



# The Torch

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## Pastor's Pen

Recently I was heading to Goodlettsville for a meeting. Since I was early, I thought I would go into Taco Bell (don't judge me!) and get a light something to eat. As I was sitting in the restaurant, I noticed a lady slipping in the front door while the staff at the restaurant was away from the counter. She had a cup in her hand and went to fill it with Coca-Cola and began to head back out the door.

In watching her movement in and out of the restaurant, it was clear to my spirit that she was for sure hungry, if not also homeless. As she walked past the table where I was sitting, she did not glance in my direction. And without any normal salutation like "hello" I just asked her "do you want to order something?" She paused and seemed startled that I spoke to her, but she didn't say anything in return. I then told her she can go to the counter and order anything that she wanted. She gave a slight nod of her head, and turned and went to the counter to order. (I watched to see how the staff was going to treat her. They treated her as they would/should treat any other customer, by taking her order and asking was there anything else.) At that point I went to the counter and paid for the woman's food. She waited at the counter for her food, and I sat back down. After her order was ready, she grabbed the sack of food and then proceeded out of the door, giving another slight nod towards me, though still barely looking in my direction, as she headed out of the door.

There were several things that I saw and felt in this encounter with the woman. Some are very basic. Regardless of people's story, we should always have the mind set to help others. Too often we stand in judgment of why people are in the condition they appear to be in and then make the decision as to whether or not we will help them ([Matthew 7:1](#)). Another point is many times we want others to **ask** us to help them. This, too, can be demeaning, particularly when we can perceive, see, or know what their situation is. God does not always **wait** for us to ask God for things we desire ([Matthew 6:8](#)). God gives us what we need many times without our asking. We should do no less for people.

In that same vein we often want people to have public demonstration of appreciation from others of our altruism and good deeds. We want them to demonstrate "common courtesy" and "acceptable protocol" when people are the beneficiary of our kindness. This woman barely acknowledged that I was talking with her to help her and didn't give any strong gesture of "gratitude" for my buying her just ONE MEAL ([Matthew 6:2 – 4](#)). But we should not make it about us when we help others. We are not trying to have our own feel-good moment, or ego stroking session. The one meal I provided for her only did that, gave her one meal. She will be hungry again tomorrow. My deed was not done for the purpose of feeling good. My deed was done because she looked hungry. What we do as Christians should not be because we are looking for accolades. It should be because these are the sort of things God calls us to do and wants us to work more diligently to address the bigger issues of hunger and homelessness beyond one meal, and one day a week ([Matthew 25:40 – 45](#)).

Let us not get too satisfied with our various deeds of kindness for our own name's sake. Let us, however, be grateful that God places us in places where we can use our gifts and resources to the glory and honor of God ([Ephesians 4:11 – 16](#)).

*Kelly M. Smith Jr.*

Pastor

# DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT

## Jehovah Shalom

*<sup>24</sup> "So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites." ~ Judges 6:24*

Submitted by Rev. Joe Ella Darby, Assistant to the Pastor for Discipleship

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When we usually hear the word peace, we think of peace being the absence of war and strife. Yet, the absence of war, strife and even distress does not constitute peace at all. Often, we find ourselves screaming for peace and quiet when things around us are chaotic and stressful; but really, we just want our challenges and storms to end or go away, coming again another day. Thus, we never really experience true peace amid our storms.

The Hebrew word for peace is Shalom and that meaning extends beyond just the absence of war, strife or distress. The verb *shalom* literally means to make whole or complete. The noun shalom has the more literal meaning of being in a state of wholeness or with no deficiency. I believe our experience with Peace is cultivated during our difficult times or seasons and during dark times, peace must be intentionally pursued. I propose that peace can be obtained and sustained amid chaos, challenges, calamities, and yes, even when we find ourselves in the eye of a storm.

Judges 6 opens with a situation. The Midianites were greatly oppressing the Israelites by coming in and destroying their crops, leaving Israel greatly impoverished. So, the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help and in v. 8, the Lord sent them a prophet to remind them of what He did for them in bringing them out of Egypt and to indict them for not heeding his voice. Verse 11 begins the call narrative of a man named Gideon whom God was calling to deliver his people from this oppression. As we are introduced to Gideon, we find him hiding from his enemy, the Midianites. He was beating out wheat in the winepress for fear that his enemies would come and destroy the produce of the land. The years of Midianite oppression left a deficit of trust and security in God who brought the Israelites out of Egypt. God was calling Gideon to restore trust and faith to the people of God.

In verse 12, the angel of the Lord proclaimed that the Lord was with Gideon, calling him a mighty warrior. Remember, Gideon was hiding in a winepress because he was afraid. So, nothing in his immediate character

signified that he was this mighty warrior besides the fact that it was God who was with him. In one of Gideon's weakest moments, God called him a mighty warrior. As Gideon questions the angel saying, "If the Lord is with us, then why are things happening to us?" I don't know about you, but I've spent many days questioning like Gideon. Some of you may also be wondering if God is with you, then why is all this happening. When we go through challenges, it's natural for us to wonder where God is. We ask, "where are all His miracles, we heard about testifying of God bringing others out and now it seems that the Lord has forsaken me.

Verse 14 says that the angel turns to him and says, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand." What Gideon was going through, limited his perspective, but God saw strength in him when all he saw was his weakness. He was from the weakest clan and even felt the least in his father's house. His thoughts about himself, didn't change God's thoughts about him nor change God's mind about choosing him. Sometimes what we go through will have us thinking differently about ourselves than what God thinks of us. God too sees us as mighty warriors. After the Lord was steadfast in reminding Gideon of his presence, Gideon desired more of God through a sign. After following instructions, Gideon perceived what had happened as an experience in God's presence which caused him a different type of fear and anxiety. But the Lord spoke peace to him, telling him not to fear. Gideon teaches us that often, we make the mistake of always giving God our laundry lists of needs but when we are intentional about seeking God's face, God will provide above all we can ask or imagine.

Verse 24 says, Gideon built an altar there to the Lord. He names his experience, "The Lord is Peace". when Gideon named God Peace, this signified being at peace with God. The Lord is peace is characterized by friendship, especially that of a covenant relationship. For Gideon, God has moved from simply being peace, to being His peace. Have you experienced God as your peace? If not, or if you wish to experience more, create spaces in your life for worship that allows peace to become personal. The Lord wants to be YOUR peace!



## First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES



***First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is excited to offer you this scholarship to help you begin a new journey in your life.*** This scholarship is available to all members graduating from High School. Graduates must meet the following criteria to be eligible AND all items in the guidelines must be completed to be considered for the scholarship.

- Be an active member of First Baptist Church, Capito Hill for at least one year.
- Comply with the requirements and deadline dates set by the Scholarship Committee.
- Submit the application for the church scholarship the current semester/year of high school graduation.
- Attached with your completed application, please submit the following:
  - Submit a copy of your admission letter **AND** be enrolled in the institution of the student's choice.
  - Submit a copy of your full-time schedule (12 hours or more) from the institution to obtain a \$1000 scholarship.
  - Submit a copy of your part-time schedule (6 to 11 hours) from the institution to obtain a \$500 scholarship.
- **To be considered, the application and ALL materials must be submitted to the church office or emailed at [fbcch13@gmail.com](mailto:fbcch13@gmail.com) by June 30, 2023**
- **NOTE:** The Fort Scholarship is awarded to High school graduate with the highest GPA.
  - The Fort Scholarship is a competitive award for \$500.
  - To apply, submit a current copy of your high school transcript with application.

**If you have questions, please leave a message for Bro. Paul Luter at the church office (615- 255-8757) or email him at [fbcch13@gmail.com](mailto:fbcch13@gmail.com). Thank you for attention to the application.**



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CAPITOL HILL

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**The application must be submitted to the church office or emailed ([fbcch13@gmail.com](mailto:fbcch13@gmail.com)) by Monday, June 30, 2022. **\*\*Complete the full application to be considered for this scholarship.****

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Current Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities \_\_\_\_\_  
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How long have you been a member of First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill? \_\_\_\_\_

Church Activities \_\_\_\_\_  
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Community Activities \_\_\_\_\_  
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College Attending, Major, and Career Goals \_\_\_\_\_  
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FBCCH will again sponsor a mission trip to Tanzania! The tentative dates are **October 2-12, 2023**. Persons interested in going should email the church office ([fbcch13@gmail.com](mailto:fbcch13@gmail.com)) expressing an interest. Each person on the trip is expected to take care of their own expenses.

For more information regarding previous trips please talk with Pastor Smith or anyone who has been a part of previous trips.

Please respond indicating your interest by **May 5th**.

# TANZANIA MISSION 2023

CONGRATS GRAD!

*"MLK High School"*

## MARLEE WADE

*join us for a graduation celebration  
Saturday, May 20th at 3:30 pm  
FBCCH 625 Rosa L. Parks 37203  
RSVP by May 10th 2023  
615-753-2347*



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<u>DAY</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
<b>The Birth of the Church</b>		
Monday, May 1	"God's Strength Is Revealed"	Psalms 68:17-19, 24-35
Tuesday, May 2	"The Spirit of Truth"	John 14:15-27
Wednesday, May 3	"The Spirit Testifies of Jesus"	John 16:1-15
Thursday, May 4	"The Lord, My Chosen Portion"	Psalms 16
Friday, May 5	"Amazement at the Spirit's Power"	Acts 2:1-13
Saturday, May 6	"The Promise Is Fulfilled"	Acts 2:14-28
Sunday, May 7	"Receive the Gift of the Spirit"	Acts 2:29-42
<b>Jumping for Joy</b>		
Monday, May 8	"Sent to Preach and Heal"	Luke 10:1-9
Tuesday, May 9	"Rejoice in Salvation, Not Power"	Luke 10:10-24
Wednesday, May 10	"God Protects and Preserves"	Psalms 41
Thursday, May 11	"My Soul Longs for God"	Psalms 42
Friday, May 12	"Then the Lame Shall Leap"	Isaiah 35:1-10
Saturday, May 13	"Peter Heals in Jesus' Name"	Acts 3:1-11
Sunday, May 14	"Peter Preaches Salvation through Jesus"	Acts 3:12-26
<b>An Ethiopian Official Is Baptized</b>		
Monday, May 15	"Full of Grace and Power"	Acts 6:8-15
Tuesday, May 16	"The First Martyr"	Acts 7:48-8:2
Wednesday, May 17	"The Far Countries Wait for God"	Isaiah 60:9-14
Thursday, May 18	"Peoples Shall Come to the Lord"	Zechariah 8:1-8, 20-23
Friday, May 19	"God Is Present Everywhere"	Psalms 139:1-10
Saturday, May 20	"Samaritans Embrace the Gospel"	Acts 8:4-17
Sunday, May 21	"The Spirit Guides Us"	Acts 8:26-40
<b>Saul of Tarsus</b>		
Monday, May 22	"The Heavens Tell God's Glory"	Psalms 19
Tuesday, May 23	"A Heavenly Gospel"	Galatians 1:10-24
Wednesday, May 24	"Only Christ Matters"	Philippians 3:1-14
Thursday, May 25	"Our Citizenship Is in Heaven"	Philippians 3:15-21
Friday, May 26	"Blinded by the Light"	Acts 9:1-9
Saturday, May 27	"Saul Begins to Preach Jesus"	Acts 9:10-22
Sunday, May 28	"Saul Escapes to Jerusalem"	Acts 9:23-31
<b>Your God Reigns</b>		
Monday, May 29	"God's Servant Will Establish Justice"	Isaiah 42:1-7
Tuesday, May 30	"Live by Faith, Not Works"	Galatians 2:16b-21
Wednesday, May 31	"My Servant Shall Restore Israel"	Isaiah 49:1-13

### Deacons of the Week for May 2023

Week of	Deacon	Phone#
7 <sup>th</sup>	Adrienne Fancher	615.255.8033
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunny Owunnah	615.708.1893
21 <sup>st</sup>	Brian Wood	615.259.0623
28 <sup>th</sup>	Ronald McFarland Sr.	615.331.0564



# MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT

## Year of Revival

### **“The Inconvenience of Being a Christian”**

*Romans 7:21-25*

**March  
19**

**Pastor Kelly M. Smith Jr.**

*Submitted by Kathy Harrell*

The greatest decision someone can make in their life is to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. It is our faith that grounds us and gives us our moral center. Yet, there are some deep challenges for us as Christians when we want to do things in a way that is not in line with our moral center.

We like to *say* we are Christians whether we are or not. We are Christian as long as it doesn't take up too much of our time, or it helps us to win friends and influence people, or it doesn't conflict with our political agenda. But being a Christian is not what many believe it to be. We learn from the Apostle Paul that accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is the greatest joy we can know. Yet, there are reasons why it is inconvenient to be a Christian.

**Point 1- It is inconvenient to be a Christian because of the tension between doing right and doing wrong (vs. 21).** It is concerning that even when we strive to do good, evil is always within arm's reach. The scripture suggest that we are never free from the hands of evil and there is no place to hide. There are times when doing the wrong thing is so cleverly disguised, that we believe it is the right thing to do. When we face challenging situations, we must remember that doing the right thing will not cause us to abandon our Christian principles or our moral compass.

**Point 2- It is inconvenient to be a Christian because we are expected to delight in God's law (vs 22).** God's law is about living lives that are consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ. It should be a delight, not a burden, to do those things that God desires for us. But there are many situations when our agenda is about delighting in the desires we have for ourselves. We work harder trying to please ourselves and others, than we do in trying to please God. Our faith is based on love, but we know it is not easy to always follow this command. We must strive to stay on our faith journey. Read “Psalm 1” to help in remembering the delight of God's law.

**Point 3- It is inconvenient to be a Christian because the fix is not something I can do by myself (vs. 24, 25a).** And herein lies the real problem! Our flaws, the world's madness, and life's conflicts will always be there unless we turn them over to Jesus. We may tell ourselves (and others) that we solved a huge challenge all by ourselves and our hard work. Nothing can be further from the truth. Only when you “...take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there...” will we realize that we can do *nothing* on our own!

## Year of Revival

### **“Lord, Revive My Worship”**

*John 4:4-10*

**March  
26**

**Rev. Joe Ella Darby**

*Submitted by: Beverly M. Brown*

### **Context: Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman**

Rev. Darby provided a historical perspective of the scripture selected and then shared a personal reflection of her Guatemala experience even though she was not fluent in the Spanish language the joy of the experience with children and others was overwhelming with emotions that it brought tears that flowed like water from a fountain. It was their reverence and over whelming joy and love for God/Christ Jesus that contributed or was a trigger for some of the aforementioned reactions. God/Christ Jesus is international and not limited to our environment for praising him. Revival must start within each person in order to transform others' lives and bring them to Christ Jesus. Jesus asked the woman at the well for a drink of water and she was transformed to the point of going to tell others that she had met a man who told her about her life.

The question asked, when was the last time those present had gone to Jesus Christ with expectations? The well had been a place where people met a husband or wife or started a relationship. Jesus Christ is not criticizing the woman and he knows each human being's past, present, and purposes. When Christ Jesus spots a fire in one's heart and soul, an individual can only or will only want to share it with others. The three points are as follows:

### **Point 1- Go to God/Christ Jesus with an expectation.**

### **Point 2- Give God/Christ Jesus a try.**

### **Point 3- Must share your experience with God/Christ Jesus.**

God/Christ Jesus can provide joy, peace, happiness, and maintain mental clarity and stability. She asked those present to know that God/Christ Jesus can lift you up, no matter how low and disheartened when you allow the Lord to revive our personal worship. He wants us as His Children to pass on His spot.

Amen, Amen, & Amen.



**Year of Revival**

**“Finding Triumph in the Midst of Tragedy”**

***Mark 14:17-26***

**April  
2**

**Pastor Kelly M. Smith Jr.**

*Submitted by: Deborah Luter*

**Palm Sunday**

This is the day we celebrate the entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. It is commemorating when Jesus came to Jerusalem and people put palm branches on the ground for him to ride upon, as a king returned in triumph. But the week for Jesus started in triumph but ended in tragedy.

Sometimes life feels like a no-win situation. We have had a few difficult days lately here. Monday many of us were in disbelief that the tragedies we hear about in other cities hit here at home. What happened in the Green Hills school reminds us that no one and no place is exempt from it. But we must continue to believe the Bible will help us to find the triumph in the midst of our tragedies.

**Point 1- We can find triumph in the midst of tragedy when there is a different perspective of victory.** Jesus came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Kings and war heroes would come riding on horses and big stallions. Donkeys were a sign of humility and patience. They were not seen as war animals but animals of service and devotion. The world would not characterize this as an animal for kings but for peasants and laborers. But Jesus rode this donkey into the city because he would not let the world define what he claims as victory. Victory looks different to different people. To one person it may be to run five miles .To another it may be walking five steps. Too often when we use the standards of the world we feel defeated. We cannot give up and let the forces of darkness take control.

**Point 2-We can find triumph in the midst of tragedy when there is community engagement.** I think it its quite interesting that when Jesus declared that he would be betrayed, he then goes into instituting the Lord’s supper. He established the institution that we still observe today. Many of us would not have the presence of mind to do that.

**Point 3-Point 3-We can find triumph in the midst of tragedy when there is sacrifice.** With the institution of the Lord’s Supper Jesus was introducing them to the understanding of the importance of sacrifice. He said, “this is my body, this is my blood.” These are the symbols of Jesus making the sacrifice for us to live and have a relationship with God. Sacrifice happens for life to carry on. Sacrifice means that we are looking at a bigger picture. It means that you have to give up something for something better to happen. That night in the upper room demonstrated the power and the glory of Jesus and his will to make things right with the disciples. He was brutally honest with the twelve. It was then necessary for them to find the triumph in the midst of Their tragedy.

**Year of Revival**

**“God’s Game Changer”**

***Matthew 28:1-10***

**April  
9**

**Pastor Kelly M. Smith Jr.**

*Submitted by: Adrienne Fancher*

**Easter Sunday**

Easter is about God’s Love for us! All 4 Gospels have the story of the Resurrection. Matthew takes a different approach from the other Gospel-writers. Note verse 6: “He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.” We have all experienced some event or person that changed the course of our lives. Not every game changer is positive. Sometimes negative things change the game for us. It was a game changer when Jesus was resurrected. That event, the Resurrection, was the game changer for our lives today! Game changers mean we must adjust to a new norm. Game changers help us get to our destiny, where God intends for us to be.

**Point 1- The resurrection was God’s game changer. because it changed the perspective of the possibility.**

The resurrection was God’s game changer because it changed the perspective of the possibility. The women came to the tomb to have some memorial activity-not expecting what happened. Jesus foretold His resurrection after 3 days, but the women did not expect to see what they did. They discovered Jesus was gone. They were afraid and filled with joy. They believed in the possibilities. WE MUST BE POSSIBILITY THINKERS and SEEKERS! The Resurrection reminds us of the possibilities.

**Point 2-Point 2. The resurrection was God’s game changer because it changed moments into movements.**

The angel told the women to tell the disciples because God wanted a movement more than a moment. God wants us to move from where we are to where we need to be. The Resurrection was a moment. Pentecost was a moment. Now, here we are, 2000 years later, as part of the Movement that was started.

**Point 3- Point 3. The resurrection was God’s game changer because it changed doubters into disciples.** In verses 16-20, Jesus tells His followers to move to be disciples. Jesus told Thomas that you don’t always have to SEE in order to BELIEVE. People have doubts: it is OK to have doubts as long as you don’t stay in that place. You may doubt some things in the world, but don’t ever doubt the Love and Mercy of God!

God is with us everywhere at all times! God is able to do all things except to fail!

# First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill

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**Kelly M. Smith Jr., Pastor**

## Our Mission

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is Building, Restoring, and Revitalizing lives through Jesus Christ.

## Our Vision

Love God, Make Disciples, Serve Community

### Looking for a Church Home?

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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