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## From the Pastor

Each Sunday morning, First Baptist Church stands for the reading of God's Word. This corporate time of reading the Word together is one of my favorite times of the entire week. During this time, we stand united, looking to our God and acknowledging our submission and allegiance to His Holy Word.

As your Pastor, it is my particular joy upon reading the Word to lead us in expressing our common belief in the truth that *"All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flower of the field."* Moreover, how wonderful it is to hear the powerful chorus of our church responding together that *"The grass withers and the flower falls, but the Word of God stands forever."*

This tradition of expressing our confidence in the Word of God is invaluable. One of our deacons emailed me several weeks ago and told me that his family was at the supper table one evening, and his young son blurted out "OLD men are like grass...." Priceless! I immediately chuckled and thought, "Well, he may not have it exactly right yet, but those little people out there *are* listening!"

Why do we do this each week? Why do we stand for the reading of God's Word? Todd, why do you say that same thing each week, and why do we join you in saying it?

There are certainly more, but here are four reasons:

### The Word of God is God's Word.

The Bible is indeed a book like any other. However, it is also a book like no other. Just like other books, it was written by human beings, but those human beings who wrote Scripture wrote under the inspiration of God Himself. So, while the Bible is a book of man's words, it is also a book of God's Words. While the unique personalities of the writers were certainly maintained, these writers were led by God to write the very things that God desired (2 Peter 2:21).

The Bible does not simply contain the Word of God. The Bible *is* the Word of God.

As the *Baptist Faith and Message* asserts, "The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation."

Indeed, "All Scripture is breathed out by God..." (2 Timothy 3:16).

When we read the Word of God, we hear from God Himself. God speaks through the Word that He has already spoken. The Word of God is God's revelation of Himself to us, and for that reason, we regularly join with the Psalmist who prayed "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law" (Psalm 119:18).

### The Word of God is our ultimate authority.

We do not worship the Bible, but we do worship The One Who has spoken to us, and we understand that to hear and obey the Word of God is the same as hearing and obeying God Himself. We understand that submission to the Word of God is submission to God.

There are certainly differences among us. Each of us thinks differently, speaks differently, and behaves differently. However, we are united in our common belief that God is God, that He has sent His Son, Jesus the Christ, as the Savior of the world, and that He has

spoken and continues to speak through His Word which He has graciously given to us. In our gatherings, we find ourselves united in our common submission to God's revelation.

### The Word of God is our greatest need.

Where would we be if God had not spoken to us? In His grace and mercy, God has revealed Himself to us, and He has communicated His expectations to us.

God commanded Joshua, "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success" (Joshua 1:8). We realize the importance of God's Word in our homes when we read Deuteronomy 6:6-9—"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Faith comes to us though our hearing of the Word (Romans 10:17). Jesus prayed, asserting that our sanctification as His followers comes by means of the truth.

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**"Why do we stand for the reading of God's Word?"**

### **The Word of God is to be read publicly.**

In encouraging Timothy to provide godly leadership to the church, the Apostle Paul commanded Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Indeed, we agree with the 18<sup>th</sup> century hymn writer, John Keith, who wrote, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent word! What more can He say than to you He hath said—To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?"

In the coming weeks you will hear about new Bibles being provided for our worship gatherings and our prayer meeting. In addition to having the opportunity to ensure that all who come to First Baptist Church will be able to worship with a Bible in their hands, you will also have the opportunity to honor loved ones through your provision of new Bibles.

*The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces* (Psalm 119:72).

I'll see you Sunday with a Bible in your hand!

Revelation 22:21,

Todd Brady  
Pastor

## **Upcoming Events @ FBC**

### **Doug and Debra Crawley**

Please join us Sunday morning, February 17, as Doug and Debra Crawley take part in our 11:10 service. Doug is a former Minister of Music at First Baptist Church and is currently serving as Minister of Music at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC.

