

# LifeLine

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## From the Pastor

Hear. Be. Do.

These three imperatives serve as an excellent summary of what the Christian life is all about. Christian living is a continuous cycle of God-focused hearing, being, and doing.

### Hear

The Old Testament word, "hear" implies obedience as well as listening. The greatest commandment of Scripture begins, "Hear, O Israel..." (Deuteronomy 6:4) The apostle Paul underscores the essential role of hearing when he states, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Paul also warns Timothy that there will come a day when people will not want to engage in this necessary practice and that they will "turn away from listening to the truth" (2 Timothy 4:1-5).

Our understanding of the vital nature of hearing causes us to gather regularly as a corporate body—coming together with other believers to hear the Word of God. Individually, each of us finds time alone with God and His Word so that we might hear Him speak to us on a regular basis.

### Be

As a result of our hearing from God, we also desire to be who God would have us to be. Being a Christian is just that—*being* a Christian. Christianity is not something we merely talk about or do. No, Christianity is our very identity. The very things that we say and do as Christians flow from who we are.

A teacher friend of mine is fond of saying, "We teach what we know, but we live what we are." Indeed! Our actions are outflows of who we are.

The importance of being who God would have us be is underscored by Paul's command, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

### Do

Yes, Christians are doers—big doers! We are not to be hearers of the Word only, but also doers of the Word. James says in 1:22, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." We are driven by the Lord's command, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20).

I recently read again of the widow who gave her offering to the Lord (Mark 12:28-34). I was reminded of the importance of doing for the Lord—but also of the ultimate importance of my actions proceeding from a heart which pleases God.

Hear. Be. Do.

Remove one of the words from this series, and the cycle is incomplete. "Being" and "Doing" without "Hearing" can result in a wavering existence which is grounded in nothing more than our own flawed, individualistic thinking. "Hearing" and "Doing" without "Being" can result in perfunctory procedures which are externally focused and do not flow from a heart devoted to God. "Hearing" and "Being" without "Doing" can often produce sentimental spirituality which is often self-centered rather than God-centered.

How's your hearing?

How's your being?

How's your doing?

May our hearing, our being, and our doing continuously serve as shining testimonies of our Great God.

Revelation 22:21

Todd Brady  
Pastor

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## Upcoming Events @ FBC

### Bible Dedication

By now, you should have received information in the mail offering you the opportunity to dedicate new pew Bibles in memory or in honor of loved ones. These Bibles will be in the English Standard Version, which will allow our members and guests the opportunity to have a copy of God's Word which tracks precisely with what they will hear from our pulpit. Each family may dedicate up to three Bibles. The cost for each dedication is \$10. These funds will be given to Gideons International to support Bible distribution worldwide. There is a limit of 650 dedications, and the response has already been tremendous. If you need additional dedication forms, please stop by the church office.



### 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 22 Judges 1-2	March 30 Judges 20-21
March 23 Judges 3-5	March 31 Ruth 1-4
March 24 Judges 6-7	April 1 1 Samuel 1-3
March 25 Judges 8-9	April 2 1 Samuel 4-7
March 26 Judges 10-11	April 3 1 Samuel 8-11
March 27 Judges 12-14	April 4 1 Samuel 12-14:23
March 28 Judges 15-17	April 5 1 Samuel 14:24-16
March 29 Judges 18-19	

### Romanian Mission Trip Needs

Our mission trip to Romania will be May 12-22, 2008. We are collecting the following items to donate to the people of Romania: reading glasses (those found at "dollar stores"), over-the-counter medicines, head scarves for ladies, neckties for men, and personal hygiene items. If you would be willing to help in this effort, please bring your items to the church office.

### "Covered With Prayer" Shawl Ministry

This ministry invites participants to bring their knitting and/or crocheting talents to the task of creating individual prayer shawls as a special ministry to members who are in the hospital or assisted living facilities. To find out more about this ministry effort, please come to the information meeting on Tuesday, April 15, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 225, or you may contact Judy Gallip at 816-3960.

### 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

### Spring Fling Tickets Go on Sale March 23



Tickets for the annual Women's Ministry *Spring Fling* go on sale to our church members this Sunday, March 23, and to the public Monday, March 24. This year's theme is "Change the Way You Think: Survival Principles for Personal Challenges," featuring Carol Kent. Tickets are \$20 per person and include dinner. For more information or to purchase tickets, call or come by the church office, 442-2728.

