



FROM THE PASTOR

See what kind of love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God; and so we are. 1 John 3:1

God's doing a lot among the people of FBC. Folks are growing in their desire to live holy lives. Young moms are wanting to be good and godly moms. Husbands are desiring to be good and godly husbands. Young fathers are seeking to be good dads who honor the Lord and raise their family in a godly way. And while these and many other things are happening, God also seems to be stirring in many a deeper love for children.

Now I realize that adoption is not for everyone, but I sure am encouraged by the heart for adoption and for children that God seems to be growing among us. It's great to hear from the families of our church who are currently in the process of adoption as they talk about where they are, what they have to do, and all that they are looking forward to.

We are one of those families! God has given three boys to Amy and me, but we are looking forward to the 4th gift God is bringing our way. (We are going to have to fly to the other side of the world to get him, but we can't wait for him to be a full-fledged Brady.)

We've got one more piece of paperwork to mail in, and then we hurry up and wait for about 9 months. So next spring or summer, we are looking forward to getting a photo of our little baby boy along with some information about him. Shortly afterward, we will be going to Ethiopia to get him. (We sure are glad to be almost finished with our "paper pregnancy.")

Several folks have asked us why we're adopting. There are so many underlying truths compelling us. Here are a few of the top realities which are driving this decision.

I am not sure that there is a better earthly picture of the gospel than adoption. God has loved us with a love that does not quit. He did not have to love us, but he did. God set his loving affection on us—for no reason of our own—and made us his. The Bible says, "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him" (Romans 8: 15-17).

Our soon-coming son has done nothing and will do nothing to deserve the love that we are about to show him. But Amy and I do have love to share, and we can think of no better way to love both him and our current children than to model God's love in this way.

Adopting our son will ensure that he hears the gospel. Now, adopting our son will also ensure a lot of other things. It will certainly ensure a "better life" for him. It will ensure that Jack, William, and Isaac will have another baby brother. It will ensure that there is a little more pandemonium in the Brady house. It will ensure yet another grandson for Grandmamma and Granddad to love.

However, the greatest assurance that exists for a child growing up in our home will be the guarantee that he will in fact hear the gospel. There is no greater message which needs to be heard. Kids need a lot of things these days. They need dads and moms. They need love and security. They need hope and education. But most of all, they need to hear the gospel. The Bible says, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

Our newest little Brady will one day join us on the bed as we get together each night to read, sing, and pray. I look forward to telling him the stories of the Bible—and helping him to know the story of the Bible. I can't wait to sing with him, and I'm looking forward to us all praying together.

Who knows what he would experience if he were not our son? I can only imagine. He is only one person. One person is only one person, but adopting this one person will ensure that this one person hears the gospel. He probably hasn't even been born yet, but we are already praying that God would save our son—this one person.

We are caring for an orphan and providing him with a good and godly home. Amy and I have seen enough videos on You Tube to realize that life is not that great in Ethiopia. Life expectancy for a male in Ethiopia is 52 years, there are .03 physicians for every 1000 people, and the probability of reaching the age of 40 stands at 43.6%—just to list a few statistics. While we would never fully know what his life would be like otherwise, we are compelled by a desire to give him a better life. We are looking forward to bringing him into our home.

God's love is an indiscriminate love—and our love should be, too. Needless to say, our 4th son is going to look a lot different than everyone else in the family. His hair will be curly and his skin will be darker, much darker. However, there will be no difference between Brady boy #1, #2, and #3 and Brady boy #4. His mother and I will love him no less, and we will treat him no differently. He will be just as much a Brady as any of the other Bradys, and Amy and I can't wait to love on him just like we do the sons who currently live in our house. In the same vein in which Paul said, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28), I will also say that in our house there is neither American nor foreign, there is neither adopted nor biological, there is neither black nor white, for we are all one in the Brady family. Years from now, I can hear our children singing—"that's the way we all became the Brady Bunch!"

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We desire to be obedient to the Great Commission. Jesus said, "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" (Matthew 28:19-20). So often, we think of obedience to the Great Commission as involving our travelling across the street or across the city or across the country or across the ocean to tell someone about Jesus. However, the Great Commission should begin right here at home. Our own children are the first objects of our pursuit of the Great Commission. Before we make disciples of other nations, let us begin with ourselves. I am looking forward to making disciples of all my sons. I am looking forward to baptizing all my sons. And I am looking forward to teaching all my sons what has been commanded to me. For Amy and me, adoption is just one other means of being obedient to the Great Commission.

