

LifeLine

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From the Pastor

Like never before, I am realizing the importance of solitude. I've always known that this practice is essential to godliness. However, with three little boys, finding time alone is easier said than done! Coming home after a full day of work provides absolutely no opportunity for silence and solitude. On the contrary, it's time to play! After kicking the soccer ball in the backyard, going through 500 rounds of hide-and-go-seek, crawling all over the house as a camel with boys on my back, eating supper, and going through the routine of getting everyone bathed and in bed, the only thing I feel like doing is immediately slipping off into La-La Land. Zzzzzzz....

On top of family living, the hectic nature of modern life does not lend itself to silence and solitude. We human creatures seem to be addicted to noise—always plugging our iPods into our ears or listening to the radio or having the television on in the background or rushing to answer our cell phones. For many, silence is so uncomfortable and deafening that folks think they can't function without decibels continuously beating on their eardrums.

Over the years, students repeatedly told me that one of the hardest things for them to do is be alone and quiet for an extended amount of time.

In his excellent book, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, (NavPress, 1991) Donald S. Whitney of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary defines solitude as "the Spiritual Discipline of voluntarily and temporarily withdrawing to privacy for spiritual purposes."

Our Lord Jesus, while he was on this earth, often practiced the spiritual discipline of solitude. Early in his Gospel, Mark writes, "And rising very early in the morning while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed." (Mark 1:35)

If Jesus took the time to be alone for spiritual purposes, so should we.

Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Be still...

When was the last time you stilled yourself so that you might look to God, hear from God, pray to God, and meditate on God?

In order to keep our relationship alive and growing, Amy and I work to find times when just the two of us can spend quality time together—without kids! Without such times, we find ourselves getting frazzled by the frenzied, never-ending activities of raising boys.

"When was the last time you stilled yourself so that you might look to God, hear from God, pray to God, and meditate on God?"

The same is true for my relationship with God. I need regular and frequent times alone with Him in order to keep my relationship on track.

Being with others is an essential part of the Christian life (Hebrews 10:24-25).

However, we also are to follow Christ's example by finding time to be away from others so that we might be alone with the Father (Matthew 4:1, 14:23; Mark 1:35; Luke 4:42). Whitney's call for balance between fellowship and solitude seems right headed. "Without silence and solitude we're shallow. Without fellowship we're stagnant."

May God deliver us from shallowness and stagnancy. And may our times alone with God and our times together with believers and unbelievers around us be used by Him for nothing less than His glory.

Revelation 22:21

Todd Brady
Pastor

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 9, 2008.
Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour.



Upcoming Events @ FBC



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Though their stories and methods are different, NAMB missionaries share a common urgency for sharing the gospel with North America. Whether it is starting a new church, meeting the needs of the homeless, leading worship at a ski resort, or leading Back Yard Bible Clubs, missionaries depend on the faithful prayers and generosity of Southern Baptists. One hundred percent of dollars given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes to support over 5,000 missionaries and their ministries in the United States and Canada. Please pray for our missionaries and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®.

Read the Bible Through in 2008

March 8 Deuteronomy 21-23	March 16 Joshua 9-10
March 9 Deuteronomy 24-27	March 17 Joshua 11-13
March 10 Deuteronomy 28	March 18 Joshua 14-16
March 11 Deuteronomy 29-31	March 19 Joshua 17-19
March 12 Deuteronomy 32-34	March 20 Joshua 20-21
March 13 Joshua 1-3	March 21 Joshua 22-24
March 14 Joshua 4-6	March 22 Judges 1-2
March 15 Joshua 7-8	

Billy Graham Library Trip

There is still time to sign up for the trip to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC. The dates for this trip are April 21 to April 24, and the total cost is \$200. More details are available in the *55+ Winter Calendar of Events* or you can contact Christi Perkins at the church office, 442-2728.

Women's Ministry

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

Stepping Up: A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent

by Beth Moore

February 21 through April 3, 2008

DAYSPRING

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

NIGHTWATCH

Thursday evenings: 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

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

Romans, Part 3 (Precept Upon Precept)

Thursday evenings: 6:00-8:30 p.m. January 17 through March 20

Sunday Nights

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.

Youth Ministry Disciple Now Weekend

Disciple Now is a weekend-long event where students will be challenged in both small group and large group Bible Study while staying in host homes. This year's theme is "Great Expectations." We will be looking at God's Word and discussing the expectations we have of God, the expectations God has of us, and the expectations we have of each other. Dates will be March 28-30, 2008. The cost is \$50 per student. Registration brochures can be picked up in the church office or in the C.O.C. Any adults who would like to volunteer to help with this great weekend, please contact Nathan Hicks.

Children's Choir

Choir Begins at 4:45 p.m.

Children's Choir will meet on Sunday evenings at 4:45 p.m. A light supper will be provided for the children between Children's Choir and Kids on Mission. For further information, contact Terri Dalton at 554-8595.

Music Ministry

Easter Program—Friday, March 21

Join us for a Good Friday Celebration presented by the Choir and Orchestra. There will be music, narration, drama and clips of past years' pageant productions. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. No tickets are required. Come share the Easter celebration at FBC!

