



The Pastor's Pen

James 2:26 states, "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead." To read these words from the book of James should cause us to ask the question, "how are we individually and collectively living our faith?" Since each of us is called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, each of us should be engaged in an active faith that goes because just who we say we are, but goes to what we do.

At our church meeting in October, I had the opportunity to present to the church a new vision statement for the congregation. It is "Building, Restoring and Revitalizing Lives through Jesus Christ." This statement speaks to what it is that we as a church family see as our destiny. When we are doing what we are supposed to do, then this would be the result. This is to be internal and external to our congregation.

There are some things that we believe need to happen as a congregation that will help us to fulfill this vision. In order for us to get there it will be important to have members of our congregation participating in strategy sessions that will be held in the near future. We are asking members to sign up between now and December 10 expressing which strategy session is of your interest. Your input will help us as a congregation to ensure that we feel the pulse of the congregation to fulfill the vision.

There are four strategy session areas: Outreach, Christian Education, Congregation Care and Community Care. In the strategy sessions the members of each group will recommend the ministry activities consistent with the vision and the group's purpose. Persons from the discipleship training team will be facilitating the strategy sessions. Let me share briefly the intent of each group.

Outreach – facilitated by Derrick Howard, Tequila Johnson, Benita Lynch. This group will focus on how we can reach people within, at least, a two-mile radius of our building. The activities may or may not be at our location. We want others beyond our four walls to know and experience the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Christian Education – facilitated by Joe Ella Darby, Adrienne Fancher, Anita Greene. This group will find effective ways to engage 100% of the congregation in some form(s) of Christian Education. Again, not all of the activities would have to be in our building, but wherever we can meet the needs and interests of people. These activities will be designed to help people wherever they are in their faith to mature as Christians.

Congregational Care – facilitated by Sebastian Daughtdrill, George Hill, Felecia Johnson. This group will address matters internal to the congregation that ministers to the needs of the membership. This will look to minister to all demographics (generational, gender, etc.) currently within the congregation in order to strengthen our relationships with God and each other.

Community Care – facilitated by Richard Dinkins, David Jones, Ryann King. This group will look at ways we as a congregation need to be aware of and address issues of social justice. This may be in education, government, economics, discrimination, etc.

Let us pray that God speaks to us boldly and that we have honest conversations with each other about the place God needs us to be as we further build the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12 – 13).

Kelly M. Smith Jr.
Pastor



DECEMBER 2017

"The Early Church Proclaims Faith in Christ," has five lessons that reveal what the early leaders proclaimed about living our faith in Christ. The sessions in the book of Acts report several examples of social-welfare ministry and evangelism in spite of opposition. The book of Ephesians teaches about faith that leads to unity in the body of Christ. The Christmas session gives an account of the Wise Men who faithfully searched for the newborn King of the Jews.

December 3rd: FAITH IN JESUS

Adult Topic
Seeking Wholeness

Youth Topic
Desiring to Be Whole

Children Topic
Look at Me Now

Background Scripture: Acts 3

Key Verse: Acts 3:16 *On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

December 10th: FAITH TO DISCERN

Adult Topic
Facing Opposition

Youth Topic
Forging Ahead

Children Topic
Set Apart!

Background Scripture: Acts 13:1-12

Key Verse: Acts 13:12 *While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."*

December 17th: FAITH TO PRESERVE

Adult Topic
Preserving through Opposition

Youth Topic
Hold On

Children Topic
Jum;oiing fort Joy!

Background Scripture: Acts 14; Colossians 2:6-7

Key Verse: Acts 14:21-22 *They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.*

December 24th: FAITHFUL SEEKERS OF THE KING

Adult Topic
Giving Gifts of Honor

Youth Topic
Giving Honor

Children Topic
Wonderful Gifts

Background Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Key Verse: Matthew 2:11 *On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

December 31st: FAITH TO UNITE

Adult Topic
United We Stand

Youth Topic
United Despite Diversity

Children Topic
Stand Together

Background Scripture: Ephesians 4

Key Verse: Ephesians 4:1-3 *As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

October
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“The Face of God”
Rev. Dr. Arroll Martin
Scriptural Text: Psalm 67
Submitted by: Kathy Harrell

When we look around our world and see so much poverty, sickness, violence, and injustice, we may ask ourselves, where is God? Every day, it seems as if someone is dying at the hands of another, or worse, someone is dying at the hands of those who are sworn to protect us. And in our political arena, Executive Orders are being handed down rescinding previous policies that specifically helped the underprivileged and the impoverished. Again, we ask where is God when all around us there is a growing divide between those who have and those who have not.

