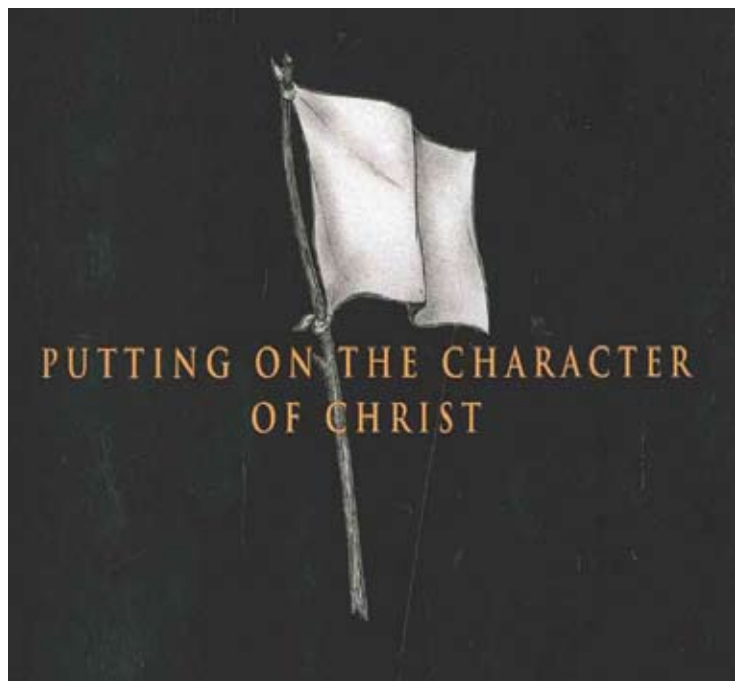


RENOVATION OF THE HEART



March Sermon Series

- 03.01.2009
"How Do I Change My Thoughts?"
- 03.08.2009
"How Do I Change My Feelings?"
- 03.15.2009
"How Do I Make Better Choices?"
- 03.22.2009
"Is My Body Evil or Good?"
- 03.29.2009
"How Do I Change My Relationships for the Better?"



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The Reporter



Terry Bostick
Pastor

Dear Church,
I am so excited about the interest people are showing in the "Renovation of the Heart" emphasis. We are well on the way to experiencing a special movement of God in our church. You may be interested to know that since starting our emphasis with the preaching series in February, we have had six families visit with us for the first time. God has already begun to honor the prayer and hard work that has and is going into our "Renovation of the Heart". Each Sunday we will be learning about one of the five aspects of our lives that need changing. On the back of the reporter there is a list of the dates and topics to be covered. It is not too late to use our special emphasis as a reason to go out and invite others to church. Ask God to show you on whom you should be working. I want to ask all of our preschool, children, and youth workers to use the training session on Wednesday night as your adult Sunday School experience for the next five weeks. Denny will teach the lesson for the upcoming Sunday and I do not want you to miss this powerful study. Adult Sunday School teachers will be in there as well preparing for the lesson they will teach. The study will begin at 6pm in the New Beginnings Sunday School Room.

Just like you, I watch the news and hear about all the financial problems facing our nation. The problem is real and many in the church face uncertainty because of the crisis. Some in our church have been laid off or cut back at work. Many of us are putting off unneeded purchases and trying to be better managers of our

money. The same is true with our church. Your staff is trying to be even better stewards of the money with which you entrust to us. God places an extremely high value on good management, often called stewardship in church circles. So? First, I want you to be aware of a financial study starting the first Wednesday in March at 6pm. This series will help you to become a better steward of the resources God has given us. I hope many of you will make a commitment to be a part of that study series. Second, I want to ask you to continue to be faithful in giving to the church. God will provide for us, that is His promise to His children. We have in this promise an implied requirement to be a good steward. I want to give you a quick definition of a good steward, but keep in mind that a steward (us) does not own the resources (God does) He simply manages them. A good steward is someone who makes their priorities the same as the owners and makes decisions that the owner would make in the use of the resources. We all need to make God's priorities on money, time, and talents our priorities. When looking at our schedule and our checkbook we really should ask the question, "What would Jesus do?" Then, we should have the faith and courage to do it.

