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From the Pastor

This coming Sunday, May 18, will be another significant day in the life of our church. We will hear our prospective Pastor for Teaching Ministries preach in view of a call in both of our morning worship services. This integral position is a part of our long-developed plan called *Forward Together*, which calls for the priorities of The Worship of God, The People of God, The Word of God, and The Ministry of God.

The reorganization of our pastoral leadership in accordance with *Forward Together* was presented to and affirmed by our Personnel Committee on November 14, 2007. Our deacon body also received and unanimously affirmed this plan in November of 2007 and March of 2008. An initial piece of this plan was implemented with the coming of Art DeWeese and Steve Moore to our church—something for which we are most thankful to God. In the church's April (2008) business session, the complete reorganization plan was presented, including the new Pastor for Teaching Ministries position.

As we seek to prioritize God-focused worship, biblical community, expositional teaching, and Christ-like Ministry, we are now moving into an important phase where intentional pastoral positions will allow us to provide strategic leadership to our church's four priorities.

First Baptist Church is blessed with Jim Ewing's leadership. As God has guided us over the last year, we are thankful that Jim is becoming First Baptist Church's Associate Pastor, focusing specifically on our priority of Christ-like Ministry. Jim's knowledge of our church, his warm-hearted pastoral ministry among us all, his passion for outreach, and his love for one-on-one discipleship make it obvious that this significant role will serve First Baptist Church well and that this will be the very best use of Jim's passions and gifts. I join you in thanking God for Jim Ewing and praying for him as we look to the weeks, months, and years which God is giving us together.

God also has uniquely blessed us as we have prioritized God-focused worship at First Baptist Church. Who would have ever dreamed of such a unique partnering of leadership with Art Deweese and Steve Moore? Their excellent and God-focused leadership is nothing less than a gift from God. Indeed, our worship gatherings each week are God-focused, Christ-centered, and Spirit-empowered. When I think about their leadership among us, I know I join so many when I say that, "There's no place I'd rather be on Sunday mornings than at Paducah's First Baptist Church." God is certainly good to us.

While it is ultimately my responsibility (and joy!) to lead our commitment to the Word of God, our new Pastor for

Teaching Ministries position will provide further leadership, ensuring that First Baptist's commitment to the Word of God is foundational, systematic, and pervasive throughout our church's life and ministry. Each week, we confess, *All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, and the flower fades, but the Word of God stands forever.* However, the truth of this statement is not just something we say with our mouths; it is something we desire to be evident in all aspects of our fellowship.

Our commitment to biblical community is something which each pastoral leader will prioritize through his ministry. As the people of God, we are united and shaped by our common belief and experiences with God through Christ. We also take our marching orders for community from the revelation which we have received from God—the Bible. What a joy it is to be a part of the biblical community known as Paducah's First Baptist Church.

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First Baptist Church will soon be poised for even greater progress toward each of our priorities. In His providence, God has provided us a vision and a group of godly men to lead us toward that vision. Our priority of the Worship of God (God-focused worship) will be led by Mr. Art DeWeese and Rev. Steve Moore. All leaders will work together as we

labor toward our priority of the People of God (Biblical Community). Our new Pastor for Teaching Ministries will provide leadership to our church's priority of the Word of God (Expositional Teaching). Our priority of the Ministry of God (Christ-like Ministry) will be under the capable leadership of Rev. Jim Ewing. I look forward to the growth which we are going to experience in each of these areas, and I believe that the very best days for First Baptist Church are ahead of us.

Don't miss our special service this Sunday morning as our prospective Pastor for Teaching Ministries will be preaching. His message is entitled *The Centrality of Christ in the Church*, Colossians 3:15-17. We are in store for another blessed day of worship together.

What a privilege is mine to be a part of the good things God is doing at Paducah's First Baptist Church. I am honored to labor alongside those who lead our various ministries. May God bless us all as we humbly follow His leadership, moving forward together—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

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.

Read the Bible Through in 2008

May 17	1 Chronicles 17-20	May 25	2 Chronicles 14-17
May 18	1 Chronicles 21-23	May 26	2 Chronicles 18-20
May 19	1 Chronicles 24-26	May 27	2 Chronicles 21-24
May 20	1 Chronicles 27-29	May 28	2 Chronicles 25-27
May 21	2 Chronicles 1-3	May 29	2 Chronicles 28-30
May 22	2 Chronicles 4-6	May 30	2 Chronicles 31-33
May 23	2 Chronicles 7-9	May 31	2 Chronicles 34-36
May 24	2 Chronicles 10-13		

Women's Ministry

Your Girl: Raising a Godly Daughter in an Ungodly World

If you are a mother of a girl who has just completed the 4th through the 10th grades, this 8-week study is for you! "Your Girl: Raising a Godly Daughter in an Ungodly World," written by Vicki Courtney, encourages mothers to raise their daughters to be godly, virtuous women in the midst of a culture that is often anything but. This study runs June 5 through July 24, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room. Cost for the book is \$13. There will be pizza and drinks served at the first meeting, and Lesson One should be completed before this first meeting. Approximate homework commitment per week is 30-40 minutes. Please remember to invite your friends!