As children of God, we are called to be a reflection of God, made in His image. What must others see in us as if we are to be representatives of God? What does “The Face of God” look like?

Love: God is Love

If we truly reflect the love of God, our motivations go beyond self and what’s in it for us. It is a love that causes us to serve others no matter their station in life. It is a love that compels us to minister unto the least of those that are sick and afflicted. It is a love that makes us pray for our enemies. How will others know that you are a child of God - ‘By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have *love* one to another’ (John 13:35).

Holy: God is Holy

There is no sin or evil associated with God. God is never a party to depravity. God is just and righteous. As children of God, we have been set apart, holy and acceptable to God. We have been called to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, yielding not to temptation. We may stumble, but God will not let us fall. As God is Holy, so are we to be Holy.

Compassionate: God is Compassionate

God’s greatest compassion throughout history is shown in His sacrificing of His one and only Son Jesus Christ, for our Salvation. How do we show our ‘co-sympathy’ towards one another? We are to be encouraging, uplifting, kindhearted and considerate with others. We cannot put ourselves first and must seek to help others without anticipation or expectation of reward. Compassion does not judge another’s circumstance, but prayerfully goes the extra mile to reach out and lend a helping hand.

Don’t hide The Face of God. Let it shine through in each of us that God might be glorified!

October
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“A Faith That Earns Its Keep”
Pastor Smith
Scriptural Text: James 2:14-26
Submitted by: Editorial staff

God gives us the capacity to have faith for us to put it to good use. Many are letting their faith waste away for lack of use. James tells us that our faith ought to guide us and help us to do the work God would have us to do. James states that faith without works is dead.

Point 1 – Our faith earns its keep when it is practically applied.

We call ourselves Christians because there are some assumptions that are associated with the title. But our faith has to be more than a label. It is to be put to good use.

Point 2 – Our faith earns its keep when it presses each of us towards righteousness.

Righteousness suggests that we are willing to live lives pleasing to God. Many times our faith only goes as far as asking God for things, and not realizing it means we must do things for God.

Point 3 – Our faith earns its keep when it shows vitality.

James says that just as the body without the spirit is dead, faith without deeds is dead. Maybe the reason younger generations are turning away from the faith is because they are not seeing life in the faith. Faith shows life when it addresses the issues of contemporary life and has a finger on the pulse the relevant matters. When faith shows life, people of all generations will be drawn to it.

Editor’s Note: The title and scripture reference for the October 8th sermon digest was listed incorrectly in the November 2017 Edition of The Torch. The correct title and scripture reference are “The Me Only God Knows”; Psalm 139.

November 5
“The Vitality of Our Faith”
 Pastor Smith
Scriptural Text: Hebrews 10:19-25
Submitted by: Deborah Luter

The foundation of what calls us to be a Christian is our faith. It is by faith we accept Jesus Christ, allow him to be Lord of our lives, follow him and worship him. Sometimes faith gets hit hard by life and we sometimes feel our faith will not help us. But when we come to these times we need to find a way to reclaim the vitality needed in our faith.

The writer of Hebrews was writing to a second generation of Christians who didn't have to go through the earlier struggles of the faith and had become neglectful and drifting from their faith. Every now and then our faith needs a vitality boost.

Point 1-The vitality in our faith relies on our willingness to approach God.

The Jewish tabernacle had a very special place called the Holy of Holies where they believed the presence of God resided. It was only entered once a year, and then only by the high priest. But the life, death and resurrection of Jesus cut the need for that out, and gave us an opportunity to approach God for ourselves through Jesus Christ, and not another human being.

Point 2- The vitality in our faith relies on our willingness to hold fast to hope.

The writer talks about holding unswervingly to hope we profess. Faith is what we believe. Hope is our attitude about what we believe. It is the belief that God will work things out, though our minds cannot envision how.

Point 3 – The vitality in our faith relies on our willingness to help one another.

