

First Light

First Baptist Church of Lavon

March 2010

Pastor's Points

Dear Church Family,

As we finished up the sermon series on our church's mission, I presented the spiritual gifts which make up the church, the Body of Christ. Each believer has a gift which is to be used to minister in the church. During this very exciting time of FBC, where we are experiencing great growth and expanding ministry opportunities, it is vital that each member exercise their gift. This makes the Body function in a healthy manner just like a strong healthy physical body. Weakness or injury to any part hinders the performance of the body much like an injury to an Olympic athlete may cause them to lose an event. As the Body of Christ, First Baptist Church of Lavon strives for

the gold medal in every race. The game is of eternal consequence. Please see the list below. Find your gift and serve with gladness. Glory be to God.

TEACHER: The passion for study and the ability to explain the meaning of the Word of God

PASTOR TEACHER: The teaching gift coupled with the ability to "shepherd the flock" of God

MERCY: The ability to recognize and meet the emotional needs of believers

HELPS: The ability to recognize and meet the physical needs of believers

ADMINISTRATION: The ability to conceive, organize, delegate, supervise, and correlate the affairs of a church

EVANGELIST: The unusual ability to proclaim the gospel effectively and to train other believers to share their faith also

EXHORTATION: The ability to encourage other Christians to act effectively on the basis of their spiritual gift and knowledge of the Word of God

GIVING: The unusual ability to use one's material possessions for the glory of God

FAITH: The unusual ability to trust God for every need and undertaking in life

What is your gift?

1. Know what the gifts are.
2. Analyze your areas of competence.
 - What do you think you do best?
 - What do others think you do best?
 - What do you like to do?
 - Be willing to try and see.
3. Develop and use your gift(s) for the benefit of the Body of Christ

Your servant,
Bro. Clint

Church Council Revisited, Revived, Revamped, and Redirected

Church Council will be very important over the next year. All council members will receive special mailings about the next four meetings. We will meet quarterly for awhile. The first meeting will be on March 7 following the business meeting. Our associational Director of Missions, Rick Ballard, will

speak at our first council. Rick will give us the "lay of the land" with information concerning our recent growth, formulas to meet the needs of future growth and demographics projecting our expanding community. Rick Ballard and the Collin Baptist Association bring great experience in ministry and church growth. This meeting will be very helpful as we begin to focus in on "What's Next?" Everyone in the church is invited to

this initial meeting. Tentatively the future meetings of the council are scheduled for June 7, September 6 and December 6.

FBC's Church Bible Drill

Sunday, March 21
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Associational Bible Drill

Sunday, March 28
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
FBC Allen

March

- 5th Bible Drill Lock-in
- 7th Deacon Meeting
4:00 pm
Business Meeting
6:30 pm
Church Council
- 11th Senior Night 5:30 pm
- 21st Church Level Bible Drill
6:30 pm-7:30 pm
- 28th Associational Level Bible Drill
- 30th Associational Sunday School & Ministry Leadership Conference at FBC Lavon
7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Regional CBA Sunday School & Leadership Conference

FBC Lavon

March 30, 7:00-9:00pm

This conference uses the new **JUMPSTART** Training Program featuring Southern Baptist Sunday School leaders with local facilitators to answer questions and interact with participants. Join us and sharpen your skills as a servant leader. We'd love to have all our people in leadership positions attend. Be ready for "What's Next?" at FBC Lavon, Collin County, and the ends of the earth.

TIER ONE networks

Provides Wireless Internet free of charge to FBC Lavon
Call 1-866-551-1367

Building Fund and Beyond

Very vital to the "What's Next?" for FBC Lavon is the payoff of the note on our Education Activity Center. We are very close to this ambitious goal with less than \$80,000.00 left of a six year old \$1.2 million note. You have been extremely generous in this endeavor. Please prayerfully consider designating an offering to the Building Fund over and above your regular offering. While we continue to support the general fund, it is imperative that we look toward the future. Just mark "Building Fund" on your offering envelope which contains the extra gift that will not only payoff the EAC but will also secure the future expansion and ministry of FBC. Your sacrifice in this area will

certainly bring folks to Christ and disciple them to kingdom service. You can trust God to bless your obedient faith offering.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV

LIBRARY HOURS	
Sunday	8:15-8:30 a.m.
	9:30-9:45 a.m.
	10:45-11:00 a.m.
	12:00-12:15 p.m.
Wednesday	6:00-6:30 p.m.
	7:30-7:45 p.m.
Thursday	6:00-7:00 p.m.
	8:00-8:15 p.m.
Preschool Story Time	10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
	11:00 a.m.

January 2010 Finances	
General Fund	
Income:	\$35,400.86
Expenses:	\$61,649.91*
Building Fund	
Income:	\$2,218.00
EAC Note Payoff:	\$79,581.62
*INCLUDES ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENT: \$29,700.00	
A complete treasurer's report is available at the church.	

PARKING PLACES

Please plan to park with a particular purpose in mind. Perhaps people popping in on our services who are potential members (visitors) have a predicament finding parking places. A plethora of people are parading to our services. We propose that healthy young members park at the most remote places and preserve parking at the near

perimeter for visitors or the less able. Twenty-three words beginning with the letter "P." The greatest of these is PLEASE. **What's Next?** — We're working on it.

Other ideas:

- Ride share
- Offer to pick up your neighbor
- One vehicle per family
- Organize a van route (we've got 2 vans)
- Have fun with it!

Address & Phone Changes

Please make these changes in your own church directory.

If your information has changed recently please let us know by calling 972-843-3788 or send an email to outreach@fbclavon.org.

