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From the Pastor

The Bible speaks often of the heart.

Deuteronomy 6:5 states, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your *heart*." Again in Deuteronomy 10:12 we read, "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your *heart* and with all your soul..." In Deuteronomy 30:6 the people are told that God will circumcise their *hearts* so that they will love God with all their hearts.

To lead His people, God chose David—a man after God's own *heart* (1 Samuel 13:14). In 1 Samuel 16:7 we see that God looks not on the outward appearance of a man, but on his *heart*.

We know that the Lord searches all *hearts* and understands every plan and thought (1 Chronicles 28:9).

The Psalms are full of heart language. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my *heart* be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer" (19:14). "Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your *heart*" (37:4). Following his sin, David prayed, "Create in me a clean *heart*, O God, and renew a right spirit within me," and then he says, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite *heart*, O God, you will not despise" (51:10,17). "If I had cherished iniquity in my *heart*, the Lord would not have listened" (66:18).

In Psalm 86:11, the Psalmist prays for a united or undivided *heart* which fears God's name. In 119:11, the Psalmist realizes that his fight for purity comes through the hiding of God's Word in his *heart*. David longs for the lovingly-inspecting eye of God when he prays, "Search me, O God, and know my *heart*! Try me and know my thoughts!" (Psalm 139:23).

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the LORD with all your *heart*, and do not lean on your own understanding." Proverbs 4:23 commands us, "Keep your *heart* with all vigilance, for from it flow

the springs of life." We know that a cheerful *heart* is good medicine (17:22), and that the *heart* of a man reflects the man (27:19).

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in *heart*, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). He also said, "For where your treasure is, there your *heart* will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

Driving home the pivotal position of the *heart*, Jesus also said, "The good person out of the good treasure of his *heart* produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the *heart* his mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45).

We know that God knows our *hearts* (Luke 16:15), and that we should not allow our *hearts* to be troubled (John 14:1).

**Life is lived
from the
heart out.**

Believers are to "make melody to the Lord with all your *heart*," and are to do "the will of God from the *heart*" (Ephesians 5:19; 6:6). We are also to do what we do with all of

our *heart* (Colossians 3:23), and we are to "love one another earnestly from a pure *heart*" (1 Peter 1:22).

When praying with our boys, Amy and I will frequently pray, "And God, give us hearts that want to obey you."

Not only do we as parents want Jack, William, and Isaac to obey the Lord, we want them to want to obey the Lord. (In addition, as their parents, not only do we want to obey the Lord, we want to want to obey the Lord!)

Life is lived from the heart out. As goes the heart, so goes the life. May God give us hearts that are ever inclined toward Him—for the good of First Baptist Church and beyond, and for the glory of our great God!

Revelation 22:21,

Todd Brady
Pastor

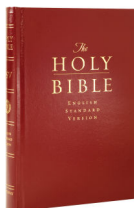
Upcoming Events @ FBC

First Monday Prayer

First Monday Prayer will be held on Monday, April 7. 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:

- Pray we will be a people who spend time alone with God so that our Father may start His work in our hearts.
- Pray for God's blessing upon the Romania mission trip (May 12-23) that many may hear the Gospel and be saved.
- Pray that the lessons of *Disciple Now* will result in a commitment to Jesus Christ in the heart of each youth who participated in the "Great Expectations" weekend.
- Pray that we will be intimate with God our Father and thus impact the world for Him with His love for others.

Bible Dedication



There are still opportunities to dedicate pew Bibles in memory or in honor of loved ones. The cost for each dedication is \$10. These funds will be given to Gideons International to support Bible distribution worldwide. The deadline for dedications is Friday, April 11. If you need additional dedication forms, please stop by the church office.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

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, North American missionaries depend on the faithful prayers and generosity of Southern Baptists. One hundred percent of dollars given to this 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

April 5	1 Samuel 14:24-16	April 13	2 Samuel 6-9
April 6	1 Samuel 17-18	April 14	2 Samuel 10-12
April 7	1 Samuel 19-21	April 15	2 Samuel 13-14
April 8	1 Samuel 22-24	April 16	2 Samuel 15-16
April 9	1 Samuel 25-27	April 17	2 Samuel 17-18
April 10	1 Samuel 28-31	April 18	2 Samuel 19-20
April 11	2 Samuel 1-2	April 19	2 Samuel 21-22
April 12	2 Samuel 3-5		

Romanian Mission Trip Needs

The mission trip to Romania will be May 12-22, 2008. Items to be collected for the people of Romania include: 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

If you have talent knitting or crocheting, you can create prayer shawls for members 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.

Women's Ministry Spring Fling Tickets on Sale



Tickets for the annual Women's Ministry *Spring Fling* are on sale. 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.

Children's Ministry Parent-Child Dedication

Each Spring we conduct a Parent-Child Dedication Service on Mother's Day. This provides an opportunity for parents to publicly dedicate their children and families to God, and for the congregation to pledge our support and encouragement to these families. We will be offering this at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. services on Sunday, May 11. If you would like to participate in this time of dedication, please call the church office at 442-2728 by April 27.