## 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 Ministry

### Community Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual community Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the Great Room of First Baptist Church on Saturday, March 22 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Over 6,000 eggs will be hidden. All children ages 2 to 12 are welcome to participate. Don't forget to bring your own basket! For more information, contact Hutch Hutcheson at 442-2728 or email [hhutcheson@fbcpaducah.org](mailto:hhutcheson@fbcpaducah.org).



## 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 in 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 **Sunday, March 23**. 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 has begun. 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); registration deadline is April 14. The program is designed 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**

### **Birth Announcement**

A daughter born to Michael and Leah Rogers on March 1, 2008. Her name is Elizabeth Grace.

### **Christian Sympathy**

Christian sympathy is extended to Fred Cuff in the loss of his wife, to Eric Rust, Leslie Watkins and Lori Carter in the loss of their mother, to Nancy Rogers in the loss of her sister, Dee Cuff, who departed this life March 12, 2008; and to Art DeWeese in the loss of his father.

### **In Memoriam**

Linda Wright departed this life March 14, 2008.

### **Special Gifts**

Gifts have been received in honor of Sherry Rodgers. Memorial gifts have been received for Sparky Atkinson, Don Askew, Beryl Hurt, Dee Cuff, Marsha Sanders' mother, Pam Truitt's father, and Bill Gourley's mother.

### **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 an air conditioner, throw and area rugs, couch, chair, coffee and end tables, towels, washcloths and dish towels, television, plates, cups, pans, queen size sheets, recliner, and beds and mattresses of all sizes. Please call Colla Ro at 442-3725 if you can help with this ministry.

### **March Bus Driver**

Larry Nunley—270-442-2899

### **April Bus Driver**

Tom and Maxine Wynn—270-554-5719

### **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**

All your prayers have held me up all week. Please, please keep it up. With much love,  
*Judy Askew*

How fortunate to be a member of such a loving, caring body. You all have been so stalwart in your prayers for my recovery from two major surgeries. I am doing well and am back among you again. Thanks for the cards, notes of encouragement, phone calls, food, and your loving spirit.  
*Jane Childers*

Words cannot express my feeling of thanks to you for all your beautiful expressions of love and care you have shown towards me in your cards and in your prayers of my recent surgery and for my recovery. I can never be able to say thank you enough to you all, and to our Heavenly Father for His care and love to me. "All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee, my Lord." Thank you.  
*Lenore Parsons*

## **Weekly Schedule**

### **Sunday, March 23**

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  
No Evening Services

### **Monday, March 24**

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

### **Tuesday, March 25**

10:00 a.m. Ministries of Outreach/Card Writing  
6:00 p.m. Aerobics—Gym  
**Wednesday, March 26**  
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 27**

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

### **Friday, March 28**

9:00 a.m. Fit For Life Exercise Class  
6:00 p.m. Disciple Now Worship Service

### **Saturday, March 29**

6:00 p.m. Disciple Now Worship Service

### **Sunday, March 30**

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 31**

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

### **Tuesday, April 1**

10:00 a.m. Ministries of Outreach/Card Writing  
6:00 p.m. Aerobics

### **Wednesday, April 2**

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, April 3**

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Aerobics

6:30 p.m. Night Watch

### **Friday, April 4**

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

### **Saturday, April 5**



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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

#### March 9, 2008

Budget Received: \$41,049.77  
Designations: \$6,779.60

#### March 16, 2008

Budget Received: \$71,091.30  
Designations: \$6,542.00

#### Totals to Date:

Total Budget Received: \$556,174.79  
Total Budget Required: \$502,444.55  
Total Designations: \$49,106.88

### Sunday School Attendance

March 9—719  
March 16—702

### Menu

#### Wednesday Night Meals

#### March 26

Mexican chicken casserole, Spanish rice, Mexican beans, Mexican corn muffin, assorted desserts

#### April 2

Chicken Divan, baked potato, Jell-o salad, roll, assorted desserts

*Children's Menu Available upon Request*

### LifeLine Deadline

The deadline for items to be submitted for the next LifeLine is March 28, 2008.  
You may e-mail your items to [cperkins@fbcpaducah.org](mailto:cperkins@fbcpaducah.org)