Contact Person: Shannon Stivers, 488-2995

Shepherding A Child's Heart

Another study being offered this summer is for mothers of boys or girls. Using the book by Tedd Tripp, *Shepherding A Child's Heart*, we will study the Biblical approach to parenting. This study will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the COC Conference Room on Thursdays, from June 12 through July 17. Cost for the book is \$15. Child-care will be provided for birth through school age, but space is limited, so please register your child in advance.

Contact Person: Tiffany Darnell, 415-9181

Children's Ministry

"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.

Contact People: Hutch Hutcheson, 442-2728 or Shannon Stivers, 488-2995

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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.

Contact Person: Hutch Hutcheson, 442-2728

First Sports

Women's BOOT Camp

Want to get in shape before summer? 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 6:15-7:45. Each class will consist of strength training elements, aerobic activity, and spiritual devotions. The cost for participating is \$60, which includes t-shirt and water bottle. Proceeds will benefit starving children in Tanzania, Africa. All fitness levels are encouraged to participate. Space is limited. Free childcare is provided. Deadline to register is May 23.

Contact Person: Jeremy Hudgin, 442-2728

Mega Sports Camp

Mega Sports Camp is coming the week of July 7-11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This camp is for ages 4 through 10. Cost is \$35, which includes t-shirt, backpack, water bottle, and more. Sports offered are basketball, soccer, T-ball, and cheerleading. Deadline to register is Wednesday, June 25. Registration forms are available in the church office or on our website (www.fbcpaducah.org). If you are looking for a fun place to serve, we have opportunities for coaches, assistant coaches, registration helpers, concession helpers and more. Contact Jeremy Hudgin or the church office to volunteer.



Miscellaneous News

Graduates' Pictures Wanted

If you are graduating from High School, College or Seminary, we would like to have your picture to publish in our next LifeLine as we recognize your accomplishments. Please submit to the church office your picture along with your school and major (for college and seminary students) by Monday, May 21.



Birth Announcements

A daughter born to Josh and Lauren Whitfield on April 14, 2008. Her name is Abigail Colleen. The proud grandmother is Connie Hawkins.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Cathy McAtee in the loss of her husband and to Chase and Lauren McAtee in the loss of their father, Chuck McAtee, who departed this life May 6, 2008; to Clarence and Betty Johnson in the loss of their son, to Tina Waid Erickson in the loss of her brother, and to Jacob Waid in the loss of his uncle; to Carolyn Adams in the loss of her brother; and to Toni Stricklin in the loss of her father.

Special Gifts

Memorial gifts have been received for Don Askew, Sparky Atkinson, Dee Cuff, Beryl Hurt, Glenda Seay, Earl Shoemake, Louise Randle, Art DeWeese's father, May Etta Rottinger's daughter, and Carolyn Adams' brother.

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 items such as an air conditioner, washer and dryer, electric and gas stoves, refrigerator, couch, chairs, kitchen table and chairs, baby furniture, dresser, coffee table, recliner, curtains, carpeting, and beds and mattresses of all sizes. Please call Cola 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. Contact Person: Bob Kersey, 217-1443

May Bus Driver

Perry Vaughn—270-554-2443

Thank You Notes

Your kindness and thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated and expressed through the beautiful floral arrangement. Thank you. Robert D. Seay, Vicky, Michele and Greg

Our church family is amazing and I want to thank you for your prayers, cards and concerns. Please pray for me as I continue my recovery. Thanks again for being so loving and caring. Sue Clark

Your many expressions of love were invaluable to Charles and me during the past month of dealing with health issues and surgery in San Diego. Thank you for your cards, visits and food, but especially your prayers which helped us get through. Judy Joiner

It is an exciting time when a first-born achieves his milestones (Blair's college graduation). At times like these, it is important to reflect on the many significant influences that have been a part of your children's lives. Next to our immediate family, our church family has been tremendously faithful to encourage and model servitude to our Lord for the youth. With great humility before our Heavenly Father, we desire to say "thank you" for the ways in which you have nurtured our son, Blair. For your confidence in him in making him a part of Sunday worship and for the many outward expressions of support and encouragement, we say again, "Thank you." Your love for our King and our Savior is manifested in this blessing and continues to testify to the edifying of the Body of Christ. In His Name, Larry and Laura Skinner

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 18

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, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

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

Wednesday, May 21

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

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, May 22

Friday, May 23

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

Saturday, May 24

Sunday, May 25

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, May 26

Memorial Day—Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

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

Wednesday, May 28

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

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, May 29

Friday, May 30

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

Saturday, May 31



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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

May 4, 2008

Budget Received: \$64,524.79
Designations: \$3,975.97

May 11, 2008

Budget Received: \$53,121.56
Designations: \$5,068.00

Totals to Date:

Total Budget Received: \$957,249.87
Total Budget Required: \$869,350.32
Total Designations: \$92,319.00

Sunday School Attendance

May 4—778
May 11—698

Menu

Wednesday Night Meals

May 21

Baked ham, sweet potato casserole, macaroni and cheese, roll, assorted desserts.

May 28

Lasagna, Italian vegetables, garlic toast, assorted desserts.

Children's Menu Available upon Request

LifeLine Deadline

The deadline for items to be submitted for the next Lifeline is May 23, 2008.
You may e-mail your items to cperkins@fbcpaducah.org