There are others who are walking the same road we are walking. When you see them, ask them how the process is going. Talk to them about their soon-coming children. Encourage them. Ask them how you can pray for them, and together we will all look forward to seeing those children God brings our way—for the good of FBC Paducah and beyond, and for the glory of our great God.

It's a joy to be your pastor.

Revelation 22:21.

Todd Brady
Pastor

Upcoming Events @ FBC

First Monday Prayer

First Monday Prayer will be held on Monday, August 3. First Baptist's chapel will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on this day for those who wish to come to the chapel and pray. Prayer points for the month of August will be available at the chapel on that day. As you pray this month, please include these specific points:

- Pray for God to guide the Pastor Search Committee for Youth and Family Ministries and to bless them with peace and unity. Thank Him for blessing us with Joshua Cornett (Jaclyn and Isaac) as our Pastor for Children and Family Ministries. (Psalm 67:1)
- Pray in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father as He blesses FBC with our Hispanic brethren. Pray that we move forward together under His banner of love. (Song of Solomon 2:4)
- Pray for God to guide the planning process for the October 9-17 Romania mission trip as FBC obeys the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19)

Welcome Dr. Tankersley on August 9

Dr. Lee Tankersley
Pastor, Cornerstone Community Church
Jackson, TN

Sunday, August 9, 2009
*Preaching in the morning and
evening services.*

Summer Sunday Nights

Mission Romania

July 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room

Enjoy delicious desserts prepared by our own Art DeWeese

as you learn more about the October mission trip to Romania. As our worship choir and others prepare for their trip, our church body will have the opportunity to support them on this special night. Expect good food, great music and, of course, biblical community. *Childcare is provided for birth through pre-kindergarten ages.*

First Things First:

An Introduction to First Baptist Church

Want to know more about First Baptist Church? Interested in membership? Wondering what it means to be a Baptist? Join us on Thursday, August 27, at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and discovery (ends at 9:00 p.m.) about who we are and who we're seeking to be—for the good of FBC Paducah, and beyond, and for the glory of our great God! To make your reservation, contact Deanna Bazzell today at dbazzell@fbcpaducah.org or 442.2728.

Special Thanks to Our VBS Workers

A special thank you goes to Deanna Tilley and our 2009 Vacation Bible School workers. Special thanks also goes to Marcie Peck for providing leadership in the Preschool age groups. Thank you all for the investment you made in the lives of over 200 children this summer!

Women's Ministry

Second Summer Seminar Begins July 23

New sessions on wisdom—These stand-alone videos by Beth Moore, will be shown on Thursdays, July 23, 30 and Aug. 6 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. No homework is required. Come to all of the sessions or just the ones you can. All sessions are held in the Seminar Room of FBC. No cost. Bring a sack supper and we'll provide cold drinks. For more information, contact Nancy Rogers in the church office, or email Brenda McElroy at bmcElroy@fbcpaducah.org.

Save the Date!

A Ladies' Night Out Class Meeting Event

"An Evening With Amy Brady"

Thursday, September 3, 2009

6:00 p.m.

The Great Room

Details coming in August ...

Fall Bible Studies Begin September 10

Ladies, mark September 10 on your calendars; this is the start date for our Fall Bible Studies. Be watching your mail for our Fall brochure, or if you are not on the mailing list, contact Nancy Rogers at 442-6038, ext. 230 to be included.

Youth Ministry Summer Activities

Parents Meeting, July 29

All parents of youth (grades 6-12 for the 2009-2010 school year) are invited to join Steve Moore and Anna Sanders for a meeting on July 29 at 7:15 p.m. to go over the upcoming calendar.

Student Extreme Week

Finish the summer off right! On August 1, 3, and 4, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., there will be various events including a photo scavenger hunt, messy games, and "Capture the Flag." There will also be great prizes for the winners! Any upcoming sixth grader through graduating senior is invited. Contact Anna Sanders at 442-6038, ext. 230, if you have any questions or are interested in helping out.

Livewire Food and Fellowship

We will kick off the Fall semester of Livewire with food and fellowship on Wednesday evening, August 5, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Anna Sanders at 442-2728.

Miscellaneous News

Welcome New Members

By Statement:

Randy and Janette Hines
Ethan and Alexia
2011 Lane Road
Paducah, KY 42003

Jon and Jessica Reid
4507 Westchester Lane
Paducah, KY 42001

By Letter:

Howard and Libby Atkinson
203 Atlanta
Paducah, KY 42003

Birth Announcements

A son born to Trey and Kim Swacker on June 26, 2009. His name is Riley James. Proud grandparents are Jan and Lisa Dukes.