I love to share with you good things that happen or that I hear, especially when it is about you! With so many people visiting I am always concerned that before and after church and during the greeting time that members will not think it is important to move around and make sure everyone is greeted. I have heard from some of the families how wonderfully friendly our church has been to them. It makes a tremendous impact on them and becomes a major factor in them having a good experience and coming back. Keep up the good work! I love being your pastor and I can't wait to see you Sunday.

Terry



YOUTH



Will Smith
Youth Director

It is finally here. After months of study, preparation, and preaching, Renovation of the Heart is here. I hope that you have enjoyed the Devotional Book and are looking forward to what God is going to do in your life. I

know that I am. I am really excited to see how God is not only going to change my life, but how he is going to use our church through this study.

This study has been an entire church effort. There have been people from all walks of life helping in this effort. Even your students have helped in this project.

We have been making some videos to help bring home the particular topic of the week. I must say

that we have some very talented students. Most of our videos are funny... OK all of them are funny...and they will deal with the various parts of our character. I know that our students are excited about renovation of the heart because of the videos that we have been working hard on. I hope that through this process (shooting video) that our students will be excited about Renovation of the Heart and what God is going to do in them.

I hope that you will join along side of me and pray that this will not be just another study that goes in one ear and out the other, but that it goes in that ear and gets lodged in the stuff between the ears. I pray that God will will renovate my heart and the hearts of all of us in the next six weeks.

In Christ,
Will

Announcements & Meetings & More

Special Announcements

- Discipleship Classes will begin March 4 at 6:15 after Wednesday Fellowship supper.
- FBC is in charge of operating the Service Center March 9,10 and 12 from 10am - 2pm. Contact Pauline Snider (831-0679) if you can help.
- March 1-8 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer
- Annie Armstrong Goal this year is \$18,500. FBC Ingathering will be April 19.



For those of you who've seen the book *The Centurion's Wife* in the bookstore and thought you'd like to read it, now's the chance. It's available in our church library donated by Jane Perkins. If it's checked out when you come in, there are many other selections for you to enjoy.

Men's 2nd annual Chili Cookoff will be March 18. Men dust the spider webs off your best recipe, sharpen your knives and crank up those pots. Let's see who has the best chili this year!!!



Congratulations are extended to Avery Rogers and Lindy and Garrett Steward for achieving a position in the Alabama Baptist Children's Honor Choir. They will be performing in Montgomery March 6-8.

Great job kids!

Celebrate Recovery

Spring greetings to all Believers,

March 22, 09 will be our 6 month anniversary for Celebrate Recovery here at FBCO. As many of you have seen, our growth and outreach has been steady and continuous. Much of this is due to the involvement of so many of our members and other community volunteers like the Salvation Army, Tri-County Services and the Calhoun County Health and Human Resources. At the end of February we now have 23 servant/leaders working in various roles every Sunday

night, not to mention those behind the scenes like the adult SS classes that provide the food and refreshments for our Café each week and our deacons who double as hall monitors and security. And how about our house band, "Crimson Ground" who practice and prepare our music for worship each week without fail and the audio/visual staff that we sometimes take for granted. WOW! So many followers (of The King) that ask for no recognition, we would miss some if we tried to name them all... The Kingdom thanks you.

Update: As of February 22, 2009, there are 26 women and 37 men involved in our 12 step study programs preparing to take leadership roles in Celebrate Recovery at a future date. Let's be in prayer for these over the next 6 months as they take a deeper spiritual inventory of themselves and those around them during this journey.

For those of you that may be led to serve now, there are other areas of the C. R. Ministry here like nursery care and host/hostess positions in our "Solid Rock Café" that could use your help today. Where could

you serve? Why not come visit Sunday night at 5:30 and see where God leads you?

A special thanks to all the membership and other volunteers for your continued support, both personally and financially over the past months. It has been your call and walk that has enabled God's ministry here to flourish as many lives are being changed. May God bless you so that you may continue to be a blessing to others. (Hebrews 6:10).