"Outrigger Island" VBS Registration

We are now accepting registrations for Outrigger Island VBS. Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Friday, June 23-27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Registration forms are available in Creation Station and can be returned to Creation Station or the church office.



Outrigger Island is for all children who have turned 4 years old by June 23, 2008, through those who have just completed 5th grade.

VBS Teacher and Volunteer Opportunities

We are connecting volunteers to ministry in the form of Vacation Bible School! Whether your ministry gifts are relational, musical, artistic, recreational, or just being an encourager, we have a fun and awesome opportunity for you! From teaching to coaching to helping serve, VBS is a fantastic way to impact young lives. All training and support is provided. Please call Hutch Hutcheson at 442-2728 or Shannon Stivers at 488-2995 for all the scoop!

Student Life for Kids Children's Camp

Student Life for Kids is our four day summer camp for boys and girls who have completed 3rd through 5th grades. We will be traveling to Shocco Springs Baptist Camp (near Talladega, AL). Camp will feature lots of activities including adventure games, swimming and water fun, and field sports as well as a great time of discipleship and Bible Study. For more information, call Hutch Hutcheson at 442-2728.

First Sports

Church League Softball for Men and Women

FBC softball teams are now forming. Games run from May to August. Cost is \$40 per person. Contact Jeremy Hudgin at 442-2728 for details.

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. *First Baptist Paducah*

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 Statement:

Jason Heilig	Gary and Glenda Adkisson
5109 Westbrook	224 Maxfield
Paducah, KY 42001	Paducah, KY 42001

By Letter:

Joe and Barbara Francis	Jim and Vickie Compton
4024 Dogwood Lane	4645 Bethel Church Road
Paducah, KY 42003	Kevil, KY 42053

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Louise Cunningham in the loss of her brother, to Donna Grief in the loss of her mother, and to Mark Madison in the loss of his father.

Special Gifts

Memorial gifts have been received for Beryl Hurt, Dee Cuff, Ruth Rather, Sparky Atkinson, the father of Art DeWeese, the mother-in-law of Sam Wise, the mother of Donna Grief, the mother of Marsha Sanders, and the daughter of May Etta Rottgering.

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, microwave, washer and dryer, lift chair for ALS patient, couch, chairs, television, dishes, dressers, chests, kitchen table and chairs, and beds and mattresses of all sizes. Please call Colla Ro at 442-3725 if you can help with this ministry.

Television Ministry

The FBC TV crew is looking for volunteers willing to serve once every 3-4 weeks as camera operators for the 11:10 a.m. Worship Service. No experience is necessary—just your willingness to serve. To volunteer or to find out more, call Bob Kersey at 217-1443.

April Bus Driver

Tom and Maxine Wynn—270-554-5719

Thank You Notes

Your deep love and affection for our wife and mother, Dee Cuff, has been so obvious in the past few days and weeks. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, flowers and genuine Christ-like love have overwhelmed us. Although it has been difficult to lose our loved one, your kindness has made it more bearable. Thank you for all you have done and all that you are in the body of Christ. It is evident to our family that she was well loved among you.

The Family of Dee Cuff

Thank you for the flowers, cards, food, and prayers. Your expressions have brought us comfort during our loss of Beryl. And a special thank you to Dr. Todd for being a true and caring pastor.

Delora, Dena, and Dan Hurt

Thank all of you for the concern for me and our granddaughter, Hillary Coltharp.

Jessie and Harold Gilbert

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 6

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—Worship Center

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Fit for Life Exercise Class
9:30 p.m. Aerobics—Gym
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday, April 10

6:00 p.m. Aerobics
6:30 p.m. Night Watch

Friday, April 11

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

Saturday, April 12

Sunday, April 13

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
12:00 p.m. Youth Fundraising Meal—Great Room

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, April 14

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

1:00 p.m. Marie Jester Group

Tuesday, April 15

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

Wednesday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Fit for Life Exercise Class
9:30 a.m. Aerobics

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 17

6:00 p.m. Aerobics
6:00 p.m. Spring Fling

Friday, April 18

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

Saturday, April 19



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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 23, 2008

Budget Received: \$44,832.80
Designations: \$6,235.20

March 30, 2008

Budget Received: \$46,310.21
Designations: \$7,439.23

Totals to Date:

Total Budget Received: \$647,317.80
Total Budget Required: \$593,955.11
Total Designations: \$62,781.31

Sunday School Attendance

March 23—821
March 30—716

Menu

Wednesday Night Meals

April 9

Green pepper steak, potato casserole, buttered broccoli or buttered corn, roll, assorted desserts

April 16*

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, assorted desserts

**April 16 meal will be held in Fellowship Hall*

Children's Menu Available upon Request

LifeLine Deadline

The deadline for items to be submitted for the next LifeLine is April 11, 2008.
You may e-mail your items to cperkins@fbcpaducah.org