The writer of Hebrews admonishes on how we should love and encourage each other. Many people are struggling and not sure on what they can do to hold on, and hang in there. Ecclesiastes 4:9-11 tells us of the importance we are to one another. God has placed the key to our solution within our grasp by putting people of faith in our pathways.

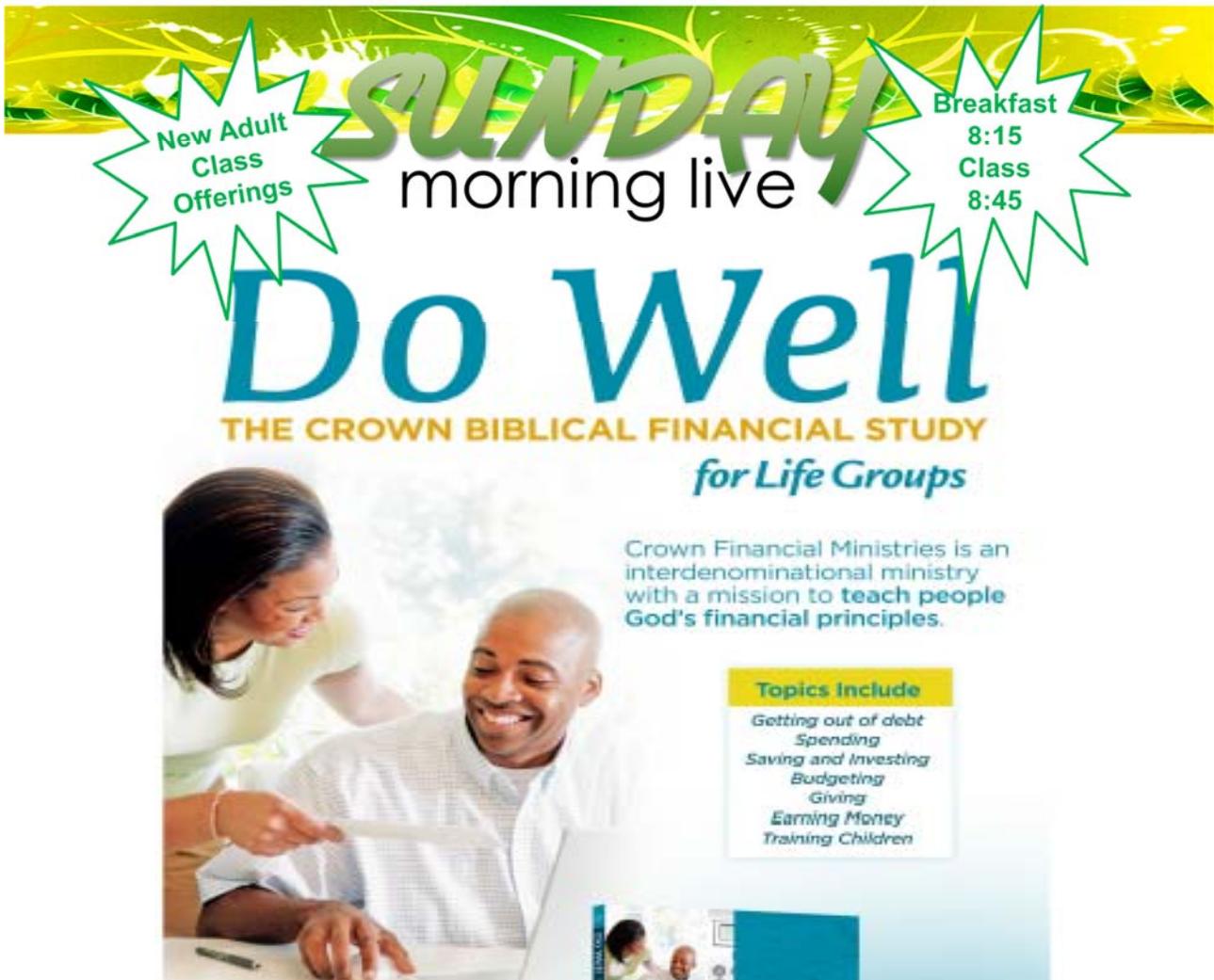
November 12
“A Living Epistle”
 Rev. Joe Ella Darby
Scriptural Text: Romans 1:1
Submitted by: Constantine Fenderson

Today is Pastor Smith's seventh anniversary at First Baptist Church Capitol Hill. Consequently, today's sermon is centered around the similarities of Paul's apostolic service to Jesus Christ and Pastor Smith's commitment to God and his service to the church. Romans 1:1 states that Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, was called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God. Paul's Epistle to the Romans was a method of explaining the Christian way of life and how to serve God. How to live as a Christian is very important. We must live more freely as children of God. Since we cannot be perfect we must be faithful to Christ, a message Pastor Smith tries to pass on to us.

