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From the Pastor

Living with small children and serving as pastor of First Baptist Church continuously reminds me of the responsibility I have to be both childlike and mature in my walk with God. After I came home one day from the funeral home, my four-year-old, Jack, asked me if I were going to die. When I told him that I would one day die, he paused for a few seconds and confidently replied, "And then I will get a new daddy!"

I couldn't help but smile.

As Christians, we have the responsibility to be both childlike and mature in our faith. In some ways, we are to be like children. In other ways, we are to be like mature adults.

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Paul summarizes this well when he commands, "Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in your evil, but in your thinking be mature" (1 Corinthians 14:20).

Childlikeness is essential to godly faith. Jesus himself states, "Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Mark 10:15). He also says in Luke 18:16, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Childlikeness is to be characteristic of our faith, but we are not to be childlike to the neglect of an ever-increasing maturity. A desire for maturity is what prompted Peter to write, "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation" (1 Peter 2:2).

Christians should be marked by maturity. We are to "attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes" (Ephesians 4:13-14).

The writer of Hebrews finds himself concerned that his readers were not maturing (Hebrews 5:12-14).

Paul's thoughts are also evident in his words to the Corinthians— "But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready....." (1 Corinthians 3:1-2).

C. S. Lewis has it right in *Mere Christianity*—God desires the heart of a child, but the mind of a grown-up.

With the likeness of a child and the desire for an ever-increasing maturity, let us "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen" (1 Peter 3:18).

Revelation 22:21,

Todd Brady
 Pastor

Upcoming Events @ FBC

New First Baptist Church Directory

Olan Mills will be here on July 15, 16, 17 and August 15 and 16 to take pictures for our upcoming directory. There is no cost to our members, but each family's participation is crucial to the directory's success. More information regarding scheduling an appointment will be coming soon.

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 19 2 Samuel 21-22	April 27 1 Kings 14-15
April 20 2 Samuel 23-24	April 28 1 Kings 16-18
April 21 1 Kings 1:2-2:5	April 29 1 Kings 19-20
April 22 1 Kings 2:26-4	April 30 1 Kings 21-22
April 23 1 Kings 5-7	May 1 2 Kings 1-3
April 24 1 Kings 8	May 2 2 Kings 4-5
April 25 1 Kings 9-11	May 3 2 Kings 6-8
April 26 1 Kings 12-13	

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, 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

The prayer shawl ministry will be meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 225 to work on projects and discuss the progress of the ministry. This ministry is for anyone who would like to contribute their knitting or crocheting talents as well as for those who would be willing to deliver these shawls to the recipients in the nursing homes, hospitals, or assisted living facilities.

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

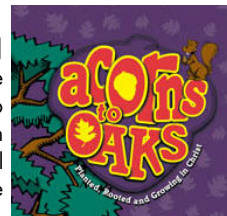
We are connecting volunteers to ministry in the form of Vacation Bible School! Whether your ministry gifts are relational, musical, artistic, recreational, or just being an encourager, we have a fun and awesome opportunity for you! From teaching to coaching to helping serve, VBS is a fantastic way to 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.

Children's Choir "Acorns to Oaks" Musical

Our Spring Children's Musical will be Sunday, May 4, at 6:00 in the Worship Center. Come learn with the children about growing in Christ from this musical based on the parable of the seed and the sower.



First Sports

T-Ball Registration Deadline Extended

There is still time to sign your child up for T-ball. The deadline has been extended to April 23, and the season begins the first of May. Please call or come by the church office for more details or to register, 442-2728.

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.

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!



WMU

Spring Banquet

The annual Women's Spring Banquet will be held in the First Baptist Church Great Room on Thursday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. This event is open to all women. A dramatic presentation of "Sarah" will be performed by Lyndia Fuller; special musical guest will be Bernice Belt. For more information, please contact the West Union Baptist Association at 554-5717.

Miscellaneous News

Welcome New Members

By Letter:

Suzanne Shidal
155 Pheasant Run
Paducah, KY 42001

Birth Announcements

A son born to Matt and Stephanie Hinz on April 4, 2008. His name is Landon Joseph. Proud grandparents are Alan and Linda Warford.

A son born to Alan and Lori Joiner on March 31, 2008. His name is Joshua Alan. Proud grandparents are Charles and Judy Joiner.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Shannon Truitt in the loss of her father.

Special Gifts

Memorial gifts have been received for Sparky Atkinson, Dee Cuff, Beryl Hurt, Ruth Rather, Dorothy White, and the father of Art DeWeese.

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, gas stove, refrigerator, couch, chairs, television, living room tables, lamps, kitchen table and chairs, baby bed, 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

I would like to say thank you on behalf of the McCracken County 4-H Backpack program. Your generous donation is being used to help fight hunger among McCracken County children. It is hard to imagine that kids in our own community go home hungry every day. Please pray for us as we try to take a stand against hunger!

David Littlejohn, McCracken County Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development

I appreciate all the cards and visits. I want to especially thank Stewart and Janice Tolar, Art DeWeese and all the church staff for their visits.

Martha Ligon

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 20

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
7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

Monday, April 21

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

Tuesday, April 22

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

Wednesday, April 23

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, April 24

6:00 p.m. Aerobics
6:00 p.m. WMU Associational Banquet—Great Room

Friday, April 25

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

Saturday, April 26

Sunday, April 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
4:45 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 28

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

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

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, May 1

6:00 p.m. Aerobics

Friday, May 2

9:00 a.m. Fit For Life Exercise Class
6:00 p.m. Scrapbooking—COC Conference Room

Saturday, May 3

12:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal



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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

April 6, 2008

Budget Received: \$54,135.06
Designations: \$5,061.06

April 13, 2008

Budget Received: \$55,337.00
Designations: \$4,323.00

Totals to Date:

Total Budget Received: \$756,314.86
Total Budget Required: \$685,465.67
Total Designations: \$72,640.37

Sunday School Attendance

April 6—714
April 13—660

Menu

Wednesday Night Meals

April 23

Beef tenderloin, corn pudding, green peas or buttered corn, roll, assorted desserts

April 30

Baked chicken spaghetti, Italian vegetables or green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, assorted desserts

Children's Menu Available upon Request

LifeLine Deadline

The deadline for items to be submitted for the next LifeLine is April 25, 2008.
You may e-mail your items to cperkins@fbcpaducah.org