

FROM THE PASTOR

The Lord blessed us on Sunday as we gathered together following the unforgettable ice storm of 2009. (The most-repeated question of the last 192 hours in Paducah has been "Do you have power?") After a week of bitter coldness, deep darkness, and nagging tiredness, it was wonderfully refreshing to gather with God's people for a time of God-focused worship. Indeed, God gave us another good morning.

As I discussed *Christian Thoughts on this Side of the Storm*, and as we considered our responsibility to think Christianly about all things, it was encouraging to walk out of the sanctuary with a greater understanding and a firmer resolve that God is God and that Love is Expected.

Christians are supposed to think. I mentioned on Sunday that throughout the storm I found myself asking questions like "How should I, as a believer in Christ, be thinking about these horrible circumstances? How should the winter storm of 2009 cause me to think about God? How should our experiences cause me to think about God...about those in our church...about those in our Paducah community?"

Christians are not only supposed to think—we are to think about how we think.

Christians are different from the rest of the world, and our difference lies primarily in the way we think. Paul tells us that we are not to be like the world. Instead we are to be transformed, and the way we are to be transformed is by the "renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:1-2).

It all begins in the mind. God works the work of transformation through the avenue of our mind. As go our minds, so will go everything else.

Read what Paul said—"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, *think about these things*" (Philippians 4:8). He also said "we...take every thought captive to obey Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

The Greatest Commandment is to love God. The second is like it—we are to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39). As we think about how we are to obey God, we understand that as Christians, it is essential that we love both vertically and horizontally.

We love vertically in the sense the we indeed seek to "love God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind." We work diligently to maintain a vertical love—practicing spiritual disciplines which cause our hearts to stay hot for God and our minds to stay sharp for God.

We are equally responsible to love horizontally as we seek to "love our neighbor as ourselves." Not only do we have the commandment to love others in Matthew 22, we also understand from John 13:34-35 that love is the distinguishing characteristic of the follower of Christ. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this will all men know that you have love for one another."

Let us think carefully about our faithfulness to the Great Commandment during these days and weeks following the storm. Let us think about how we can best love God and how we can best love those who are around us. Indeed, God is God, and Love is Expected. If we think well, we will live well—for the good of First Baptist Church, Paducah and beyond, and for the glory of our great God.

Make sure you are loving vertically.

Make sure you are loving horizontally.

By this, all will know that you are followers of Christ.

Revelation 22:21,

Todd Brady

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Edward Mote

Deacons for 2009

Tim Atkinson
David Bailey
Rusty Banks
Robert Brantley
Robin Breeden
Johnny Bryant
Kent Buchanan
Brian Carter

Barry Chapman
Tullus Crawford
Mike Davis
Jerald Ellington
Lynn Foster
Les Fugate
Buddy Griggs
Rick Hubbard

Stan Lafferty
Brad McElroy
Wayne McElroy
Keith Nelson
Jonathan Perkins
Kerry Smith
Bryan Stewart
Jody Stivers

Jeremy White
Bill Williams
Charles Winkler
Craig Wooten
Mike Zimmerman

Doctrine that Dances:

Living Convictionally, Loving Compassionately
Sunday Nights at 6:00 p.m.

February 8 *God in Three Persons: The Doctrine of the Trinity*
Justin Wainscott

February 15 *What is Man that You Are Mindful of Him? The Doctrine of Man*
Justin Wainscott

February 22 *The Problem With Us All: The Doctrine of Sin*
Justin Wainscott

March 1 *Who Is Jesus Christ? The Doctrine of the Person of Christ*
Todd Brady

March 8 *What Has Jesus Christ Done? The Doctrine of the Work of Christ*
Justin Wainscott

March 15 *Who Is the Holy Spirit and What Does He Do? The Doctrines of the Person and Work of the Spirit*
Justin Wainscott

March 22 *Church...What's the Big Deal? The Doctrine of the Church.*
Todd Brady

March 29 *What Is Salvation All About? The Doctrine of Salvation*
Russell Moore

April 5 *Special Prayer Service (Heart for the World Week)*

April 19 *Keeping the End in Mind: The Doctrine of the Future*
David Dockery

April 26 *So What Now?*
Charles Lawless

May 3 *Ask the Pastors*
Pastors of First Baptist Church

Word and apply it to the real issues women face. The group is open to women of all ages. We are beginning a study entitled, "Are You Living in the Promised Land?"

