

EASTER BAPTISM

On Easter Sunday we will observe Christian believer's baptism. If you want more information, call the Church at 645-2431 or email roger@fbct.org or irby@fbct.org. Baptism is a New Testament command and privilege for the saved. Baptism is by immersion and is an outward sign of an inward change through salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

FIRST EASTER

The Adult Choir and Orchestra will lead a worship celebration of our risen Lord on Sunday morning, April 5 in all our worship times. The 8:15 am worship will be slightly abbreviated. Mark your calendar to attend and bring a friend.





Ron Moore,
Minister of Education

LESSON PREVIEW

In April, the Explore the Bible materials begin a new unit of study titled, "Affirm Spiritual Certainties." These lessons explore the last half of the book of Isaiah. In contrast to the first half that predicted God's judgment of sin, the second half shares the certainty of God's gracious restoration of His people. Lessons include: "The Sacrifice Is Sufficient" that focuses on the atoning death of Jesus Christ; "The Lord is Alive" is the Easter lesson that shares the story of the empty tomb; "The Lord Is at Work" focuses on the Lord's plan to end the exile in Babylon; "The Lord is Compassionate" focuses on God's compassion for sinners; and "The Invitation Is Inclusive" focuses on the Lord's invitation to all sinners to receive His love and forgiveness. This is sure to be an exciting and helpful study. Don't miss a Sunday!



PRAYER AND OUTREACH

Brian and Cindy Morgan's new young adult class at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall got off to a great start. They are consistently running around 20-25 each Sunday. We thank God for this new class and for the number of people who are coming. New classes traditionally grow and reach new people. Please pray that God will give us wisdom in enlisting new leaders and starting new classes so we can reach more people and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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The Fruit of the Spirit. We are continuing to preach on the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. "Kindness" and "Gentleness" are fruits of the Spirit; therefore, Christ-like.

Evangelist Angel Martinez, a great Gospel preacher now in Heaven, tells of the time he was in a packed restaurant at the noon hour with a group of pastors. The busy waitress walked by the table with an order and tripped to the floor spilling hot food over one of the ministers. He jumped from his seat, to her and said, "Are

PRAISE REPORT

Last Sunday was High Attendance Day. Sunday School classes were encouraged to have "One More Than Ever Before." There were 17 classes that met or exceeded their goal of "One More Than Ever Before" and eight classes met their previous high attendance. The classes that exceeded their goal were: Zoot and Kitten Parker; Earl Roark; Jimmy Sawyer; Mark Briggs; Greg Utley and Davie Crockett; Lib Laida at 10:55 am; 10th Grade Boys at 8:15 am; One year old - 1A at 8:15 am; Babies at 8:15 am; Three year old - 3A and 3B at 8:15; Two year old - 2A and 2B at 8:15 am; One year old - 1B at 9:30 am; and Three year old - 3C and 3E at 9:30 am. We had three classes that exceeded their previous high attendance by six: Zoot and Kitten Parker; Mark Briggs; and Two years old - 2A at 8:15 am. We congratulate all of these classes in helping us have a great High Attendance Day on Sunday, March 22.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

Zoot and Kitten Parker have been teaching Sunday School for years. Their class is always faithful to be early and get started on time even though they meet at 8:15 am.



The people in the class usually enjoy some good time of fellowship prior to Bible study beginning with someone bringing some refreshments and goodies for everyone to enjoy. More than once I have enjoyed a cinnamon roll or a sausage biscuit. People not only come for the good food and fellowship, but they also come for the deep and inspirational Bible study. Zoot and Kitten challenge their class members to apply God's Word in their lives by living it out in their daily activities. Zoot and Kitten have led their class to reach out to everyone, regardless of age, color of skin or financial status. The class members truly exhibit the love of Christ to anyone who comes to their class. Pray for Zoot and Kitten as they faithfully serve the Lord and minister to those in their Sunday School class.

you alright?" She was crying, "I'm alright, but I've ruined your suit." The pastor said, "My suit is fine. It can be cleaned. The main thing is whether you are alright." That is the fruit of the Spirit of kindness. May it be that way in all of us.