Characteristics of a living Epistle include: being a willing servant, surrendering with a yes to God and a life set apart for the gospel. Paul tried to be a faithful servant of Christ. He lived his life not for himself but for Christ. He willingly lived by faith knowing that God loved him. Pastor Smith believes in following the path where faith leads. He was six years old when he was baptized and dedicated his life to be a servant of God.

Paul was willing to surrender to God's call. He was invited and summoned to be an apostle to present the gospel to the very people he persecuted. Pastor Smith, with forty three years of service to the Lord was summoned by God to be a servant at First Baptist Church Capitol Hill. He left a flourishing church to a church overridden by debt.

As a living Epistle we must be willing to be set apart for the gospel. Paul was set apart for the gospel of God. Pastor Smith was called to preach the gospel of God. As Christians we should all know our assignments. Paul knew who he was and what he was called to do. God is calling us to march to the place where we are set apart. We should be living a life to show that God is real. As living Epistles we need to be examples of love, peace and justice.



SUNDAY
morning live

New Adult Class Offerings

Breakfast 8:15
Class 8:45

Do Well

THE CROWN BIBLICAL FINANCIAL STUDY
for Life Groups



Crown Financial Ministries is an interdenominational ministry with a mission to **teach people God's financial principles.**

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- Spending
- Saving and Investing
- Budgeting
- Giving
- Earning Money
- Training Children



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CAPITOL HILL

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Worship Service
along with
Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church
Sunday, December 31st
6:00 p.m.

2018

December Deacons of the Week

If you should need pastoral assistance, contact the Deacon of the Week for assistance.

Week of	Deacon	Phone #
3 rd	Sunny Owunnah	(615) 708-1893
10 th	Ivan Davis	(615) 320-1531
17 th	Emmitt Hayes	(615) 791-4624
24 th	Ernest Dismuke	(615) 876-3522
31 st	Pamela Wood	(615) 259-0623

fall. We plan to begin with Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact Jill Jones at (404) 723-5384 or Miriam Currie (615) 948-6580 to sign up if you are willing to help.

Countdown to Christmas Ditty Bags

It's time to start collecting donations for our Prison Ministry, Nashville Rescue Mission for women and children and Homeless Adults.

Our outreach ministry for women in prison: full-size shampoos in see-through bottles, soap, tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary items, shower shoes (must be Black or Grey), folders, stationary, envelopes, stamps, greeting cards, pens and pencils, religious tracts, dictionaries (for GED program).

Gloves, scarves, hats and socks are needed for the shelters.

We will have Ditty Bags containers at both levels of the church.

Mona S. Hayes
Church Women United
Ecumenical Action Coordinator

Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Care Committee will be available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays to provide blood pressure screenings in the Frankie Pierce Lounge and on the lower level.

Help Needed!

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is in need of people who are willing to provide homework help to our children after school. Our church will begin offering homework help in all subject matters this



Children's Church convenes every 2nd and 4th Sundays (September through May) in The Chapel. Children ages 5 – 12 are welcome. Parents may pick children up downstairs after the worship service is over. To volunteer, or for questions, contact Felecia Johnson at [4th](#): or (615) 209-8035.

Praise Dance Rehearsals Wednesdays 4:30 pm– 5:30 pm (December 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th)
Hand Bell Choir Rehearsals Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th)

First Baptist Church Capitol Hill Administrative Assistant

Job Overview

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill (FBCCH) is seeking an experienced Administrative Assistant to support its ministerial staff and Church Office operations. The successful candidate provides administrative support in carrying out the operational responsibilities of the Church Office. The successful candidate performs these functions while providing a cheerful and organized atmosphere for all who enter or contact the Church, meeting the needs of staff, guests, volunteers, and congregants with care and discretion. Provides administrative support for assigned members of the Ministerial staff including scheduling appointments, meeting and travel requirements, preparing and mailing correspondence, emails, handling messages and in-coming mail; preparing reports, presentations, etc. This is a part-time hourly position averaging 24 hours per week. No benefits are offered with this position.