In Christ
Bob

CHILDREN



Lisa Sims
Children's Director

Hey guys!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well. I hope as a family you are enjoying and growing through Renovation of the Heart. It is exciting for God to work and it is great to join Him! Through this next month let's love on each

other a little more, talk to each other a little more, and look for God in each other a little more!

Wednesday Nights For the months of March and April, we will have only khor time. The time will remain the same—5:30 to 7:00. We will have dinner and khor. This will allow extra practice time to get ready for the Spring Musical! Please listen to the CD's of the musical with your kids so they can practice at home. It really helps when they have been listening to the songs at home.

RA Racers
The Calhoun Associational Race will be on Sunday March 8th at Greenbrier Road Baptist Church. Registration will be at 1:30 and the races will begin at 2 p.m. Please make plans to attend and let's have a strong showing of FBCO boys!

Renovation of the Heart
During March and April when Sunday School and Worship are switched, we will still have Children's Worship for 1st—3rd grades. Please bring children to the Worship Room as you arrive. They will go to S.S. after worship. Also, to keep from ruining lunch appetites,

we will have a snack-time during Children's Worship, but not during Sunday School.

Spring Cleaning
I am looking for a used game system or two and also, any "E" rated games. This would be greatly appreciated for use mainly on Sun. evenings for Celebrate Recovery. I would also love to have used board games in good condition. If you have any of these that you would like to donate, please let me know.

Nickels & Noses

| Date | Sunday School | Budget Offering | Weekly Requirement | Debt Retirement | Weekly Requirement | Total Offering | Memorials & Honorariums |
|--------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|--|
| Feb 1 | 418 | \$24,129.94 | \$21,930.25 | \$4,202.00 | \$4,085.14 | \$28,331.94 | Charles Martin |
| Feb 8 | 402 | \$21,114.48 | | \$835.00 | | \$21,949.48 | |
| Feb 15 | 420 | \$14,805.12 | | \$1,476.00 | | \$16,281.12 | George & Lela Davison, Lee & Ida Burroughs, Joe & Bessie Davison, Bessie Schroeder |
| Feb 22 | 381 | \$14,141.18 | | \$651.00 | | \$14,792.18 | |

MARCH 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 8:45am Worship 10:00 S School 4:30 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm Student Choir 5:30 pm CR | 2 10 am Women's Bible Study | 3 10:00 Voices of Gold 6:00 am Men's Fraternity | 4 5:30 Supper 6:15 Discipleship Classes 7:00 Choir | 5 | 6 | 7  Reset your clock |
| 8 8:45am Worship 10:00 S School 4:30 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm Student Choir 5:30 pm CR | 9 10 am Women's Bible Study FBC to work Service Center | 10 9:30 Glays Philips Prayer Group 10:00 Voices of Gold 6 am Men's Fraternity FBC to work Service Center | 11 5:30 Supper 6:15 Discipleship Classes 7:00 Choir | 12 LLL 10:00  FBC to work Service Center | 13 Women's Retreat | 14 Women's Retreat |
| 15 Deacon Meeting 8:45am Worship 10:00 S School  | 16 10 am Women's Bible Study | 17 10:00 Voices of Gold 6:00am Men's Fraternity 6:00pm Second Tuesday | 18 5:30 Men's Chili Cookoff  6:15 Discipleship Classes 7:00 Choir | 19 | 20  | 21 |
| 22 8:45am Worship 10:00 S School 4:30 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm Student Choir 5:30 pm CR | 23 10 am Women's Bible Study | 24 10:00 Voices of Gold 6:00am Men's Fraternity | 25 5:30 Supper 6:15 Discipleship Classes 7:00 Choir | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 8:45am Worship 10:00 S School 4:30pm Bible Study 5:00pm Student Choir 5:30 pm CR | 30 10 am Women's Bible Study | | | | | |

PRESCHOOL

Wow! Isn't our God doing some amazing things within our church family? I know He has wonderful things in store for us through Renovation of the Heart. This past Sunday, the preschool department had 9 visitors! We had an awesome day making new friends!

-We have two families who are now expecting new bundles of joy in the fall?

