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**From the Pastor**

*What is a deacon anyway? What exactly does a deacon do? What is a deacon supposed to do? The Bible talks about deacons, but good grief—that was almost 2,000 years ago! How are we supposed to think about this role today?*

Rarely are questions like these actually verbalized in Baptist churches. However, if the truth were known, many of us have found ourselves scratching our heads and asking the very same questions.

Sunday night, February 3, our worship service will be focused on formally recognizing Johnny Bryant and Rusty Banks who have been selected to begin special service as deacons at First Baptist Church. In many ways, the “testing” (1 Timothy 3:10) of their character and walk with God has already taken place as many have observed their lives. However, these men will be officially “tested” during a time of sharing and questioning with other deacons on the evening of Sunday, January 27. Please pray that God would indeed be honored during this special time.

During the January 27 evening service, we will be anticipating the next week’s evening worship service (Deacon Ordination Service, Sunday, February 3, 6:00 p.m.) by delving into God’s Word to gain direction and understanding

concerning the nature and purpose of the deacon. While many years have separated us from the early church, Acts 6:1-7 does provide us with a trajectory and with general guidelines concerning the purpose of the deacon.

In addition to Johnny and Rusty, we also welcome David Bailey, Robin Breeden, Jerald Ellington, Les Fugate, Keith Nelson, Kerry Smith, and Craig Wooten to the deacon body.

**“May God bless us as we pursue faithfulness to Him in all things.”**

I look forward to our examining Acts 6:1-7 together on Sunday evening, January 27. I also look forward to a time of corporate discussion. After we look at Acts 6, there will be an opportunity for discussion concerning what the Bible has to say about deacons and about deacon ministry at First Baptist Church. May God bless us as we pursue faithfulness to

Him in all things!

I’m looking forward to it, and if not before, I’ll see you then.

God bless you.

Revelation 22:21

Todd Brady  
Pastor

**Deacons for 2008**

David Bailey  
Rusty Banks  
Robin Breeden  
Harry Brigance  
Johnny Bryant  
Olin Bryant  
Brian Carter  
Tullus Crawford  
Mike Davis  
Jerald Ellington

Les Fugate  
Dale Hancock  
Brad Housman  
Lloyd Housman  
Rick Hubbard  
Stan Lafferty  
Wayne McElroy  
Keith Nelson  
Scott Overby  
Dick Rushing

Larry Skinner  
Kerry Smith  
Bryan Stewart  
Bill Thompson  
Jeremy White  
Bill Williams  
Charles Winkler  
Craig Wooten

## Upcoming Events @ FBC

### First Monday Prayer

First Monday Prayer will be held on Monday, February 4. First Baptist's chapel will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on that day for those who wish to come to the chapel and pray. As you pray this month, please include these specific points:

- Praise God our Father as He leads us through 2008. Pray that He will continue to give us the mind of Christ (I Corinthians 2:16) to faithfully pray and study the Bible under the power of the Holy Spirit. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord my rock and Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).
- Pray for our deacons to hold on to the mystery of faith (I Timothy 3:9) in every action concerning the Body of Christ.
- Intercede for each child and family member involved in the Upward Basketball ministry that God will unlock minds and hearts to His life-changing message of salvation and grace through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for our pastor, Dr. Todd Brady, as he pursues righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness (I Timothy 5:23) that he may lead us in expressing awe and obedience to the Good Shepherd of the Sheep (John 10).

### Read the Bible Through in 2008

Readings for January 25 through February 9:

January 25 Exodus 23-25	February 2 Leviticus 4-6
January 26 Exodus 26-28	February 3 Leviticus 7-8
January 27 Exodus 29-31	February 4 Leviticus 9-10
January 28 Exodus 32-34	February 5 Leviticus 11-13
January 29 Exodus 35-37	February 6 Leviticus 14-15
January 30 Exodus 38-39	February 7 Leviticus 16-18
January 31 Exodus 40	February 8 Leviticus 19-21
February 1 Leviticus 1-3	February 9 Leviticus 22-23

### Fellowship for New Deacons

There will be a church-wide fellowship to welcome our newly ordained deacons immediately following the Deacon Ordination on Sunday evening, February 3, 2008.

### Sunday Night Life Update

*Sunday Night Life* begins at 5:00 p.m. An additional study, *A Study in Romans*, led by Rev. Tommy Tucker, will begin Sunday, January 27, at 5:00 p.m. Brochures describing all SNL activities are available in the church office, or call Christi at 442-2728 for more details.

