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A Word From Our Pastor

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.

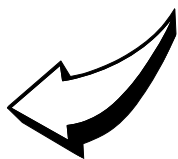
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Minister on Call 685-3681

August 3-10
Bob Farmer

August 10-17
Paul Strahan

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this issue for
more exciting
news about the
Church.



I'VE BEEN THINKING!

I realize the statement you've just read may be a bit frightening for some but nonetheless, I have been thinking. Let me share some of those thoughts with you.

Economy, the budget, and a spirit of "woe"...

Our country has been battling a depressed economy for more than a year and no one would deny its negative impact on the housing market, jobs, retirement accounts, etc. We also are aware of the potential it has to affect the church in a negative manner. We have experienced that to some degree. I certainly am not going to put my head in the sand but at the same time **I am eternally optimistic** because of our Great God! It is human nature and human tendency, when much of the news we hear is not positive to join the pity party of how bad things are and will become. We must be realistic however; we must not give in to the secular way of looking at the present and certainly not to the future. We (Christians) are commanded to "*live by faith not sight!*" There is also a tendency to look for things we don't like or we feel are wrong when all we hear is bad news.

Two weeks ago we looked at a portion of Joseph's life of the Old Testament. Here are a few reminders about his life that would be appropriate for us today. **One is that Joseph could have joined in on the chorus of "woe is me" with many others of his day but instead chose to have a positive spirit in difficult times.** He believed Jehovah God was in charge and would meet his needs and he was right. Throughout the scriptures we continually read, "*The Lord was with him.*" May I remind you the God he served is the same God you and I serve today. What kind of spirit do you have concerning these days? Are you quick to look for problems or solutions?

Secondly, Joseph was a man who depended on God for his welfare. We, like most churches, businesses, homes, and non-profit groups are being challenged in our financial budgets. This is not surprising given the state of our economy. We must not allow these challenging times to alter our proper focus. It is so easy to begin to trust in what man can do instead of looking to our provider Jehovah-Jireh. Psalm 24 reminds us "*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.*" God has not changed or died. He is alive and more than capable of dealing with whatever comes our way. I want to encour-

age you to resist allowing this season we are in to move our focus off God. **HE IS STILL ON THE THRONE!**

Thirdly, Joseph spent two years in prison for something he did not do but lived knowing God was at work even though he could not see Him. It is easy to find and talk about how bad things are and wonder where God is in all of this. I know in my heart that God is at work even though I can't see it. Most, if not all of you, could give witness of God working in your life and you never saw it until it came to fruition. God is actively working. **Let's decide to exude a positive spirit, to depend on God, and to live with the knowledge that God is at work even when we can't see Him.**

Some good news!... People are being saved! I want to share with you some of the exciting things happening at First Baptist Church. On July 19 two young people and one adult came forward to publicly give their life to Jesus Christ. **Hunter Anne Julian, Mitchell Douglas, and Sondra Smith** all publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ with a desire to follow Him in believer's baptism. The Bible teaches that when a person comes to faith in Christ, the angels in heaven rejoice. Let's rejoice with these new believers and welcome them into our family of faith.

Habitat for Humanity! We are in the process of building a new home partnering with Habitat for Humanity. This will be the seventh home First Baptist Church has sponsored. **Mike Buskill** is the superintendent for the construction and would welcome any assistance from our membership. Our staff is going to spend at least one day on site helping to build this home. **Virgil Barker** has built a website called "FBC-HABITAT 2009" which allows you to see, through pictures the work being done. Here is the link <http://fbchabitat2009.shutterfly.com>.

Missionaries are home and being sent out!

You should know by now that the Gray's are stateside and are in Owensboro. I will be sitting down with them to make plans for their involvement at FBC while home and our partnership with them when they return. We are also sending out missionaries. **Matt, Rachel, and Addie Mason** have been sent to Memphis to minister at the Bellevue Baptist Church. They will always be a part of First Baptist Church. Praise God for allowing us to participate in the Great Commission of sending, receiving, and going.