-The Small Creations department offers many opportunities for service? Consider joining our team in one of the following ways - A server for supper on Wednesday nights; A substitute teacher to help when a regular teacher must be absent; a hostess on Sunday mornings to greet the youngest of FBC as they arrive; a rotational child care provider to serve one Sunday morning every 6-9 weeks during the worship service.

-Our preschool department has over 102 volunteers to help on Sunday morning, but this only allows a 6 week rotation?

-Several kindergarteners are beginning to ask lots of questions regarding salvation? Even at such a young age, their hearts are turning to the Lord- we can never underestimate what God can do in the hearts of the youngest of FBC!

-If every adult in our church volunteered for the nursery rotation, each person would be asked to serve only 2 times a year!



Rachel Doyle
Preschool Director

Did you know....???

-That we have over 80 children of preschool age in our church?

-One Sunday morning worship service requires a minimum of 18 volunteers?

Please consider joining this valuable ministry of FBC! Contact me at the church office or stop by the nursery one Sunday morning!

MUSIC

Is it Easter yet???? Well almost.....it is only about 7 weeks out you guys!!!!

The choir has had their CD's and books since early December. Yep... they have to have this stuff really early to properly prepare.

Begin praying for us as they have worked hard on this music and are still working hard. Encourage a choir member when you see them. It takes a lot of preparation for a major musical like Easter!!!

It isn't to late too join us if you hurry!!! Join us

as soon as possible on Wednesday nights.

Thanks, Scott Abernathy, for a great solo Sunday morning!!

Thanks to ALL our soloists for all they do in preparation for a Sunday morning solo. Thank you ladies on the instruments. It would be very difficult and pretty bland without those ladies playing for us.

While I am at it thank you guys on the sound, the lighting and the screens!! You do a thankless job... but here is a great BIG THANK YOU!!!

So many people play such a vital role in presenting a Sunday morning service. Please take notice of who they are and thank them also!!

Men's Fraternity will be winding down soon. I have a great group of guys who have stuck it out for 20 weeks now and we have at this writing only 3 more weeks left. What a great study.....and what a great group of men seeking to be the man of God's desire!!!

Wives, I hope you've seen a difference in



Moses Clark
Music Minister

your husbands.... they had a lot thrown at them about being a Godly husband. It should show at home!!!

Let me know ladies!

FAITH BAPTIST DEAF MISSION



Ricky Milford
Deaf Church Pastor

Greetings from Faith Baptist Deaf Mission! It has been a couple of months since our relocation to First Baptist Church of Oxford. I want to take this time to thank FBCO for the warm, friendly welcome you have extended to FBDM. Everyone has

been so friendly and helpful as we learn the ropes of a new church. When God first gave us the vision of relocating to the Oxford area, I thought He meant "next week" – but it would actually be two-and-a-half years later! We learned to depend on Psalms 46:10 (NLT) "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world" and to wait on the Lord. On January 1, 2009 God said "GO" and we followed His cloud to FBCO. We can already see God's work here.

We have had many new visitors and have added two new members, one by letter and one by baptism. As our mission statement of the church says, "Deaf people can be missionaries-Not just mission fields!" We are excited to see what God will do at FBDM of Oxford.

We are now preparing for the annual Alabama Baptist Conference for the Deaf (ABCD) at Shocco Springs on March 6-8th. This year's theme is "Forever Faithful, Psalm 119:90" as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. Please pray for the leaders of the confer

ence and that the current economy will not prevent people from attending and celebrating 50 years of God's work at ABCD.

Again, on behalf of Faith Baptist Deaf Mission congregation, I want to express how excited we are to be a part of First Baptist Church of Oxford.

God Bless,
Ricky Milford
Pastor, FBDM
Church Planter, NAMB

Lines from LLL

Our March meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with covered dish lunch to follow. You will be able to find green at no cost to you because it's

about St. Patrick's Day. Just wear green and bring the "luck 'o the Irish" with you!



FBC Seniors who have not been attending are missing out on a great time with wonderful fellowship. Let's have a great attendance.