First Sports

Spring Golf Trip

Dates for the trip to Prattville, Alabama are April 24-26. The total cost is \$350 (includes 2 nights hotel, 3 rounds of golf with cart). All money needs to be in by March 23, 2008. See Jeremy Hudgin for more information—442-2728.

FirstSPORTS T-Ball

This is our first year to offer a T-ball league and we are extremely excited! T-Ball is for ages 4-6 years old and sign-up will begin the first of April. This is a six week season with practices beginning the first of May and the season running from mid-May through the end of June. The cost is \$40 (includes hat, jersey, pants, water bottle, and more). The design of this is to teach fundamentals in a non-competitive, encouraging, fun atmosphere. If you have questions, please see Jeremy Hudgin.

Women's BOOT Camp

Want to get in shape before summer? During the month of June, our recreation ministry will host a women's boot camp led by Josh and Laura Porter. This will be a 4-week camp during the month of June. They will meet 3 nights a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday) from 6:00-7:30. Each class will consist of strength training elements, aerobic activity, and spiritual devotions. All fitness levels are encouraged to participate. See Jeremy Hudgin for more information.

Mega Sports Camp

Mega Sports Camp is coming the week of July 7-11. Look for some exciting changes including the addition of T-ball to our list of sports. More information to come!

Miscellaneous News

Welcome New Members

By Letter:

Nancy Johnston
5900 Kathy Drive
Paducah, KY 42001

Birth Announcement

A daughter born to Joe and DeAnn Kimmel on February 22, 2008. Her name is Katherine Isabella.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Marianne Atkinson in the loss of her husband, Sparky Atkinson, who departed this life February 22, 2008, to Judy Askew in the loss of her husband, Don Askew, who departed this life February 23, 2008, to Delora Hurt in the loss of her husband and to Dan and Dena Hurt in the loss of their father, Beryl Hurt, who departed this life February 28, 2008, to Marsha Sanders in the loss of her mother and to Pam Truitt in the loss of her father.

Special Gifts

Memorial gifts have been received for Ruth Rather.

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 gas dryer, microwave, refrigerator, space heater, kitchen table and chairs, beds and mattresses of all sizes, baby furniture, television, couch, chair, child's desk, and curtains. Please call Colla Ro at 442-3725 if you can help with this ministry.

March Bus Driver

Larry Nunley—270-442-2899

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 July and November, 2008. For more information, contact Larry Heavrin at 898-6056 or the church office at 442-2728.

Thank You Notes

I loved my job at FBC and will miss all of you. Thanks for the lovely reception. Thanks and God Bless.

Diane Prow-Boyarski

Thank you, thank you blood donors for helping make our Red Cross blood drive a success. A special thanks to my helpers, Joanne, Marie K., Gloria, Mai, Kazuyo and Carla. You made my job easier. Look forward to seeing you all in August. All for His glory!

Marie Jackson

Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits, phone calls, and food from all our friends. We especially thank everyone for the prayers which we know brought him through it all. Thanks to all our ministers who were so kind and thoughtful to come and pray for us. Special thanks to all the people who gave blood in Dale's honor.

Dale and Shirley Binford

We are so blessed to have a church family who loves us and supports us in our sadness. Thank you for the many ways you shared with us and comforted us. Sparky loved FBC and in so many ways you showed us your love for him.

Marianne Atkinson and family

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 9

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. 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, March 10

9:00 a.m. Fit For Life Exercise Class
1:00 p.m. Marie Jester
6:00 p.m. Upward Banquet

Tuesday, March 11

10:00 a.m. Ministries of Outreach/Card Writing
6:00 p.m. Aerobics—Gym
6:00 p.m. Upward Banquet
Wednesday, March 12
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
5:00 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, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

9:00 a.m. Fit For Life Exercise Class
5:30 p.m. 55+ Movie Night—Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

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. 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, March 17

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting
9:00 a.m. Fit For Life Exercise Class

Tuesday, March 18

10:00 a.m. Ministries of Outreach/Card Writing
6:00 p.m. Aerobics
Wednesday, March 19
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
5:00 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, March 20

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

Friday, March 21

Office Closed
7:00 p.m. Easter Pageant

Saturday, March 22

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt—Birth through 5th grade



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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

February 24, 2008

Budget Received: \$46,663.39
Designations: \$2,745.00

March 2, 2008

Budget Received: \$52,403.56
Designations: \$2,591.00

Totals to Date:

Total Budget Received: \$417,033.72
Total Budget Required: \$410,933.99
Total Designations: \$35,785.28

Sunday School Attendance

February 24—684
March 2—708

Menu

Wednesday Night Meals

March 12

Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, assorted desserts

March 19

BBQ sandwich, baked beans, potato salad, assorted desserts

Children's Menu Available upon Request

LifeLine Deadline

The deadline for items to be submitted for the next Lifeline is February 29, 2008.
You may e-mail your items to cperkins@fbcpaducah.org