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Pastor's Heart

Are you ready to encounter God? Last week we spoke of both the barriers and the bridges to that encounter. Worship begins with your settled *intention* to worship. Determine now that you intend to hear God this morning.

Worship proceeds with *confession*. Take time right now to ask God to inspect your heart. Confess to Him any fault the Spirit reveals to you. Be specific, just as He is specific with you. Prepare your heart.

Expect God to show up in worship, after all He did promise that He would. When you worship with expectancy you are more in tune with His presence. You anticipate His words to you. You look for His movement in your heart.

Worship is *participation*. Real worship is not a static event but an activity that involves your total being. Listen, sing, pray, feel, watch, and believe. Then you will truly worship.

The wonder of a deep encounter with God comes as you are *persistent* in your habit of worship. God will meet you every week, but the major movements of God in your soul will come as you settle your path, as you determine you will be present in weekly intentional worship.

Intention: Plan of Encounter
Confession: Preparation of the Heart
Expectation: Preparation of the Soul
Participation: Presence of the Spirit
Persistence: Tenacity of Faith

In His Love,
 Pastor Randy

G•R•O•W

Wednesday, March 5

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Mission Opportunities

VBS Preview
 Wednesday, March 5
 5:00-6:30 p.m.
 Room 145

Immediate Need
 The toddler class (18-24 months) needs one Sunday school teacher. If you are interested, please contact Chris Masters or Ann Hertzfeldt.

Soles 4 Souls
 Today is the last day the night time WMU group is collecting new or nearly new shoes to send to needy people in the United States and around the world. We need infant to adult sizes — dressy, casual or flip flops. Please place your donation in the boxes at the church entrances.

Today
 Disaster Relief Trip to Chalmette, Louisiana information meeting
 12:15 p.m.
 Old Chapel

Sisters in Grace
 Join the Sisters in Grace ladies' Sunday school class on a 16-week journey of Beth Moore's *A Heart Like His*. The study begins today at 9:30 in Room 143.

New Median Adult Class
 Meets in the FLC
 Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.
 Through the Bible Series
 Facilitated by Bruce & Wendy Brown & Ron & Janna Chambers



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008

8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

For your comfort and that of others, childcare is provided for children under the age of four. Children 4 years old thru kindergarten may attend children's church in room 252. An usher will be glad to direct you to the childcare ministry located on the second floor.

*If you are able, please stand as indicated.
 Hymn numbers are provided for songs found in *The Baptist Hymnal*.

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

- Call to Worship Psalm 84:1-2, 10 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- *Song of Entrance "Better Is One Day" Redman
- Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Song of Praise "O Worship the King" arr. Tomlin
- *Responsive Psalm Psalm 148:1-2, 7, 12 Dr. Nelms

*Proclamation Hymn 36 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"
 Leader: Praise the Lord.
All: Praise the Lord from the heights,
Balcony: Praise him in the heights above.
 Leader: Praise him, all his angels,
Floor: Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
 Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and maidens,
All: Praise him, old men and children.
 Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.
All: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the Lord!

- *Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
 - Testimony in Song (8:15) "On My Knees" Amanda Caudle English
 - Anthem of Assurance (10:45) "Saints Bound for Heaven" Sanctuary Choir arr. Helvey
 - *Hymn of Testimony 524 (10:45) "We're Marching to Zion" Warts/Lowry
- WE RECEIVE THE WORD**
- Sermon "An Encounter with God: Bring It On!" Dr. Adkisson
 Luke 14:23
 - *Song of Commitment "The Heart of Worship" Redman

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

- Offertory Prayer Dimas Aranda (8:15)
- Worship with Tithes and Offerings Ron Kinser (10:45)
- Offertory Music "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" arr. Colvin
 Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, piano
- *Presentation of Offering
- *Doxology 27 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUDEN
- Sharing Spiritual Decisions
- Commissioning of Missionary Team to Grenada (10:45)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

- *Statements of Affirmation
- *Departing Song 657 "Go Out and Tell" PLANO
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

- Prelude Remnant
- Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Hymn of Invocation 15 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON
- *Song of Adoration "Thou Art Worthy" Mills
- Scripture Reading
- Hymn of Testimony 147 "And Can It Be" SAGINA
- Song of Devotion "Here Is Love" Redman
- Testimony in Song Chi Rho Youth Choir
- Sermon Dr. Adkisson
- *Song of Commitment "Grace Flows Down" Giglio/Bell/Padgett
- *Offertory Prayer Van Sliger
- Offertory Music "Nothing but the Blood" arr. Coates
- Sharing Spiritual Decisions
- *Postlude Remnant

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Tom Little - Chief Deacon
Harold Garrett
Ted Jernigan
Chris Wilson
7 p.m. Phone Duty: David Overstreet

Wednesday Dinner - 03/05

Meat loaf, pinto beans, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers -03/05

5:00 – Lynn & Cliff Taylor, Don Williams, Bonnie Rivera
5:45 – Jenny Kinser, Melanie Hutcherson, Mike Shirley