This Sunday afternoon and evening, First Baptist Church is hosting the Pastor Installation Service and Dinner for St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Dr. Alvin Miller is the new Pastor. We are joyfully turning over use of our Faith Worship auditorium and Fellowship Hall that afternoon and evening. This is also the

Fifth Sunday night Sunday School fellowship Sunday. You are invited to the great Sunday afternoon service led by St. John Missionary Baptist Church. This will take the place of our regular evening service. Lynn Dallas is gladly receiving volunteers to help service the late afternoon banquet in our Fellowship Hall for the St. John Church family.

See you Sunday. The Lord is with us.
In Christ,

Roger P. Freeman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

March 22, 2009
Profession/Baptism: Thomas Wallis,
Brian Reynolds
Baptized this Sunday: Frank Romasco,
Domingo Mendez Jr.,
Keith Bussell Jr., Kal-El Bussell

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

March 22, 2009
8:15 Sunday School 841
9:30 Sunday School 647
10:55 Sunday School 171
Total Sunday School 1,659
Midweek Bible Study 572
Total Bible Study 2,231

Sunday 8:15 Worship 83
Sunday 9:30 Worship 1121
DOXA 548
Preschool 99
Korean Church 21
Hispanic Church 57
Total Worship 1,929
Exit One Church Sunday School 152
Exit One Church Worship 253

CHURCH NEWS

5th SUNDAY FELLOWSHIPS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Fellowship is vital and important to the success of any church or Sunday School class. A church that spends time fellowshiping and getting better acquainted will build strong relationships where people genuinely care for each other and minister to one another in times of need. Because fellowship is so important, whenever there is a 5th Sunday in a month we replace our evening worship with fellowships planned by Sunday School classes. These fellowships occur in a variety of locations. Check with your Sunday School leader to determine the location of your 5th Sunday Fellowship.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP CENTER

The Pastor's Bible Study on Wednesday night is moving for one week only on Wednesday, April 1, to the Fellowship Hall. This move will allow the Adult Choir and Orchestra to use the Grace Worship Center to rehearse for their First Easter presentation. This is the last Wednesday before they share on April 5 in the Sunday morning worships. Thank you for your flexibility in this one night move.

PASTOR'S SERMON SERIES

"The Fruit of the Spirit"
Galatians 5:16-25

March 29— "Got Faith?"

FAITHFULNESS (The Inward Fruit)

April 5—First Easter

"That He Might Be Glorified" John 15:1-8

April 12—"The Man God Uses"

MEEKNESS/GENTLENESS

(The Inward Fruit)

RIVERS & SPIRES

Rivers & Spires is an award winning festival that is an annual event in downtown Clarksville. There are many ways you can volunteer to help us on April 17-18. Please contact Greg Moore at greg.moore@fbct.org or at 572-1521 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

Match 22, 2009

Budget Required	\$89,423.07
Budget Gifts	68,159.58
Budget Required for the Year	1,073,076.84
Budget Received for the Year	931,022.95
Find Us Faithful Still Budget	\$9,615.38
Find Us Faithful Still Gifts	7,149.56
Find Us Faithful Required Year	115,384.56
Find Us Faithful Received Year	158,505.48

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE GROUNDBREAKING

The following is the schedule for activities on Saturday, April 4:

10:00 am - Noon - Easter Outreach

Noon - 2:00 pm - Block Party

at 1012 Lincoln Street

2:00 pm

Groundbreaking

Dedication Service

We still need your prayers. Pray for God to make this an effort that glorifies Him. You can also give to help cover the cost. The Habitat Total as of Sunday, March 22, 2009, is \$14,345.33.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

Due to the Spring Break of the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System, we will have a Family Night Wednesday Worship schedule on April 1, 2009. Family Supper will begin at 4:30 pm, Family Worship at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall, Adult Choir and Orchestra rehearsal at 6:00 pm and College Bible Study at 7:45 pm. There will be no activities for Preschool, Children or Youth. Discipleship classes will not meet that evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

LEGACY: LIFE AFTER 55

**SPRING FLING AND THE 50'S
WITH COMEDIAN JIMMY TRAVIS**

When: Thursday, April 2

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Laida Fellowship Hall

Who: Free to all 55+

Attire: Dress in 50's style/casual

Call: Legacy office at 572-1527

**STEAK DINNER TO HONOR ALL
FIRST BAPTIST WIDOWERS**

Tuesday, April 14 ~ 6:00 pm

RSVP by April 3

Call the Senior Adult Ministry Office at 572-1527 for more information.