## Women's Ministry

**LORD, Teach Me to Pray** by Kay Arthur

*DAYSPRING, Study 1*

Thursday mornings: 9:30-11:30 a.m. January 17—February 14

*NIGHTWATCH, Study 1*

Thursday evenings: 6:30-8:30 p.m. January 17—February 14

Please join us as this world-renowned Bible teacher, Kay Arthur, instructs us on how to pray according to God's will and purpose. The Lord's Prayer is the focus of this study. Cost: \$14

**Stepping Up: A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent** by Beth Moore

*DAYSPRING and NIGHTWATCH, Study 2*

February 21 through April 3, 2008

Same times as **Lord, Teach Me to Pray**

This is Beth Moore's new study on fifteen treasured Psalms. Let's join her and take an in-depth look into unity, joy and gratitude, redemption, repentance, and much more. Cost: \$15

### Sunday Night Life

If you can't attend either DaySpring or Nightwatch, we offer the video and small group discussions on Sunday nights at 4:45 p.m.

**Romans, Part 3** (Precept Upon Precept)

Thursday evenings: 6:00-8:30 p.m. January 17 through March 6  
Part 3 of the four-part series covers chapters 9-11 of Romans. You are not required to have studied Parts 1 and 2 to participate in Part 3. This is a Co-ed class. Cost: \$16

**Living Free** by Beth Moore (MOPS)

Thursday mornings: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

February 7 through April 3

*Living Free* combines content from *Breaking Free* and *Praying God's Word* and applies those concepts to our lives. In this study, Beth shows how focusing on God's grace, praying God's Word, and Bible study can help develop a Godward focus. Cost: \$13

## Senior Adult Ministry

### An Evening With Doug and Debra Crawley

Come enjoy a prime rib dinner as well the musical talents of Doug Crawley (former Minister of Music at FBC) and his wife, Debra, on Saturday, February 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The cost per person is \$8 and the sign-up deadline is February 3. Call Christi at the church office (442-2728) for more details.

## Children's Choir

### Children's Choir Begins January 27

Children's Choir, under the direction of Terri Dalton, begins Sunday night, January 27, with registration at 5:00 p.m. in the UpStreet Theatre. For more information, contact Terri at 554-8595.

## Children's Ministry

### VBS Directors Needed

We are looking for volunteers willing to fulfill three key leadership roles: Overall VBS Director, Preschool VBS Assistant Director and Elementary VBS Assistant Director. If you are interested, please contact Hutch Hutcheson, Balinda Hudson, or Jim Ewing at 442-2728.

## Preschool Ministry

### Preschool Registration for 2008-2009

Beginning Wednesday, February 27, FBC members may enroll their children for Preschool, Mother's Day Out, and Preschool Pals. Open enrollment for the community will begin Thursday, February 28. Enrollment on both days will be from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Preschool Welcome Center. For more information regarding these programs or concerning registration, please call the Preschool Office at 444-0273.

## First Sports

### Aerobics Classes

STEP+ meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:15 p.m. and involves step aerobics, circuit training and Pilates. STEP/CIRCUIT meets Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and involves step aerobics and circuit training. The cost per semester for STEP+ is \$25 and for STEP/CIRCUIT is \$15. Free childcare is provided at the church during class time. For more information, contact the church office or visit our website.

## Second Annual Men's Spring Golf Trip

The second annual Men's Golf Trip is scheduled for April 25-26, 2008. The trip includes hotel accommodations for 2 nights, as well as 3 rounds of golf at Capital Hill in Prattville, Alabama (The Judge, The Senator, and The Legislator). The total cost for the trip is \$350; a deposit of \$175 is due by Sunday, February 17. See Jeremy Hudgin for more information.

## Miscellaneous News

### Staff Anniversaries

February 1

**Balinda Hudson**, 7 years

February 4

**Jamie Burch**, 11 years

February 24

**Diane Prow-Boyerski**, 24 years

### Welcome New Members

#### By Letter:

Steve and Cassie Moore  
2890 Broadway Street  
Paducah, KY 42001

#### By Statement:

Scott and Jennifer Bowers  
210 Woodbine Drive  
Paducah, KY 42001

### Birth Announcements

A daughter born to Jason and Jodi McIntosh on December 11, 2007. Her name is Brooklynn Paige.

A son born to Allen and Beth Tappan on December 28, 2007. His name is Ayden Cole Tappan. Proud grandparents are Jimmy and Lynda Brooks.

A daughter born to Derric and Hope Tubbs on January 9, 2008. Her name is Leona Rienne. Proud grandparents are Danny and Wanda Tubbs.

### Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Wilma Wallace in the loss of her sister and to Rita Morgan in the loss of her mother.

### Special Gifts

Memorial gifts have been received by the church for Wilma Wallace's sister.

### SOS Items Needed

Share Our Surplus (SOS) is a ministry to connect those who have a material need with those who would like to donate an item such as a washer & dryer, beds and mattresses of all sizes, dresser, love seat or chair, kitchen cart, baby changing table, table lamps and blankets. Please call Colla Ro at 442-3725 if you can help with this ministry.

### January Bus Driver

Pete Watkins - 270-559-6877

### February Bus Driver

Larry Heavrin—270-898-6056

## Bus Ministry

The bus ministry is provided to members who are unable to drive to church on Sunday mornings. We have volunteer opportunities for anyone interested in being a part of this ministry, especially for the months of June and July, 2008. For more information, contact Larry Heavrin at 898-6056 or the church office at 442-2728.

