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Worship Service Times

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

*Morning Service
Broadcast on WJLT
(105.3 FM) at 10:00 am
and on Channel 72
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.*

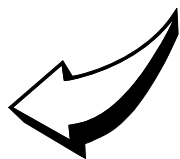
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Minister on Call
685-3681

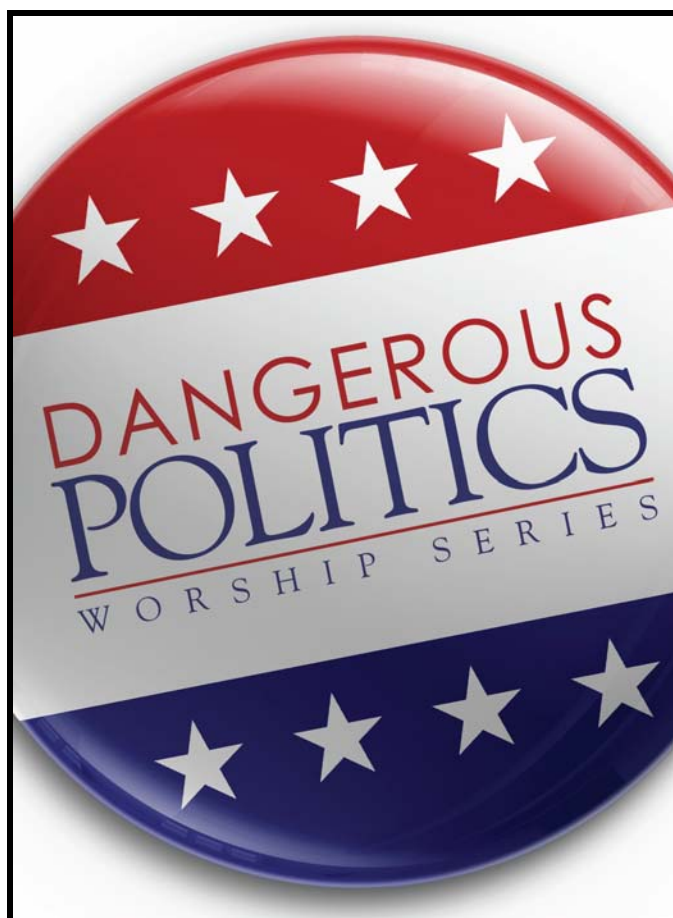
October 13-20
Wesley Dunn

October 20-27
Suzie Horner

See inside
this issue for
more exciting
news about the
Church.



New Worship Series
October 19 through November 2



During an election year, politics take center stage with the public. As followers of Jesus Christ we have a responsibility and a privilege to be involved in the political process by electing leaders for our country. To be involved politically as Christians can be dangerous; however, you might be interested to know that Jesus Christ did not remove Himself from the politics of His day. As a matter of fact, He was very involved and the leaders believed He was dangerous to their political agenda. As we examine the life of Jesus and His "Dangerous Politics" we will learn how we as believers can appropriately demonstrate our convictions.

The Safety of Fear

By Mike Yaconelli

The tragedy of modern faith is that we no longer are capable of being terrified. We aren't afraid of God, we aren't afraid of Jesus, we aren't afraid of the Holy Spirit. As a result, we have ended up with a need-centered gospel that attracts thousands...but transforms no one.

What happened to the bone-chilling, earth-shattering, gut-wrenching, knee-knocking, heart-stopping, life-changing fear that left us speechless, paralyzed, and helpless? What happened to those moments when you and I would open our Bibles and our hands started shaking because we were afraid of the Truth we might find there? Barclay tells us that the word used in the Bible for "Truth" has three meanings—a word used to describe a wrestler grabbing an opponent by the throat; a word meaning to flay an animal; and a word used to describe the humiliation of a criminal who was paraded in front of a crowd with a dagger tied to his neck, its point under his chin so he could not put his head down. That is what the Truth is really like! It grabs us by the throat, it flays us wide open, it forces us to look into the face of God. When is the last time you and I heard God's Truth and were grabbed by the throat?

Unfortunately, those of us who have been entrusted with the terrifying, frightening, Good News have become obsessed with making Christianity safe. We have defanged the tiger of Truth. We have tamed the Lion, and now Christianity is so sensible, so accepted, so palatable.

Who is afraid of God anymore?

We are afraid of unemployment, we are afraid of our cities, we are afraid of the collapse of our government, we are afraid of not being fulfilled, we are afraid of AIDS, but we are not afraid of God.

I would like to suggest that the Church become a place of terror again; a place where God continually has to tell us, "Fear not"; a place where our relationship with God is not a simple belief or doctrine or theology, it is God's burning presence in our lives. I am suggesting that the tame God of relevance be replaced by the God whose very presence shatters our egos into dust, burns our sin into ashes, and strips us naked to reveal the real person within. The Church needs to become a gloriously dangerous place where nothing is safe in God's presence except us. Nothing—including our plans, our agendas, our priorities, our politics, our money, our security, our comfort, our possessions, our needs.