EASTER OUTREACH

Join us for Easter Outreach on Saturday, April 4 at 9:30 am at the Overflow 235 Coffee House (420-A Madison Street). We will then go out to various neighborhoods in the city and distribute door hangers with information regarding our Easter Worship services. Also, a table will be set up outside the Grace Worship Center with door hangers that you can take to pass out in your own neighborhood.



BISSA PROJECT

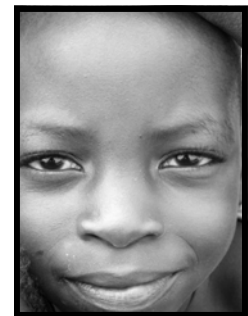
INFORMATIONAL MEETING

When: Wednesday, April 8

Time: 5:00 pm

Where: Parlor

Purpose: Interested in serving in West Africa? An information meeting is being held for those who may be feeling God's call to a mission journey to the Bissa people of West Africa. Topics of discussion will include journey date, preparation, commitments, costs, Q&A and prayer. Should you have any questions, please call the missions office at 245-0015.



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

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

...John and Kathy Hansen in the death of Kathy's mother, Mrs. Maxine Blanton. Sympathy also to Heather in the death of her grandmother. Mrs. Blanton passed away March 15, 2009, in Bethany, Missouri.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Active: Bob Fort, David Frey, Steve Girskey, Phil Gordon, Roy Gregory, John Hansen, Eddie Hill, Don Hofe, Mark Holleman

Emeriti: David Morton

PRAYER LINE—572-1534

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CHURCH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO...

...**Dana Abee** on her 2nd anniversary serving the Lord as Adult Ministry Office Assistant at First Baptist Church.

...**Gene Dunn** on his 7th anniversary serving the Lord on the Custodial Staff at First Baptist Church.

...**Irby Stanley** on his 6th anniversary serving the Lord as Senior Administrative Pastor at First Baptist Church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Bubba and Kristi Cherry on their birth of their son, **Hudson Coleman Cherry**, born on March 10, 2009. Congratulations also to grandparents Freddy and Mary Coleman Wyatt and Marilyn Cherry and to great-grandmother Lillie Mai Gill.

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATIONS

On Mother's Day, May 10 we will offer the opportunity for Parents and Children to be dedicated to the Lord. This will occur in all our morning worship times that day. Contact the Preschool Office for information on how to sign up, call 572-1508 or by e-mail at laura.royer@fbct.org.

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, April 5, 2009, at 9:30 am. You don't have to make any reservations, just come on by. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

READY TO RIDE?

If you are a motorcycle enthusiast, then make plans to attend an interest meeting on Sunday, April 5. The meeting will take place in the Faith Activities Building at 2:00 pm in the Upper Multipurpose Room. For more info contact Joel Bass at 206-4905 (jmjbass@charter.net) or Ronnie Perry at 320-2237 (a1heating@gmail.com).

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 April 1, 2009

Due to the Clarksville-Montgomery County Spring Break, we will serve a limited dinner menu.

Adult & Children's Menu

Soup and Salad Bar, Assorted bread, Fruit Cobbler, Iced tea, Coffee, Lemonade, Milk

DTI CLASSES

NEW DTI CLASSES BEGIN

There are three new DTI classes beginning Wednesday, April 8, 6:00-7:15 pm. Please consider joining one of these new classes:

SUCCESS TO SIGNIFICANCE

Ron Moore will lead this class in room 2324. The cost is FREE because LifeWay Christian Resources has provided the materials.

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

This class is taught by Nancy Wilkinson, a professional counselor and meets the requirement of the state of Tennessee for the discount on the marriage license. Join Nancy and other couples in room 2320 on Wednesday, April 8. Cost is \$30 per couple for materials.

CASE FOR CREATION

This six session class for men is taught by Bob Murphy in room 2323. Cost for materials is \$12.



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
5:30 - 6:00 Preschool Choirs and
Children's Choir
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

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