Qualifications

- Minimum of 2 years of experience in an executive level administrative role and/or hold a degree from an accredited institution.
- Excellent verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- Proficiency in the Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)
- Proficiency with desktop publishing, Facebook and/or web page skill a plus
- Strong organizational skills; ability to multi-task and handle requests from multiple sources
- Effective writing and editorial skills (proficient in English)
- A caring attitude, excellent people skills, high integrity and the ability to exercise strict discretion and confidentiality
- Ability and willingness to learn FBCCH's organizational structure, ministries and protocols
- Collaborates well with others

Interested applicants should forward their resumes to FBCCH.personnel@gmail.com.



Won't you join us!!! We have a number of opportunities for you to join us as we serve together at *The Hill*! There are a number of opportunities to use your gifts and passions in: teaching, administration, crafts, hospitality, organization, cooking, simply the gift of presence and more! Will you prayerfully join us in the areas listed below? If you have any interest, please email the contact persons. There are many places for you to plug in and join God at work! If you have a desire to serve and it is not listed below, please let us know!

Children's Church (2nd and 4th Sundays): Sis. Felecia Johnson (fakcjohnson@aol.com)

Room in the Inn (Dec.-Feb.): Contact Rev. Dr. Arrol Martin (arroln@aol.com)

Spiritual Renewal Week (March 2018): Bro. Henry and Sis. Esther Caudle (ehcaudle@aol.com)

Vacation Bible School (June 2018): See Rev. Joe Ella Darby (vwog15@gmail.com)

Ushering (Every Sunday): Sis. Esther Wright (esther.wight@hotmail.com) or Bro. Johnny Holmes (johnnyholmessr@yahoo.com)

Sunday Morning Live/Sunday School: Beverly Scott (bevscot.grants@gmail.com)

Wednesday Night Live: Children and Youth Edition: Rev. Joe Ella Darby (vwog15@gmail.com)

Hosting (Light reception after Sunday service and Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal): Paul Robertson (paulrobertson@peoplepc.com)

Seeing God through New Eyes

“Open my eyes that I may see...” ~Psalm 119:18a

Submitted by Joe Ella Darby, Chair of Ministry of Discipleship

When was the last time you saw or experienced God through someone else’s eyes? Seeing shining bright eyes of awe, trust, joy, desire, love, peace, etc. can be exhilarating to say the least. Well this was my experience, during my recent trip to Tanzania, East Africa, as I saw God through the eyes of Zuri Walker. Although she will have the opportunity to share her own experience at a later date, it was indeed a joy for me to experience God anew through her eyes.

As I shared in last month’s article, I’ve participated in many mission experiences. And at first, this experience seemed no different, yet it was profoundly different. This was the first time I saw someone engaged in God’s mission in a way that caused me to be overcome with emotion. I was teary-eyed as my heart was full seeing Zuri holding hands and dancing with a group of children. Her face shined with God’s glory as if it was actually God dancing with great joy and delight. Seeing God through Zuri’s eyes taught me three key lessons, transforming my sight.

1) **Expect to see God.** In preparation for the trip, Zuri would repeatedly say, “I don’t know what to expect, but I know it’s going to be good.” Zuri expected a good experience and she had a great experience, even when it was scorching hot and she needed to take a few moments to rest from the heat. With limited expectations of how things would go, Zuri was able to live in expectation of seeing God at work even in the unknown. For me, I like to know what’s going to happen and usually plan with back-up plans in mind. Since Tanzania, I have a new desire to live more from a place of expectation. I now find myself saying, like Zuri, I know things will be good! I’m learning simply to expect to see God in whatever way God chooses to be revealed. And, when I find myself heated, I am choosing to rest in God’s goodness.