The program will be presented by a surprise guest (maybe a leprechaun!) who will tell us all about the history of St. Patrick with some great Irish humor. Also, Moses Clark will be crooning some beautiful Irish

tunes. You do not want to miss this!!!!!!

Member spotlight this month goes to Mae Warren. Mae is a great asset to our church and is exemplified by her sweet disposition and kind-hearted manner. We all love to see her at our meetings!

Plan to join us this month for all the Irish fun and fellowship!!!!!!

Happy Birthday



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| 2nd Glenn Heathcock Ronald Boyles Matthew Butler | 3rd Van Hanson | 4th Denman Croley Hilma Bennett Jerry Marks Patsy Brewer Patrick Hall | 5th Martha Tilson | 6th Warren Brady Becky Vaughan Doug Alger | 7th Graham Talley Jay Esty | 8th Margaret Starr Sam Mellon Josh McGuffey | 9th Wayne Doyal Robert Poore | 10th Robert Jackson | 11th Leon Smith | 12th Gary Carpenter | 14th Greg Hethcox Tracy Baker | 15th Virgil Deshler | 16th Slenda Haynes Amy Graham Hayley Freeman | 18th Martha White Jonathan Head | 19th Faye Hubbert | 20th Tom Brooks Anne Banks | 21st Stephanie Dean | 22nd Bettye Pace K.V. Lipham | 23rd Cindy Williams | 24th Celeste McGuffey | 25th Polly Hill Cassy Harrell Tracy Thompson | 26th Betty Nelson | 27th Mildred Hurst Bobby Austin | 28th Rachel McCombs | 29th Anna Tyson | 30th Dan Catchings Kim Coker Jordan McGuffey | 31st Sheila Lindley Jana Smith |
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April

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| 3rd Laura Ledbetter Barbara Rinehart Carla Jones Nick Sims | 4th Jean Chase Dolly Lovelady |
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Deacon of the Week

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| Mar 1-7 | Mar 8-14 | March 15-21 | March 22-28 | March 29-April 4 | April 5-11 |
| T. Hodges | K. McCullough | B. Parker | H. Roberts | M. Sargent | M. Sims |
| 835-0732 | 835-6558 | 831-3981 | 831-2847 | 831-1971 | 405-4344 |

Child Care Schedules

| Don't forget the time change this month: Sunday Morning Worship Service 8:45 | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | March 1 | March 8 | March 15 | March 22 | March 29 |
| Infants A108 | Kae Bailey & Dolly Lovelady | Susan & Hayley Freeman | Gowan & Phyllis Embry | Greg & Lynn Winningham | Polly Hill & Peggy Almon |
| Walkers A111 | Martha White & Carla Smith | Becky & Jamie Preston | Tonya & Carly Sargent | Debra Dean & Pauline Snider | Beth Futral & Lynn Chapman |
| Two's A109 | Tina & Ashley Adams | Laura & Abby Alger | Mike & Robin Snow | Bev Smith & Perri Katherine Ingram | Barney & Gina Turner |
| God's Garden 3/4 | David & Tiffany Thompson | Tucker & Dana Hall | Kim Mattox & Madison Webb | Matt & Betsy Thompson | Jason & Tara Austin |
| God's Garden 3/4 | Tucker & Dana Hall | Clint & Shae Doyle | Lori & Lindy Steward | John & Doris Pilkington | Rusty & Christy Gann |
| God's Garden Pre-K | Tim & Natalie Wilson | Anthony & Pam Whitley | Doug & Amy Strautman | Shannon Tapley & Heather Gallahar | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED |
| God's Garden K | Clay & Laura Phillips | Keith & Leigh Ann McCullough | Don & Sheila Lindley | Sharon Sills & Violet Holland | Mike & Kelly Abney |
| God's Garden K | Tim & Jeanne Pilkington | Syprina Brown | Jimmy & Kelly Whaley | James & Mia Slaton | Tim & Leslie Embry |
| Children's Church | Patrick & Andi Syer | Shannon & Sondra Stephens | Todd & Mary Jo Tripp | Georgia Lambert & Pam Whitley | Greg & Lynn Winningham |

If you are not available for your time of service, please make arrangements to change dates with another family