The two men on the road to Emmaus knew they had been with Jesus because their "hearts burned from within." The impotence of today's Church, the weakness of Christ's followers, and the irrelevance of most parachurch organizations is directly related to the lack of being in the presence of an awesome, holy God, who continually demands allegiance only to Him—not to our churches, our organizations, or our theology.

We believe in a God who wants all of us—every bit of us—and He wants us all the time. He wants our worship and our love, but most of all He wants us to trust Him. We have to be more in awe of God than we are of our government, more in awe of God than we are of our problems, more in awe of God than we are of our beliefs about abortion, more in awe of God than we are of our doctrines and agendas. Our God is perfectly capable of calming the storm or putting us into the middle of one. Either way, if it's God, we will be speechless and trembling.

Our world is tired of people whose God is tame. It is longing to see people whose God is big and holy and frightening and gentle and tender...and ours; a God whose love frightens us into His strong and powerful arms where He longs to whisper those terrifying words, "I love you."


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Calendar of Activities

- Thursday, October 16**
 CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
 6:30 p.m.....Men's Fastbreak BB
- Friday, October 17**
 CLC open 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 18**
 CLC open 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 19**
 CLC Closed
 Library open 9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
 8:30 a.m.....Morning Worship
 9:45 a.m.....Bible Study
 11:00 a.m.....Morning Worship
 5:00 p.m.....K-12 Choirs
 6:00 p.m.....Evening Service
 7:00 p.m.....Deacons' Meeting
- Monday, October 20**
 CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
 9:00 a.m.....Zumba
 10:15 a.m.....Strength Training
 6:00 p.m.....Upward Evaluation
- Tuesday, October 21**
 CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
 6:00 a.m.....Promise Keepers
 5:15 p.m.....Zumba
 6:00 p.m.....Upward Evaluation
 6:30 p.m.....Ladies Bible Study
- Wednesday, October 22**
 CLC open 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 9:30 a.m.....Ladies Bible Study
 4:45 p.m.....Family Supper
 5:30 p.m.....TeamKid & Orchestra
 6:00 p.m.....Bible Study & Youth
 6:15 p.m.....Celebration Choir
 7:15 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir

Children's Ministry



Fall is here and winter is just around the corner. Please help the Children's Ministry spread Christian warmth to others by donating your New or Like New coats. For more information please contact Suzie in the church office (683-3505).

TRUNK OF TREATS

Wednesday, October 29
 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 Back parking lot

For children
 birth through 5th grade

**FUNNY CREATIVE COSTUMES...
 NOTHING SCARY PLEASE!**

If you would like to help, drop off your individually wrapped candy in the collection bins at the entrance to the Preschool Area or in the Adult Sunday School Departments. We are also needing cars in the parking lot to use for the trunk of treats. You may sign up either at the Pre-school desk or by calling Suzie in the office.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

He Speaks to Me

by Priscilla Shirer

Wednesday Nights

6:00-7:00

Located in the room
 across from the library

Business Meeting

Discussion of the
 2009 Budget
 Sunday, October 26 after the
 Evening Worship Service.

Check out our website at
www.fbcowb.org
 for contact information,
 programs, resources
 calendar of events,
 Wednesday night supper
 menu, and more...

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
 Friday: 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Newsletter information
 must be submitted
 in writing no later than
 Friday at 9:00 a.m.
 for the following
 week's newsletter.

You may fax your
 information (683-8067)
 or email it to
 myoung@fbcowb.org.

Ministry Reports

Sunday, October 5, 2008

Sunday School..... 604
 Nursing Home 32
 Jail..... 55
Total..... 691
D.T. Total..... 470

Our Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements: \$47,532.45
 Weekly Budget Offering:\$57,165.22
 Designated:\$ 3,957.06
 STV Offering:.....\$ 326.00
 FOM Offering:\$ 1,171.25
Total Offering:.....\$62,619.53
 Budget Goal to Date:\$1,901,298.00
 Budget Offering to Date:.....\$1,733,898.80
Amount Under:\$ 167,399.20
 YTD STV Offering\$22,670.45
 YTD FOM.....\$49,193.11

In the Hospital...

David Atherton and Nancy Leazenby (Louisville).

Sympathy...

Christian love and sympathy to Deanna and Chet Kaminski in the death of Michael Lanham, brother and brother-in-law respectively; and Chris Kluck and April Chenault in the death of their father, **James Kluck**.

Congratulations...

John and Melissa Yates on the birth of their son, **Cooper Ralph**. *Grandparents are Jerry and Jean Byrd; and Brad and Kelli Jennings* on the birth of their daughter, **Kendall Grace**. *Grandparents are Don and Vicki Cecil*.

Christian Women Connecting...

Attention all young adult ladies and women of the church (18 and older)

Saturday, November 1

Touring Historic Newburg

Downtown sightseeing, shopping and lunch at a fun café
 Meet in the back parking lot at 9:30 am to leave by church van
 Call Pam Brown (929-2333)
 or Sarah Ford (685-1521) to sign up



Tuesday, December 2

Lottie Moon Christmas Tea

2:00-5:00 pm at Debbie Taylor's home

Sponsored by the Women's Ministry of First Baptist Church