2) **Keep the eyes of my heart open.** I learned from Pastor Smith, an hour before I had to teach, that I would teach James 3 in the Pastors, Deacons, and Teachers track. In my anxiousness, I began to intellectualize the teaching experience. I wanted to do well. Yet, after seeing Zuri fully present with the kids having her heart open, I prayed to have the same heart as I prepared to train the teachers the next day. I prayed to enter not just with my mind, but also with my heart open to see God. As I prayed, I felt God wanted me to engage from my heart not just from my knowledge. I’ve heard, “people don’t care what you know, until they first know you care.” As my heart was open to what God wanted to share, I could see the leaders not only connecting with God’s Word, but also connecting with God’s care for them. From their questions, I could hear their heart’s desire to learn and grow so they could be more faithful. I saw God at work.

3) **Enjoy the moment.** Too often, I think two steps pass the moment, unfortunately sometimes missing the actual moment. Each time I saw Zuri with the children, she was enjoying the moment; she even entered as a learner and full participant of the moment. She smiled widely, laughed deeply, hugged snugly, asked questions and listened intently, and even in the Zuri way, disciplined lovingly. Zuri didn’t miss the moments afforded to her...she enjoyed them. I would watch as she sat in bed every night, under her mosquito net, and wrote in her journal. She was taking it all in and savoring her experience. She reminded me of the sheer joy of joining God. I want to be more faithful to enter, learn, and savor the moments afforded me.

What about you? Imagine how different your life would be if you, like Zuri, expected to see God, kept the eyes of your heart open, and enjoyed the moment. Ask God to open your eyes so you may see what God may want to reveal to you through someone else’s eyes and experience. Choose to learn of God and see God anew.

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4: 11-16 NIV

For over a year now, I have been a member of the Discipleship Training team at First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill. During this year, my spiritual maturation grew exponentially, and as I continue my maturation, I am better equipped to be a viable vessel for Christ to others. Even though I professed my faith over twenty years ago, I did not do much to bring others to Christ. I was a stagnant vessel and not one of viability. Discipleship Training reinforced what the life mission of any Christian should be. That life mission, or Great Commission, is to bring everyone to Christ. To me, being a viable vessel for Christ allows us to carry out what Jesus charged us to do. So how can we be viable vessels for Christ as individuals and collectively as a church? I believe we can be viable vessels if we acknowledge where we currently are, plan the route to where we want to go, and commit to the plan of action.

The first step in becoming viable vessels for Christ is acknowledging where we currently are. We can do this by honestly reflecting about for whom we live our lives. Are we living for ourselves, the world, or for Christ? It is popular for us to do things to impress the world. It is convenient for us to do things for ourselves. However, it is not always easy to do things for Christ. So, where are we individually and collectively as a church? Whatever the honest answer is, we should be intentional in committing ourselves to Christ. In Luke 9:23, Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." After acknowledging where we are currently, we should do as Jesus said and deny ourselves for Him.

Secondly, in order to become viable vessels for Christ, we must plan the route to where we want to go. As individuals, our destination is clear. We must strive to live a righteous lifestyle. However, the route showing us how to live a righteous lifestyle is not always easy. Nonetheless, if we study the Word of God, we can overcome any obstacle in our route. Further, in studying the Word, we will see that Jesus gave us the instructions for our route. Jesus charged us with the Great Commission. This is the greatest responsibility we have as Christians. We are called to make disciples of all nations by affirming their belief in the Holy Trinity. We are also called to teach people to obey His commandments. This plan is not manmade; it is deific. As a church, we need to plan how we are going to effectively execute His plan. I believe we can execute the Great Commission if we improve on outreach, Christian education, congregational care, and community care. This is how our church can be a viable vessel through Discipleship.

Finally, in order to be viable vessels for Christ, we must commit to the plan of action. Committing to the plan is more than just stating the plan. We must remain prayerful and live the plan. Improving efforts in outreach, Christian education, congregational care, and community care might seem extensive, but if we commit to these areas, our church can mature into the body that Christ intended us to be. James 1:4 says, "Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." Maturation of a plan for Christ will help us grow as Christians and as a church. We should all be active in making disciples for Christ.

We, as Christians and members of First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill, have so much potential to change the world. We just have to remember to be viable and not stagnant. Building Christ up through discipleship should be our number one priority going forward. We have to be vessels that make up a body with Christ as its head.