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2010 Good Neighbor Club Luncheons

Senior Adults from Copeville, Josephine, Lavon and Nevada are invited to the Good Neighbor Club (GNC). GNC meets in the Community Middle School Cafeteria at noon on the last Saturday during the months beginning in September and ending in April. Exceptions to this include the months of November and December. Below is a complete list of the 2009-2010 luncheons. Please invite all your senior friends. Offer them a ride. The food, fellowship, and fun is always top notch.

- Saturday, March 27, sponsored by Lavon Churches
- Saturday, April 24, sponsored by Nevada Baptist Church

Collin Baptist Association
SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Regional CBA Sunday School Conferences
 Using the New **JUMPSTART** Training Program

Featuring DVD presentations by leaders in Southern Baptist Sunday School with local facilitators to answer questions and interact with participants

Choose a date and location most convenient for you!

LOCATIONS:

Tuesday, March 9 - First Baptist Church of Celina 7-9 pm
 841 N. Preston Rd., Celina 75009

Tuesday, March 23 - First Baptist Church of Farmersville
 7-9 pm, 124 S. Washington St., Farmersville 75442

Tuesday, March 30 - First Baptist Church of Lavon 7-9 pm
 205 Main St., Lavon 75166

Session Titles

Adult Module—Jeff Young—Minister of Spiritual Development Prestonwood Baptist Church

Session 1—YOU'VE GOT IT—NOW USE IT!

An Encouraging Look Into the Teacher's Toolbox

Session 2—THE HEART OF THE MATTER

It's People...Every Single Time

Facilitator—Tommy Shumate, First Baptist Church of Plano

Youth Module—Phil Newberry—Student Minister,

Bellevue Baptist Church of Cordova, TN

Session 1—RAMPING UP TO REACH STUDENTS

Performing CPR on a DOA Class

Session 2—POWER-FILLED TEACHING BY POWERFUL LEADERS

Building Relationships That Will Last a Lifetime

Facilitator—Tracy Odneal, First Baptist Church of Farmersville

Children's Module—Tommy Sanders—Director, Master of Arts in Childhood Ministry, DBU

Session 1—FINDING THE MISSING LINK

Connecting with Children so They Can Connect with God

Session 2—CAUTION: LEARNING ZONE AHEAD

How to Teach So Children GET It

Facilitator—Debbie Parker, First Baptist Church of Plano

Preschool Module—Shelly Taylor—Director of Preschool Ministries, FBC of Jacksonville, FL

Session 1—MORE THAN FINGERPAINT, BLOCKS AND PLAYDOUGH

How Preschoolers Learn and What They Need

Session 2—BEGINNING WITH THE BIG PICTURE IN MIND

Teaching Great Big Truths to Eager Little Minds

Facilitator: Nancy Crawford, Meadows Baptist Church, Plano

Women's Ministry

We will be offering a new Bible Study beginning February 24, 2010. The new study is When Wallflowers Dance by Angela Thomas. Women of all ages-both married and single-will be encouraged to move away from the walls and closer to the heart of God in this engaging new Bible study. A single mom of four, Angela encourages women to grow up in their faith and fully engage in life as God intended when He created them. This will be a 7 week DVD driven study led by Mary Jo Marsh, meeting in room 202 in the EAC. Books are \$11.00.

Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit. This interactive Bible study of the fruit of The Spirit as presented in the book of Galatians and concentrating on Galatians 5:22-23 continues in room 201 of the EAC. Beth walks participants through each trait listed in the

fruit and encourages women to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life. This study is led by Trina Hale. Books are \$15.00.

Celebrate Recovery - The purpose of this Bible study is to become free from life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits. By working through the eight principles found in the Beatitudes with Jesus Christ as your Higher Power, you can begin to experience the peace and serenity you have been seeking. This is an in-depth study that will challenge you each week. This study is led by Regina Williams. Books are \$17.00 meeting near the fellowship hall in the Ladies II Sunday School classroom.

Please reserve the date Friday, April 9, 2010 for a "Girls Night Out." We will have Subway sandwiches and view Chonda Pierce's latest comedy DVD.

Please mark your calendars for our 11th Annual Women's Conference on Sat, May 15, 2010.



JULY 19TH-23RD

SENIOR HIGH CAMP 2010
 YOUTH ALIVE @ CAMP WOW

www.timlee-ya.org

\$300.00 TOTAL COST

\$25.00 deposit due January 31st **Additional \$50 deposits due February 28th,

March 28th, April 25th, and May 30th.

The final payment of \$75.00 is due by July 4th

Please call Jamie 214-727-6038 or Trish 214-727-6037 with any questions!

VBS Musical

Saddle Ridge Ranch

For the first time our children will be learning and performing the Vacation Bible School musical. If you are 1st-6th grade, don't miss this opportunity on Sunday

nights at 6:30 pm upstairs in the EAC youth room for practice. This musical will be performed on a Sunday morning this spring. Lots of great fun, music, and drama take place in the setting of a dude ranch.

Invite your friends to practice, too. Those who participate in the musical will then be able to be leaders in their VBS music classes or in the worship rally this summer. For more information, contact Diana Robison.

Student Leadership
 University
 GRADES 6th-12th
 Sundays 5:30

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FBC Schedule

Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
(Bible Study for all ages)
5:30 p.m. Adult Choir
Children's Bible Drill
(4th-6th)
6:30 p.m. Worship Service
Children's Choir
Youth Open
Youth Bible Drill (7th-12th)
Youth Speakers (10th-12th)

Monday

7:00 p.m. Acteens
(Youth Girls 6th-12th)
Visitation
9:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. Men's Coffee

Wednesday

6:15-6:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal
7:00 p.m. Hour of Prayer
Women's Ministry Class
Men's Ministry Class
Youth (6th-12th)
RA Boys (1st-5th)
GA Girls (1st-5th)
Mission Friends (2yrs-K)