Twins born to Amy and John Anderson III. Their names are Alexandria and Landon. Proud grandparents are Sam and Ellen Wise. Proud great-grandmother is Ruby Wise.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to J. M. Park in the loss of his sister, and to Billie Clark in the loss of her son, Greg Clark, who departed this life July 18, 2009.

Special Gifts

Memorial gifts have been received for Clark Andersen, Rozzell Linn, Robert Vanzant, Ward Thomas, the father of Dutch Thurman, and the mother of Laura Skinner.

Gifts have been received in honor of Margaret Carter and Carolyn Henderson.

Thank You

I would like to thank my church family for all the calls, cards, prayers, visits and food which you provided during my recent surgeries and recovery.

Fred Smith

Thank you so much for the food we received through the VBS food drive. Our agency has truly been blessed by this donation. We know many families will also be blessed by your generosity as well.

*Pam Truitt, Executive Director
Family Service Society, Inc.*

Thank you so much for your generous donation we received (from the 55+ Senior Adult Ministry). We are so fortunate to have friends like you. Your thoughtfulness will help provide comfort and support in the treatment of our children. It is wonderful to know that our future is made brighter because you care!

*Kevin J. Miller, Director of Development
Shriners Hospitals for Children*

July Bus Driver

David Smith — 444-7386

August Bus Driver

Al Gardner — 928-3246

Read the Bible Through in 2009

July 25	Proverbs 20-22	Aug. 2	Isaiah 5-9
July 26	Proverbs 23-26	Aug. 3	Isaiah 10-14
July 27	Proverbs 27-31	Aug. 4	Isaiah 15-21
July 28	Ecclesiastes 1-4	Aug. 5	Isaiah 22-26
July 29	Ecclesiastes 5-8	Aug. 6	Isaiah 27-31
July 30	Ecclesiastes 9-12	Aug. 7	Isaiah 32-37
July 31	Song of Sol. 1-8	Aug. 8	Isaiah 38-42
Aug. 1	Isaiah 1-4		

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, July 26

8:30 a.m. Worship—Worship Center
9:30 a.m. Library Open
9:50 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship—Worship Center
6:00 p.m. SSN—*Mission Romania*—Great Room

Tuesday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 29

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Livewire Experience
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, July 30

5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study—Seminar Room

Saturday, August 1

6:00 p.m. Student Extreme Week

Sunday, August 2

8:30 a.m. Worship—Worship Center
9:30 a.m. Library Open
9:50 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship—Worship Center
6:00 p.m. SSN—*Community Cookouts*

Monday, August 3

6:00 a.m. First Monday Prayer
10:00 a.m. VanStone Group
6:00 p.m. Student Extreme Week

Tuesday, August 4

10:00 a.m. Ministries of Outreach/Card Writing
6:00 p.m. Student Extreme Week

Wednesday, August 5

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Livewire Experience
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursday, August 6

5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study—Seminar Room

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Early Childhood Department

We have immediate openings in our Preschool Sunday School. Currently there are positions open for teachers in the one-year-olds class. If you would like to be involved, please contact Lisa Crowell or Justin Wainscott at 442-2728, for more information.

2009-2010 Sunday School Opportunities

Are you interested in changing the life of a child? Teaching Sunday School is a great way to start. The new school year is upon us. Contact Christi Perkins at 442-6038, ext. 217, if you want to receive a blessing.

Flower Delivery

We are looking for people who would be willing to deliver flowers to nursing home residents on Mondays. If you are interested in being a part, please contact Sue Clark at 443-9984, Joanne Farr at 442-1844, or Tommy Tucker at 442-2728.

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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

7:30- 8:30 a.m. - FBC Music (Taped)
8:30- 9:30 a.m. - Early Worship Service (Live)
10:00-10:45 a.m. - Chapel Bible Class (Live)
10:45-11:00 a.m. - FBC Music (Taped)
11:00-12:00 a.m. - Late 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 a.m. - Morning Service (Taped)

Channel 6:

Sunday Morning Schedule

11:00-12:00 - Sunday Morning Worship Service
(Tape Delayed from Previous Week)

Financial News

July 12, 2009

Budget Received: \$45,659.22
Designations: \$868.36

July 19, 2009

Budget Received: \$34,409.63
Designations: \$1,115.00

Totals to Date:

Total Budget Received: \$1,174,146.82
Total Budget Required: \$1,393,204.66
Total Designations: \$93,636.48

Sunday School Attendance

July 12—711

July 19—633

Menu

Wednesday Night Meals

July 29

Poppy seed chicken, buttered corn, green peas, roll, tossed salad, and assorted desserts.

August 5

Chicken fettuccini alfredo, Italian vegetables, green beans, garlic toast and assorted desserts.

Children's Menu Available upon Request

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