The Christmas Season is a time of happiness, joy and peace as we think of the birth of Jesus accompanied by thanksgiving and merriment. However, the season is often a source of anxiety and depression for many who experience episodes of loneliness and grief over the absence of loved ones. Even, those who are not suffering from losses can experience stress and depression. We tend to hold great expectations of how we should feel and behave at Christmas. When those expectations are not realized, we are let down and become frustrated. Below are some tips for coping with the challenges of enjoying the holiday season.

- ✓ Keep expectations reasonable and manageable.
- ✓ Plan activities ahead of time. Schedule
- ✓ Find positive ways to celebrate relationships, past and present. For example, create an ornament for a loved one who has passed away and one for someone who is still in your life.
- ✓ Talk to someone you can trust about how you're feeling. (Counselor, Minister, Doctor, Trusted Friend)
- ✓ Let go of the Past! Focus on the here and now and the future.
- ✓ Don't overspend or run up huge credit cards.
- ✓ Get proper sleep and rest.
- ✓ Avoid or keep drinking to a minimum.
- ✓ Exercise and avoid excessive eating.
- ✓ Practice relaxation exercises.
- ✓ Participate in some charitable activity. Giving to others makes one feel good
- ✓ Plan pleasurable activities for the future.
- ✓ Spend time with people who are supportive and care about you.
- ✓ Find time for yourself!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

01	FRIDAY  <i>Gary M. Faulcon, Sr.</i>
02	SATURDAY  <i>Barbara Doughty</i>
03	SUNDAY  First Sunday of Advent <i>Deborah H. Luter</i> <i>Ilee L. Wade</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
04	MONDAY  <i>Linda Thompson</i> <i>Torrie Washington</i>
05	TUESDAY  <i>Ashley P. Slay</i>
06	WEDNESDAY  <i>Jennie P. Wilkins</i> 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
07	THURSDAY  <i>Bernice Barnes</i> <i>Tondrick Chandler</i> <i>Vicki Todd Stubbs</i>
08	FRIDAY  <i>Jesse L. Carter, Jr.</i>
09	SATURDAY
10	SUNDAY Second Sunday of Advent 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
11	MONDAY

12	TUESDAY
13	WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
14	THURSDAY  <i>Brenda Duff</i> <i>Nia Tolbert</i> <i>Louise Walker</i>
15	FRIDAY  <i>Bettye Springfield</i>
16	SATURDAY  <i>Gloria Elam Norris</i>
17	SUNDAY Third Sunday of Advent  <i>Leon A. Deaderick</i> <i>Daryl Mason</i> <i>Myles Sidney</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
18	MONDAY  <i>Vonda McDaniel</i>
19	TUESDAY
20	WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
21	THURSDAY
22	FRIDAY  <i>Ivan R. Davis</i>

24	SUNDAY Christmas Eve Fourth Sunday of Advent  <i>Breanna Grimes</i> <i>Cora Johnson</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
25	MONDAY  Christmas Day <i>Valerie Lin Robinson</i>
26	TUESDAY  Kwanzaa Begins
27	WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
28	THURSDAY
29	FRIDAY
30	SATURDAY  <i>Al Duman</i>
31	SUNDAY New Year's Eve  <i>Jacqueline Knight</i> 6:00 New Year's Eve Watchnight Service

01	MONDAY	 New Year's Day <i>Darius Anglin</i> <i>Elizabeth Davis</i>	13	SATURDAY	 <i>Karan J. Brown</i>		<i>Jason Robertson</i>
02	TUESDAY		14	SUNDAY	 <i>Kathy Harrell</i> <i>Becky S. Hindman</i> <i>Ronald McFarland Sr.</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service	23	TUESDAY
03	WEDNESDAY	12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>	15	MONDAY	 MLK Holiday <i>Nina Lockert</i> <i>Brooke McFarland</i> <i>Se'Bon Daughtdrill</i> <i>Sydney Covington</i>	24	WEDNESDAY
04	THURSDAY		16	TUESDAY		25	THURSDAY
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06	SATURDAY	 Epiphany <i>Tamia McKnight</i> <i>Diane J. Robertson</i>	18	THURSDAY		27	SATURDAY
07	SUNDAY	 <i>Timarion J. Smith</i> <i>Kelando Townsend</i> <i>Betty L. Wilson</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service	19	FRIDAY	 <i>Bobby L. Lovett</i>	28	SUNDAY
08	MONDAY		20	SATURDAY	 <i>Carl Crutchfield</i> <i>Jessica Powell</i> <i>Christopher E. Wade</i> <i>Sean Q. Wood</i>	29	MONDAY
09	TUESDAY	 <i>Chester R. Crawford</i>	21	SUNDAY	 <i>Inez Crutchfield</i> <i>D'Juan R. Johnson</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service	30	TUESDAY
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11	THURSDAY						<i>Virginia W. McClain</i> <i>Tracey J. Perkins</i> <i>Evan K. Smith-Erving</i> 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
12	FRIDAY	 <i>Rodarrian C. Smith</i>					