Contact Persons: Donna Dixon 575-9323
Judy Sheppard 534-3060

Children's Church

Good news!! Beginning in March, the children in the 9:00 a.m. worship service will remain in church on the last Sunday of each month. An activity packet will be provided to help the children follow along with the service. Children in the 11:10 a.m. service will remain in the sanctuary with their parents every week and will also be provided with a "kid-friendly" activity packet.

Women's Bible Studies

Dayspring and Moms Studies: Winter 2009

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore

The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's overloaded and stressed woman. Beth Moore shares fascinating lessons of how God placed Esther in the powerful Persian kingdom of Xerxes to fulfill her destiny and save the Jews from certain destruction.

Thursdays, January 15-March 19

Cost: \$17

Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Nightwatch: Winter 2009

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore

This is the same study offered in Dayspring but with two options for viewing the video in the evening.

Thursdays, January 15-March 19

Cost: \$17

Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m. First video showing

6:30-7:30 p.m. Small Group

7:30-8:30 p.m. Second video showing

Additional "Esther" Video Viewing

The study on "Esther" is also offered on Sunday afternoons from 4:45-6:00 p.m. for those who find this time more convenient or who miss a video. Cost: \$17

"Soul Food" Lunch Study

Being A Disciple: Counting the Real Cost by Kay Arthur

Look at getting past the fear of commitment and learn about the freedom of walking in Christ. Discover the marks and joys of the true follower of Jesus Christ.

Thursdays, January 15-February 26

Time: 12:10-12:50 p.m.

Cost: Book \$7, Lunch \$5/week

Pageturners

Each month we take a look at interesting fiction or non-fiction books from a Christian perspective. Join at any time and bring friends. Meetings rotate to various member homes. Contact Tracey Buchanan for more information (442-2112 or ktbuck@comcast.net).

Save the Date for our Women's Conference!

Ladies, save Saturday, April 25, 2009, on your calendar. Kathy Troccoli will be here with Ellie Lofaro to present "Spaghetti for the Soul Women's Conference." Our guest speakers will share about the amazing, exciting, abundant life that only Jesus gives and the most precious gifts of faith, hope and love. Expect a "touch of Italy" as we celebrate. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

Upcoming Events @ FBC

Focus On Marriage Simulcast

First Baptist Church will be hosting a live simulcast of Focus on the Family's landmark event, "Focus on Marriage: Seeing Your Marriage Through the Eyes of God" on Saturday, February 28. Speakers include Dr. Gary Smalley, Dr. John Trent, Dr. Del Tackett, Gary Thomas, and Beth Moore. Tickets are \$69 per couple and may be purchased through the website, www.focusonmarriage.com or by calling 877-235-0753.



New Women's Sunday School Class

"Where the Rubber Meets the Road" (WRMR), a new women's class has begun meeting in the Conference Room across from the Seminar Room at 10:05 a.m. The class will topically study God's

Valentine's Brunch for Children

The senior adults cordially invite all children from Kindergarten through second grade to come to a Valentine's brunch on Saturday, February 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Larry Roberts will be presenting his magic show for the children.

Parents: Please sign up with Christi Perkins in the church office by Sunday, February 8, so we know how many to plan for.

Senior Adults: We want your participation in this event. This is an opportunity for the children of our church to get to know us better and for us to get to know them. Sign up with Christi Perkins in the church office, 442-2728, if you plan to attend.

First Sports

Step Aerobics

Step aerobics has begun. This class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. Cost for the class is \$30 for the entire semester, and free childcare is provided at the church. Krista Hamilton is the instructor. You may pick up registration forms in the church office or download them from the church website, www.fbcpaducah.org. Contact Person: Jeremy Hudgin

Miscellaneous News

Welcome New Members

By Letter:

Carl and Phyllis Rice
2333 Perkins Creek Drive
Paducah, KY 42001

Staff Anniversaries

February 1

Balinda Hudson, 8 years

February 4

Jamie Burch, 12 years

February 9

Andrea Lester, 10 years

February 11

Lisa Sledd, 1 year

February 28

John Staten, 1 year

Read the Bible Through in 2009

February 7	Leviticus 16-18	February 15	Numbers 7
February 8	Leviticus 19-21	February 16	Numbers 8-9
February 9	Leviticus 22-23	February 17	Numbers 10-11
February 10	Leviticus 24-25	February 18	Numbers 12-13
February 11	Leviticus 26-27	February 19	Numbers 14-15
February 12	Numbers 1-2	February 20	Numbers 16-18
February 13	Numbers 3-4	February 21	Numbers 19-20
February 14	Numbers 5-6		

Save Your Labels!