One Month to Live! Some of you have heard bits and pieces concerning this emphasis. We are joining Bellevue and Owensboro Christian to conduct this emphasis in our churches beginning

in September. Each church will be preaching and teaching this study at the same time but independently. There will be a kick off service at the Riverpark where we will all be together on Sunday evening, September 13. This emphasis has tremendous potential for our churches and our community. Here is the overall theme; **"If you had only one month to live, what would you change and how would you live?"** MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON!

Our budget numbers! The facts are, we are behind on our budget but that is not unusual for this time of year. Granted we are further behind than normal but our outgo compared with our income is not out of line. A budget is a guide and we do not, nor will we, spend our budget this year. God has been good and our **Finance Committee** has done a tremendous job keeping us in check. **You, (our members)** have been very faithful in these difficult days to give and it is much appreciated. This is not something to be negative about, cautious, yes, but certainly not negative. It is a wonderful opportunity to watch God work, so let's trust Him.

Help is being given to many! Even though times are hard, spending is light, giving is down, we have been privileged to help a number of people financially. **We (FBC)** have provided funds for food, lodging, utility bills, and mortgage payments to a number of people. Some have been church members and some have been strangers. The good news is that God has given us the resources and privilege to help people when they have needed it most. **Thanks again to you** for being faithful in giving to the Lord through the local church. Many others have been helped through Sunday school classes and personal donations. As people are being helped the doors are being opened to share the gospel with many. It is good news that God's people are being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ today.

A whole lot of ministry is being done! I am taking a risk by naming some of these knowing full well I will miss some. So I am asking for **forgiveness** now and will add those brought to my attention after this is written. The people you see on these lists are **volunteers, not paid, but serve the Lord because they love Him.** Here are a few, but certainly not all, who are making a difference for the Kingdom of God. I hope to share more in the days ahead.

The Jail Ministry: Tom Turner, Mattie Jones, Terry Disney, Debbie Taylor and Jean Byrd.

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Church Office Hours

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

Sunday School Promotion August 9, 2009

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.

Pastor's Article Continued...

Wednesday Grounds Crew Ministry:

There are two groups of men who come to the Church on Wednesdays and take care of the grounds. **Luther Beatley, Larry Bruce, Lee Roberts, Howard Peyton, Gene Ray Edds, Mickey Walker, and Bill Spurrier.**

Flowers distributed to shut-ins on Monday Ministry: **Mary Alice Riherd, Ethel Jagoe, and Ruth Gillaspie.**

New Life Church Ministry: **Steve and Judy Marshall, Jim and Barbara Ruth, Larry and Edna Bruce, George Hunt, Lee Roberts, Dorothy Kanipe, Tim Taylor, Terry and Phil Disney, Gerry Jones, Mike and Phyllis Buskill, Bob Farmer and the Happy Hearts SS class. The Student Ministry has also been ministering once a month at New Life.**

Our Music/Media/Sound ministry: These men and women keep the sound, lights and projections going on Sunday. By the way have you seen all the buttons and knobs they are responsible for? **Betty Ruth Jackson, Dinah Yates, Chip Brown, Roxi Witt, Walter Atherton, Carolyn Roberts, Don Beard, Joe Wilk, Dustin Brown, Chris Spurrier, Wendell Shreve, and Jason McGuffin (part-time paid staff).**

Prayer Garden upkeep Ministry: **Mary Alice Riherd, Dr. Morris and Linda Byrd, Linda Knight, Ethel Jagoe, Ed Allen, Sylvia Jones, Lee Roberts, and Pam Russell.**

Promise Keepers Ministry: A group of men who meet every Tuesday morning here at the Church for Bible study and prayer.

Sunday School Ministry: **Larry Sansom** is our director and doing a fantastic job of leading our Sunday School. He is passionate and has a deep desire to see us grow in our small group Bible study. There are scores of **SS teachers, assistants, and helpers** who make Sunday morning a meaningful hour of Bible study and fellowship.

The following groups are paid by FBC and most are part-time. They don't work

just for a check; they perform a great ministry.