### **Read the Bible Through in 2008**

February 9	Leviticus 22-23	February 17	Numbers 10-11
February 10	Leviticus 24-25	February 18	Numbers 12-13
February 11	Leviticus 26-27	February 19	Numbers 14-15
February 12	Numbers 1-2	February 20	Numbers 16-18
February 13	Numbers 3-4	February 21	Numbers 19-20
February 14	Numbers 5-6	February 22	Numbers 21-22
February 15	Numbers 7	February 23	Numbers 23-25
February 16	Numbers 8-9		

### **Billy Graham Library Trip**

Those who have signed up to visit the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC, from April 21 to April 24 should have their final payment in to the church office by Sunday, March 9, 2008. For further information, contact Christi Perkins at the church office, 442-2728.



## **Women's Ministry**

### **HEART 2 HEART Coffee Kickoff**

*Women's Mentoring Ministry* February 23, 2008

Women are called to mentor each other according to Titus 2:3-5. This new ministry asks God to match women in one-on-one, encouraging, supportive friendship relationships. If you believe you would like to be a mentor, be mentored, or would simply like more information, please join us for a Coffee Kickoff on Saturday, February 23, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Childcare will be available. You must attend this meeting in order to be paired with another woman. For more information, please call Ramona Milles at (270) 217-9900, or you may email to bowinprayer@yahoo.com.

### **Romans, Part 3** (Precept Upon Precept)

*Thursday evenings:* 6:00-8:30 p.m. January 17 through March 6

### **Sunday Nights**

If you can't attend either DaySpring or Nightwatch, we offer the video and small group discussions on Sunday nights at 4:45 p.m.

*Beginning February 7:*

### **Living Free** by Beth Moore (MOPS)

*Thursday mornings:* 9:30-11:30 a.m.

February 7 through April 3

*Living Free* combines content from *Breaking Free* and *Praying God's Word* and applies those concepts to our lives. In this study, Beth shows how focusing on God's grace, praying God's Word, and Bible study can help develop a Godward focus. *Cost: \$13*

*Beginning February 21:*

### **Stepping Up: A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent** by Beth Moore

February 21 through April 3, 2008

*DAYSRING* *Thursday mornings:* 9:30-11:30 a.m.

*NIGHTWATCH* *Thursday evenings:* 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

This is Beth Moore's new study on fifteen treasured Psalms. Let's join her and take an in-depth look into unity, joy and gratitude, redemption, repentance, and much more. *Cost: \$15*

## **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.

## **Children's Ministry**

### **VBS Directors Needed**

We are looking for volunteers willing to fulfill three key leadership roles: Overall VBS Director, Preschool VBS Assistant Director and Elementary VBS Assistant Director. If you are interested, please contact Hutch Hutcheson, Balinda Hudson, or Jim Ewing at 442-2728. **Dates for this year's Vacation Bible School are June 23 through June 27.**

## **Preschool Ministry**

### **Preschool Registration for 2008-2009**

Beginning Wednesday, February 27, FBC members may enroll their children for Preschool, Mother's Day Out, and Preschool Pals. Open enrollment for the community will begin Thursday, February 28. Enrollment on both days will be from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Preschool Welcome Center. For more information regarding these programs or concerning registration, please call the Preschool Office at 444-0273.

## First Sports

### Aerobics Classes

STEP+ meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:15 p.m. and involves step aerobics, circuit training and Pilates. STEP/CIRCUIT meets Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and involves step aerobics and circuit training. The cost per semester for STEP+ is \$25 and for STEP/CIRCUIT is \$15. Free childcare is provided at the church during class time. For more information, contact the church office or visit our website.

### Second Annual Men's Spring Golf Trip

The second annual Men's Golf Trip is scheduled for April 25-26, 2008. The trip includes hotel accommodations for 2 nights, as well as 3 rounds of golf at Capital Hill in Prattville, Alabama (The Judge, The Senator, and The Legislator). The total cost for the trip is \$350; a deposit of \$175 is due by Sunday, February 17. See Jeremy Hudgin for more information.