First Baptist Church's WMU collects labels and box tops to benefit the Oneida Baptist School. Labels collected include Tyson's "Project A+" labels, General Mills "Box Tops for Education," and

Campbell's "Labels for Education." A collection box for these labels and box tops will be located by the main elevator. Please consider helping our WMU with this project.

In Memoriam

Rufus Hobbs departed this life January 21, 2009.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been received in memory of Robert Vanzant, Rufus Hobbs, Ward Thomas, the father of Jeff Modglin, and the mother of Larry Roberts.

February Bus Driver

Larry Heavrin — 898-6056

Thank You Notes

Words cannot express our gratitude for the prayers, cards, visits, and support that was given during the illness and then loss of my dad, Richard Modglin. Again, thank you to all.

Jeff and Linda Modglin

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 8

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
4:45 p.m. Women's "Esther" study
5:45 p.m. AWANA
6:00 p.m. *Doctrine that Dances*—Worship Center

Monday, February 9

9:15 a.m. Aerobics
1:00 p.m. Marie Jester Group

Tuesday, February 10

10:00 a.m. Ministries of Outreach/Card Writing

Wednesday, February 11

9:15 a.m. Aerobics
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Livewire Experience
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, February 12

9:30 a.m. Dayspring
5:30 p.m. Nightwatch

Friday, February 13

5:30 a.m. Book Study

Saturday, February 14

10:00 a.m. Children's Valentines Brunch—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 15

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
4:45 p.m. Women's "Esther" study
5:45 p.m. AWANA
6:00 p.m. *Doctrine that Dances*—Worship Center

Monday, February 16

9:15 a.m. Aerobics

Tuesday, February 17

10:00 a.m. Ministries of Outreach/Card Writing

Wednesday, February 18

9:15 a.m. Aerobics
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Livewire Experience
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, February 19

9:30 a.m. Dayspring
5:30 p.m. Nightwatch

Friday, February 20

5:30 a.m. Book Study

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Nursery Volunteers for 11:10 Service

We have a great need for volunteers in the nursery area to service on Sunday mornings during the 11:10 a.m. worship service. Volunteers would serve once every 5 to 6 weeks. Please consider helping us fill this need. Contact Lisa Crowell to volunteer at 442-2728, extension 238.

Media Ministry Opportunities

We have immediate opportunities in our media ministry for those who would be willing to run the lyrics for the worship screens on Sundays in both services. Training is available and no former experience is necessary. Please leave a message with Steve Moore or Nancy Rogers at 442-6038, extension 210.

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What You See!

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

Comcast Channel 37:

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00- 9:00 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 Evening Schedule

6:00- 7:00 p.m. - Morning Service (Taped)

Tuesday Schedule

9:00-10:00 p.m. - FBC Music (Taped)

Wednesday Schedule

9:00-10:00 a.m. - Chapel Bible Class (Taped)
9:00-10:00 p.m. - Morning Service (Taped)

Thursday Schedule

9:00-10:00 p.m. - Morning Service (Taped)

Channel 6:

Sunday Morning Schedule

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

Financial News

January 25, 2009

Budget Received: \$34,839.46
Designations: \$920.00

January 18, 2009

Budget Received: \$14,496.91
Designations: \$622.65

Totals to Date:

Total Budget Received: \$171,095.23
Total Budget Required: \$240,207.70
Total Designations: \$9,512.05

Sunday School Attendance

January 25—757
February 1—No Sunday School

Pastoral Staff

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Menu

Wednesday Night Meals

February 11

Chicken and rice, baked potato, fried okra, roll and assorted desserts.

February 18

Baked ham, hash-brown casserole, glazed carrots, roll, and assorted desserts.

Children's Menu Available upon Request

LifeLine Deadline

Please submit items for the next Lifeline by February 13, 2009.
You may e-mail your items to
cperkins@fbcpaducah.org