Our Administrative Assistants: These ladies often go above and beyond the call of duty. **Sherry Kasinger, Michele Young, Brenda Willis, Susan Taylor and Heather Wood. Youth Interns: Meaghan Garrett and Beth Ewing. Music Assistants: Martha Waller, Linda Waller, and Meggan Clark. Our Ministry Support Staff: Nathan Maxwell, Suzanne Kluck, Cindy McComas, Anita Newman, Pam Russell, Meredith Walls, Pam Russell, Barbara Reynolds, Beth Reynolds, Connie Fleischmann, Lori Edge, and Judy Wedding. Our Maintenance Staff: Steve Jackson, Brad Davis, and Brandley Kundert. Our Ministerial Staff: Bob Farmer, Mark Slaughter, Suzie Horner, Wes Dunn, Becky Mobley, and Matt Mason (now former staff).**

These are some reasons, **along with hundreds of people who make up the membership of FBC**, I can say with confidence, **"I am eternally optimistic."** To all of the naysayers and joy killers concerning the economy, the present state of our country, and even the church, I say "God is not surprised, shocked, or silent!" He has known all along what would transpire and the remedy has not changed. God said *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

I close with the words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth when he said; *"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"*

I Love HIM and I love you! Paul

Calendar of Activities

Thursday, August 6

CLC open 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday, August 7

CLC open 6:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m.Finance Meeting

Saturday, August 8

CLC open 9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.

Sunday, August 9

CLC Closed

Library open 9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.Morning Worship

Sunday School Promotion

9:45 a.m.Bible Study

11:00 a.m.Morning Worship

6:00 p.m.Evening Worship

Monday, August 10

CLC open 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11

CLC open 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

6:00 a.m.Promise Keepers

Wednesday, August 12

CLC open 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

4:45 p.m.Family Supper

5:30 p.m.Orchestra

6:00 p.m.Bible Study & Youth

6:00 p.m.SS Review, Parlor

6:15 p.m.Celebration Choir

7:05 p.m.Sanctuary Choir

Children's Ministry Information

We need you to help in the Children's Ministry during Sunday School and on Wednesday nights.

On Sundays we are needing 8 workers in various classes in both the Preschool and Children's Areas. On Wednesday nights we will need 22 workers for our TeamKid program. The van ministry needs 6 drivers and 6 riders to help them, each Wednesday. 4 volunteers are needed to eat with the children for approximately 45 minutes before TeamKid.

Each ministry is a vital part of First Baptist's witness to the children and their families of our community. Please pray that the needed workers will be in place so that we can continue these ministries throughout this year.

Children's Back to School Bash

Yes, it is that time again for school to start but here is something to cheer you up. FBC will be having a back to school bash in the back church parking lot on Wednesday, August 19, from 5:00-7:00. All children from toddler age up through 5th grade are welcome to join in on the fun. There will be inflatables, a cake walk, face painting and much, much more. Come and have some fun with us!!

Mission Friends, TeamKid and Choir

Resumes on August 26

Wednesday night choir and Mission Friends for ages 3-4 and TeamKid for grades Kindergarten - 5th Grades.

For further information contact Suzie at 683-3505.

Ministry Reports

Sunday, July 26, 2009

Sunday School.....554
Nursing Home.....35
Jail.....72
Total.....661
DT.....225

Our Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements:\$49,293.88
Weekly Budget Offering:\$28,325.78
Designated:\$ 100.00
STV Offering:.....\$ 170.00
FOM Offering:\$ 5105.00
Total Offering:\$29,110.78
Budget Goal to Date:..... \$1,478,816.40
Budget Offering to Date:...\$1,194,564.89
Amount Under:\$ 284,251.51
YTD STV Offering\$ 9,971.75
YTD FOM.....\$ 49,129.77

In the Hospital...Julie Mitchell, Dorothy Hawthorne, Peggy Bivin, and Linda Waller.

Sympathy...Christian love and sympathy to Clyde Willis and family in the death of his wife, **Joan Willis.**

Flowers...The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are given by Leo Head to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Peggy Ann Head.

Congratulations...Brandon and Sarah (Mobley) Berryhill who were married on August 1. *Sarah is the daughter of John and Becky Mobley; and Chris and Lindsey (Miller) Rhoads* on the birth of their son, **Bennett Christopher.** *Grandparents are Jim and Donna Miller.*