Extended Session - 03/02

Bed Babies - Fran Hutchinson, Judy Miller

Creepers/Toddlers - Paul & Anya Bruner

2's - Chris & Tara Masters

3's - Ken Peterson, Marta Sliger

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$23,187.89
Difference from Goal	-\$6,037.73
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,436.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$24,623.89
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,022,896.70
Budget Gifts to Date	\$978,001.16
Difference from Goal	-\$44,895.54
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$988,297.37
Decrease from Prior Year	\$10,296.21
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$99,975.44
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,637,234.86
Total Outstanding Debt	\$1,031,447.62

Sunday School Attendance

General Officers	4
Preschool	64
Children	68
Youth	52
Adults	352
Total	540



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Remember the Source

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Associate Pastor for Administration

There are some wonderful principles in the Old Testament which apply to present-day Christians. One of these is in Deuteronomy 8:10-18. Stated in contemporary language, it says, "When you have eaten and are full, and when your cars, houses and bank accounts multiply, don't forget where it came from: Remember the Lord your God."

In truth all that we have comes from God. He determines what we will receive, whether it be money, gold, silver, houses, land, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. It all belongs to Him in the first place and He entrusts it to us. According to David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29, riches, honor, power, and wealth all come from God.

That's why there is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. Oh, we have to do our part. God's plan is not that we just sit around praying and reading the Bible all day long so that what we need to survive will miraculously drop into our hands. We're not just to pray for our "daily bread," but we're also to get up each day and work for it! That's why the Apostle Paul stated clearly, "If

anyone will not work, neither let him eat" (2 Thes. 3:10). But in reality the amount of money and wealth which we receive is determined by God. According to His divine will and knowledge He entrusts to each of us the amount which He knows will be best for us.

What should be our reaction to our financial state? Some might pray, "Dear Lord, you must have made a mistake concerning me and my finances. Please give me more money." Others might try to circumvent God's design for their lives by trying to win the lottery

or to obtain large sums of money through some other means. Mature Christians, however, will realize God's infinite wisdom far surpasses their limited perspective. They will accept with a thankful spirit what God has entrusted to them and seek to honor God by their living and by their giving.

Stewardship Verse

The amount of money we have is determined by God. "But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth."

(Deut. 8:18)

Handbell Festival



Director Betty Suiter and the Praise Ringers played at the State Handbell Festival last weekend. They received high praise from the State Handbell judge who said, "I wouldn't change a thing." Betty said this was one of the best festivals the Praise Ringers have attended. First Baptist is proud of this group and their ministry.

Bulletin Board

CHILDREN

Spring Break Trip to Aquarium

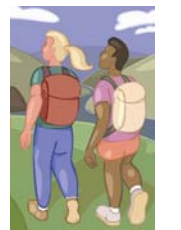
For 1st-6th grade
Chattanooga Aquarium
Thursday, March 13
Cost: \$18 adults; \$12 children
Sign up by March 3



YOUTH

Youth Spring Break Boredom Busters

Monday, March 3
Hike/Picnic/Fun
11:00 a.m.-3 p.m.
Weather permitting we'll go to Burgess Falls State Park and hike some and have fun. Bring your lunch, drinks, water, etc.



Tuesday, March 4

Day Trip to Pigeon Forge
9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
We'll enjoy The Miracle — a live musical and drama through the Bible. Cost is \$30 plus money for lunch and supper.



Wednesday, March 5

Lunch, Movie, Games
12:00-3:00 p.m.
We'll go out for lunch then come back to FBC and watch a movie.



COLLEGE

Collegiate Spring Retreat

March 14-15
New Frontiers
Dowelltown, TN
Cost: \$40 includes one night's lodging and three meals. You will need additional money for snacks.
Space is limited so sign up by March 12!



HAPPY TRAVELERS

Trip to Buttonwilla Church in Whitwell

March 4
Space is still available for this lunch trip. If you plan on going, call Sue Johnson at 372-8279 by noon on March 3. You can leave the money at the office or pay the morning we leave.



Trip to Charleston, SC

March 24-27
Cost: \$250
Enjoy a motorized guided tour of Charleston, the Boone Plantation, several meals, and free time to explore downtown. Sign up now by calling Sue Johnson at 372-8279 and pay by March 9.



Weekly Activities

Sunday, Mar. 2

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Hispanic Worship-Chapel
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 P.M. College Lunch
Grenada Training
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
Youth Bible Drill #330
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. Chi Rho Summer Tour Meeting

Monday, Mar. 3

11:00 A.M. Yth Boredom Buster
1:00 P.M. Open Gym
5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble
5:30 P.M. Deacon's Mtg.
7:00 P.M. CBS Night Bible Study

Tuesday, Mar. 4

9:30 A.M. Yth to Pigeon Forge
9:45 A.M. WOM Day Group
10:00 A.M. Happy Travelers to Whitwell
1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Wednesday, Mar. 5

12:00 P.M. Yth Boredom Buster
3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
5:00 P.M. Youth on Mission
Youth Choir
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
Youth Bible Study
7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, Mar. 6

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones
1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Friday, Mar. 7

9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Saturday, Mar. 8

12:00 P.M. 55+ Movie Social

Sunday, Mar. 9

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Hispanic Worship-Chapel
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells
5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
Youth Bible Drill #330
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship