

SENIOR PASTOR

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Mother's Day is May 13. Be here as we honor and remember our mothers on this special day. Additionally, every Mother's Day, we dedicate all the newborns since last year. Then we dismiss the evening services so you can spend time making memories with your family.

Graduation Sunday is set for May 20. On this day, we recognize our high school and college graduates. James McRight, our youth pastor, will inspire us with words to live by for the rest of our lives.

Sunday night of May 20, we will show an incredible movie called, "Indescribable" by Louie Giglio. *Indescribable* will take us on an image-rich journey through the heavens, allowing us to peer into God's universe to discover the amazing magnitude of His greatness and grace.

Our quarterly business meeting will be May 27 after the evening services. Each quarter we endeavor to inform you on the happenings at church. During this meeting, we will get an update on the progress of our new administration building.

SERMON SERIES

This Sunday the title to my message is "Kingly Compassion" from 2 Samuel 9:3-8. Too many of God's people live below God's expectations of their lives. Throughout this series, we are studying David's life to learn how we can "Live Victoriously" in times like today.

So far, we have learned that victorious living includes having a heart for God, defeating the giants in our lives, and having the right king on the throne of our hearts. As we will see this Sunday, compassion, forgiveness, and love are the hallmarks of victorious living.

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

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OUTSTANDING CONFERENCE!!

From the comments of those who attended to the kind words from our speakers and singers, I think we must come to the conclusion that this was truly an outstanding conference. Our speakers, Tommy Hall and Merle Fulmer, did an excellent job. Dr. Gene Medley and Betty Rhodes lifted our spirits as we sang the old songs. The Glory Bound Quartet thrilled our souls. The fifty seniors and their guests that attended are already talking about the next Bible Study.

My thanks to Randy Liedtke & Bobby Watson for preparing an outstanding lunch. The food was delicious! In fact, I thought that Pat McMillan & I did a good job on breakfast. Since we ate most of the food I can only assume that everybody enjoyed both meals.

Already I am looking forward to next year. I thought about asking if you might like to study the subject of "Grace". Think about it and let me know.

Joy Group
Thursday May 17
 Out to Eat
 Catfish @ Avenger
 Leave 5:30 p.m.

Attendance Report

Sunday School Attendance	387
8:30 a.m. Early Worship	152
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....	448
Total Morning Worship	600

Tithes & Offerings

General Fund	\$12,930.23
Building Fund	12,973.00
Youth Fund	<u>275.00</u>
Total.....	\$26,178.23



Congratulations
 Grandparents: *Larry & Beverly Allen*
Kati Ann Allen *May 1, 2007*
 7 lbs. 11 oz. *20 in.*

MUSIC NOTES

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MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday will be a wonderful day as have our annual baby dedication, recognize our mothers and most importantly, worship Christ! We expect a capacity crowd this Sunday as Mother's Day is always well attended at First Baptist.

HENDERSON TRIP

Last week the Sanctuary Choir sang at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Henderson for the final night of their revival. We had a great time. Thanks to Donald Hubbard who served as their music evangelist for arranging this opportunity.

JOY CHOIR

The JOY Choir will sing this Sunday in the 8:30 a.m. early service. Wear your regular Sunday dress.

EDUCATION NEWS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

April was a great month for Sunday School. Our average attendance was **433**. The Victory Sunday School class led the way with an average of **53!** Keep inviting your friends and family to Sunday School.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Vacation Bible School is June 4-8. If you can help please call the church office.

ATTENTION PARENTS

There will be no Children's Church this Sunday. This will allow our Children's Church workers to sit with their families on Mother's Day.



*Please join us for a
 Bridal Shower honoring
Lauren Tillery
 bride-elect of
Andy Dennard
 Saturday, May 19 10:00-11:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Hall*

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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CHOICES

One young man writes, a little wistfully, "Can a person live a wild life when he's young and be saved later?" Consider the thief on the cross. The Greek word describing him doesn't portray an ordinary thief, but a brutal man who beat and robbed others. If he could be saved moments before he died, surely we can. But a better question is "Why wait?" Can a life of selfishness and of sinful pleasures satisfy the longings of our hearts? Do we really think that happiness and joy are found by distancing ourselves from God? Surely if we want to spend eternity with Him, we must think He has something good to offer. If that's so, let's reach out and discover that goodness now! *Today is the day for salvation~ tomorrow may not come.*

Summer Camp Dates

*June 10-16
 7th-8th Grade
 Glorieta, NM*

*June 26-29
 4th-6th Grade
 Daniel Springs Encampment, Gary, TX*

*July 14-21
 9th-12th Grade
 Ocoee Outreach
 Cleveland, TN*

*July 24-27
 Youth Camp
 Daniel Springs Encampment, Gary, TX*



Nursery Workers **Sunday, May 13**
 Shelbea Comer/Valerie Ratley/Stephanie Monroe



**Thank you notes from
 Jeannie Melton & Donna Shipman
 are posted on the back hall bulletin board.**

Deacons of the Week May 13-19
Bill Cain 903-690-9350
Terry Williams 903-693-2638
*Please feel free to call on our deacons if you
 have a ministry or benevolence need.*