## Miscellaneous News

### Suggested Reading from the FBC Library

If you are looking for something to read when the weather has you indoors, here are some suggestions from the FBC Library: *Heartbeat*; *Joy Breaks: 90 Devotions to Celebrate, Simplify, and Add Laughter to Your Life*; *Graffiti*; *Seeking the Kingdom: Devotions for the Daily Journey of Faith*; *Intense Moments with the Savior* and *52 Ways to Make This Your Best Year Yet*. The Library is open at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning.

### Welcome New Members

#### By Statement:

Christi and Michael Wilson  
271 Brookfield Drive  
Paducah, KY 42001

### Birth Announcements

A daughter born to Mike and Courtney Leneave on January 14, 2008. Her name is Audrey Grace.

A daughter born to Gene and Lisa Reaney on January 24, 2008. Her name is Macy Jane.

### Special Gifts

A gift has been received by the church in honor of Don and Judy Askew. Memorial gifts have been received for Rita Morgan's mother and Shannon Stivers' grandmother, and Marilyn Chapman's nephew.

### 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 a washer & dryer, refrigerator, beds and mattresses of all sizes, nightstand, bookcase, dresser, love seat, couch, chair, coffee and end tables, baby changing table, lamps, dishes, pans, towels, sheets and blankets. Please call Colla Ro at 442-3725 if you can help with this ministry.

### February Bus Driver

Larry Heavrin—270-898-6056

### 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 June and July, 2008. For more information, contact Larry Heavrin at 898-6056 or the church office at 442-2728.

## Thank You Notes

We want to thank you for your prayers for our daughter, Emi, during her recent eye surgery. Her surgery and recovery have gone very well.

*Bryan and Inda Stewart*

Thanks so much to the pastors and members of First Baptist Church for the prayers, visits, cards, calls and foods. This past year has been very hard and I couldn't have gotten through without God and YOU! I am so glad to be part of First Baptist Church of Paducah.

*Janice Padgett*

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, February 10

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  
4:30 p.m. "The Truth Project"  
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, February 11

9:00 a.m. Fit For Life Exercise Class  
1:00 p.m. Marie Jester Group

### Tuesday, February 12

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

### Wednesday, February 13

6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity  
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, February 14

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

### Friday, February 15

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

### Saturday, February 16

9:00 a.m. Upward Basketball  
5:00 p.m. 55+ Event—Evening with the Crawleys

### Sunday, February 17

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  
4:30 p.m. "The Truth Project"  
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. Deacons' Meeting

### Monday, February 18

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

### Tuesday, February 19

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

### Wednesday, February 20

6:00 a.m. Men's Fraternity  
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, February 21

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

### Friday, February 22

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

### Saturday, February 23

9:00 a.m. Upward Basketball  
10:00 a.m. Women's Mentoring Ministry —Fellowship Hall



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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

#### January 27, 2008

Budget Received: \$37,046.31  
Designations: \$3,900.00

#### February 3, 2008

Budget Received: \$49,541.41  
Designations: \$1,426.00

#### Totals to Date:

Total Budget Received: \$223,571.85  
Total Budget Required: \$227,912.87  
Total Designations: \$12,533.33

### Sunday School Attendance

January 27—738

February 3—742

### Menu

#### Wednesday Night Meals

##### February 13

Lasagna, Italian vegetable blend or green beans, garlic bread, tossed salad, assorted desserts

##### February 20

Vegetable beef soup, pimento cheese or chicken salad sandwich, tossed salad, assorted desserts

*Children's Menu Available upon Request*

### LifeLine Deadline

The deadline for items to be submitted for the next Lifeline is February 15, 2008.  
You may e-mail your items to [cperkins@fbcpaducah.org](mailto:cperkins@fbcpaducah.org)