Daily Bible Readings for November

December 1 “Contrasting Responses by Jews and Gentiles”	Acts 13:44-49	December 16 “Speaking Boldly, Forced to Flee”	Acts 14:1-7
December 2 “Crippled Beggar Requests Alms”	Acts 3:1-10	December 17 “Proclaiming Christ Faithfully despite Angry Opposition”	Acts 14:8-11, 19-23
December 3 “Repent and Believe in Jesus”	Acts 3:11-21	December 18 “God Saves Moses”	Exodus 1:22-2:10
December 4 “Joshua Discerned as New Leader”	Deuteronomy 31:14-15, 23, 34:9	December 19 “Light to the Nations”	Isaiah 42:1-9
December 5 “Eli Senses God’s Call to Samuel”	1 Samuel 3:1-9	December 20 “A Peaceful Ruler from Bethlehem”	Micah 5:1-5
December 6 “Test the Spirits”	1 John 4:1-6	December 21 “Faithful to God’s Plan”	Matthew 1:18-25
December 7 “Blind Man Discerns Jesus as Prophet”	John 9:13-17	December 22 “Escape for Family; Massacre of Infants”	Matthew 2:13-18
December 8 “Paul’s Strategy: Jews First, Then Greeks”	Romans 1:8-12, 16-17	December 23 “Holy Family Settles in Nazareth”	Matthew 2:19-23
December 9 “Door of Faith Opened to Gentiles”	Acts 14:21-28	December 24 “Wise Men Seek then Worship Jesus”	Matthew 2:1-12
December 10 “Spirit filled Leadership Discernment”	Acts 13:1-12	December 25 “Live the New Life in Christ”	Ephesians 4:17-24
December 11 “Rejoicing while Struggling and Suffering”	Colossians 1:24-2:5	December 26 “Live as Imitators of God”	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
December 12 “Both Jews and Gentiles Called to Repent”	Acts 17:22-33	December 27 “Disciplined Living in Christ”	Colossians 3:1-11
December 13 “Believing and Suffering in Christ”	Philippians 1:27-30	December 28 “Leadership Gifts in the Church”	1 Corinthians 12:27-31
December 14 “Suffering so Others May Be Saved”	2 Timothy 2:1-10	December 29 “Accept the Gifts of Weaker Members”	1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 22-26
December 15 “Consolation when Afflicted”	2 Corinthians 1:3-11	December 30 “Experience the Unity of Spirit”	1 Peter 3:8-12
December 31 “Seek the Common Life from Above”		Ephesians 4:1-16	

"We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer..."



PRAYER REQUESTS

Bro. Evans Bacon, Sr.
(Barbra Doughty's Father)
Sis. Quinester Calloway
Sis. Jan Jones Carter
Sis. Rosa Mimms
Christopher Robinson
(Esther Wright's nephew)
Bro. Roosevelt Roper
Bro. Solomon Westbrook
Sis. Mary Wood

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In order to make our prayer list current, please let the church office know if you (or someone you know) have changed address or if someone should be added to or removed from the prayer list

If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to come and visit us! There are several ways to become a member of FBCCH.

Baptism - when a person is willing to initially express a belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is willing to live one's life according to His will. Baptism is the symbolic initiation into the Christian faith.

Christian Experience - when a person who has previously been a member of another church chooses to unite with FBCCH, believing this to be the place for one's spiritual nurturing. These people have already been baptized and have committed a faith relationship with Jesus Christ.

Watchcare - when a person wishes to have his or her membership with FBCCH while he or she is temporarily living in the city.

Associate - when a person who has a membership in another church wishes to have a membership in FBCCH.

Restoration - when a former member chooses to rejoin FBCCH.

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