## Thank You Notes

Thank you all so much for the beautiful basket of flowers. We appreciate the kindness shown to our family. Rev. Jim Ewing and Dr. Todd Brady did such a nice job of speaking at the service. We were encouraged by their warm words. We are lucky to be a part of the family of First Baptist Church.

*Mary Helen Marquess and the family of Loeva Munal*

Thanks to our friends at First Baptist Church for your concern for us during Bill's surgeries. We received good news from the surgeon of "no malignancy." We greatly appreciate every prayer, call, card, visit, and the food provided.

*Bill and Cookie McClain*

I want to thank all of the pastors and lay people for their visits and prayers for my wife, Nancy, during her 25-day stay in the hospital recovering from a stroke on Christmas Day. We felt every prayer and treasured every visit. I feel very privileged to be a part of such a loving and caring church.

*David Smith and family*

Words alone cannot express our heartfelt gratitude for you. You have continued to support us over the past 4 1/2(+) years as our family has undergone many of the stresses and blessings of serving our country. Your prayers have covered us with each step. Please continue to remember the men and women who serve in our armed forces and their families as they make sacrifices that are so often unseen. We feel blessed to be back in the loving arms of our home church family and thank each of you for your warm welcome home!

*Kerry, Andrea & Elizabeth Lester*

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, January 27

9:00 a.m. Worship—Great Room  
9:30 a.m. Library Open  
10:05 a.m. Bible Study  
11:10 a.m. Worship—Worship Center  
4:30 p.m. "The Truth Project"  
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir  
5:00 p.m. Adult Discipleship  
5:00 p.m. Youth Discipleship  
6:00 p.m. Kids on Mission  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—Worship Center

### Monday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Fit For Life Exercise Class

### Tuesday, January 29

10:00 a.m. Ministries of Outreach  
6:00 p.m. Aerobics—Gym

### Wednesday, January 30

6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity  
9:00 a.m. Fit for Life Exercise Class  
9:30 a.m. Aerobics—Gym  
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Livewire Experience  
6:00 p.m. AWANA  
7:00 p.m. Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 31

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Aerobics  
6:30 p.m. Night Watch

### Friday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Fit For Life Exercise Class  
6:30 p.m. Scrapbooking

### Saturday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Upward Basketball

### Sunday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Worship—Great Room  
9:30 a.m. Library Open

10:05 a.m. Bible Study  
11:10 a.m. Worship—Worship Center  
4:30 p.m. "The Truth Project"  
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir  
5:00 p.m. Adult Discipleship  
5:00 p.m. Youth Discipleship  
6:00 p.m. Kids on Mission  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—Worship Center

7:00 p.m. Deacon Fellowship

### Monday, February 4

6:00 a.m. First Monday Prayer  
9:00 a.m. Fit For Life Exercise Class  
10:00 a.m. Sampson II Roundtable

### Tuesday, February 5

9:30 a.m. MOPS  
10:00 a.m. Ministries of Outreach  
6:00 p.m. Aerobics

### Wednesday, February 6

6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity  
9:00 a.m. Fit for Life Exercise Class  
9:30 a.m. Aerobics  
10:00 a.m. Bea Walker Roundtable  
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Livewire Experience  
6:00 p.m. AWANA  
7:00 p.m. Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 7

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive-COC  
6:00 p.m. Aerobics  
6:30 p.m. Night Watch

### Friday, February 8

9:00 a.m. Fit For Life Exercise Class

### Saturday, February 9

9:00 a.m. Upward Basketball



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### What You See!

Here is a schedule of our FBC programs along with scheduled air times.

#### Sunday Morning Schedule for Comcast Channel 37:

- 9:30-10:00 a.m. - FBC Music (Taped)
- 10:00-10:45 a.m. - Chapel Bible Class (Live)
- 10:45-11:10 a.m. - FBC Music (Taped)
- 11:10-12:10 a.m. - Worship Service (Live)

#### Sunday Morning Schedule for Channel 6:

- 11:00-12:00 - Sunday Morning Worship Service (Tape Delayed from Previous Week)

### Financial News

#### January 13, 2008

Budget Received: \$55,421.40  
Designations: \$2,062.76

#### January 20, 2008

Budget Received: \$30,542.99  
Designations: \$1,512.20

#### Totals to Date:

Total Budget Received: \$138,964.13  
Total Budget Required: \$136,402.31  
Total Designations: \$6,912.33

### Sunday School Attendance

January 13—764

January 20—734

### Menu

#### Wednesday Night Meals

#### January 30

Fried pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, buttered corn, biscuit, assorted desserts

#### February 6

Fried catfish fillet, white beans, slaw, tossed salad, corn muffins, assorted desserts

*Children's Menu Available upon Request*

### LifeLine Deadline

The deadline for items to be submitted for the next LifeLine is February 1, 2008. You may e-mail your items to [cperkins@fbcpaducah.org](mailto:cperkins@fbcpaducah.org)