

The Messenger

February Sermon Series

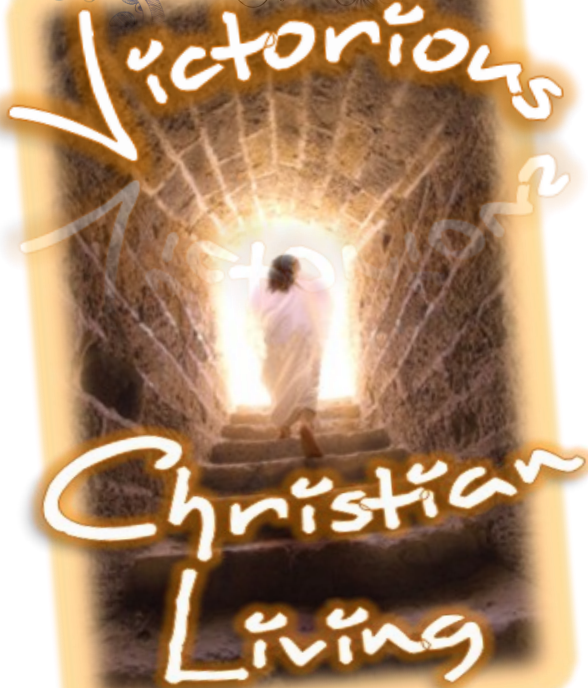
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February 13

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February 20

"Victory over the Humdrum Lifestyle"
February 27



From the Desk of Pastor Tom...

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The blessing of the Lord has not just been showering down on us, it has truly been flowing down on us. Our services of late have definitely been Spirit anointed. For that we worship and praise His holy and righteous name. If you have missed a service lately you have missed a blessing. Make plans to be in each service because if you are not here, you will definitely miss a blessing.

I will be beginning a new series of messages this month (February) entitled "Victorious Christian Living." I am excited about what God is going to do through these messages that He has burned into my heart. The sermon titles are: "Victory over Death, Hell and the Grave," "Victory over Sin," "Victory over Trials," and "Victory over the Humdrum Lifestyle." From my own observation, and what I have read, too many Christians are living in defeat instead of victory. That is not the way God intended it to be! Make plans to

be at our service and let's dig into God's Word and move from defeat to victory!

Praise the Lord, we had well over one hundred fifty people in attendance at our "Heavenly Hoedown!" Also, we had almost one hundred adults sign up for Disciple U classes. I am so grateful that we have such a great number of our people who have a desire to go the extra mile to grow and develop in their faith. We had 176 people to be a part of the first session of Disciple U classes. That is truly AWESOME!

Sylvia and I are now in our seventh year as pastor and family here at FBCLH. We want to thank you for the privilege of serving you and all the extended FBCLH family. Through these years many positive things have happened and we have seen God work in wonderful ways. As a church I believe that we are closer to where God wants us to be than at any other point in our ministry here. So we praise the Lord for how He has slowly but

surely moved us more closely to the image of His Son the Lord Jesus. But, (you knew there had to be a 'but,' right?), on the other hand we have not arrived yet! There is still work to do and adjustments to be made in our life and ministry if we are to be all that God wants us to be. Pray with me that we will see even more progress this year! I truly believe that the best years for FBCLH are yet to come. The future is even brighter than the past.

Again, be sure you are making plans to be a part of the "Victorious Christian Living" series. These messages from God's Word have the potential to be life changing if we will let them.

In Christ,
Tom Daniel

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We have had a great time over the winter months. Our first Disciple U study is going tremendously well. We are 'made to make a difference'. He has a great purpose and plan in store for each of us. Thank you for your attendance and participation. We will be discussing our Christian citizenship in SS this month and see what a huge difference committed Christians can make in our country. To put all of these lessons and concepts in action, we will be serving a meal at the Rescue Mission for our fellowship this month. If you are not already participating, come and be a part of all that is going on!

We'd love to have you.
JESUS IS AWESOME!

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Matt



Thank you for your participation in the Disciple University kickoff event "Heavenly Hoedown". Without a doubt it was one of the largest Sunday evening dinner crowds I have been a part of! While it was a lot of fun, it demonstrated a renewed level of commitment for many of us as we take part in various small groups that will enable us to grow spiritually. It is our firm belief that church unity comes when we are willing to open our lives in relationships with one another and grow deeper in our walk with our Lord together. Encourage others in the congregation that you know to join your group and share in each other's blessing and burdens.

As I plan for this upcoming year it is evident that God has been gently nudging me to be still and listen. The words "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8 ESV) speak clearly from my

devotionals, lessons, and recent books. When I took the time to actually look up this verse and read it in the context of the entire passage, the Lord revealed an entirely different meaning to me. The passage in chapter 4 where this verse is found is a stern warning against worldliness and actually calls us as believers to recognize our sin and purify our hearts in humility before the Lord. It is easy to read the first portion of this verse (above) and leave off the last "Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you." We can only draw near to God when we are wretched and poor, stripped and bare. He certainly will not draw near to us as long as there is sin and competition in our lives for His time and counsel. The central question that seems prevalent from Gods Holy Spirit in all the recent preaching and teaching is; what is important to me, and is God really the priority in my life? In light of this probing question, I have had to seriously contemplate just how committed I am to the Lord and indeed as the verse above warns "mourn" over my condition and repent so that He will draw near to me and exalt me.

Ephesians 4:1-6
Growing Together in Unity,
Brother Grady



The Bible teaches that we are to prepare ourselves for worship. As with anything worthwhile, preparation is essential. The pastor has prepared his sermon, the musicians have prepared musically, the media has prepared to enhance worship, but all of us need to prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies as well. Psalm 24:3 asks the question, "Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place?" The answer in verse 4 is "He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,..." (put other things ahead of God). In other words, those who have prepared "may stand in His holy place."

Just preparing on Sunday morning is not enough. There are many Saturday night ways to ruin Sunday worship. Here are some practical suggestions to enhance your Sunday morning worship. 1) Rest long enough on Saturday night to be alert and hopeful on Sunday morning. It is a terrible thing to teach children that worship is so optional that it doesn't matter if you are exhausted when you come. 2) Purify your mind by turning away from worldly entertainment on Saturday evening. Your heart will unshrive and be able to feel greatness again. 3) Meditate on the Word of God. "O taste and see that the Lord is good." (Ps. 34:8) Let your reading of Scripture be a delicious appetizer for Sunday morning's meal. [taken from "Gravity and Gladness on Sunday Morning" by John Piper.]

Starting Sunday evening January 30th at 4:30 PM we will be providing training with our media ministry. We will be starting with the basics of our projection program, and just getting things going. In future weeks, we will provide training on the sound system as well. If anyone is interested, please join us on Sunday afternoons.

Also, I wish to thank each of you for your many expressions of kindness to my family and I as we are serving you in this interim time. It is a blessing to serve with you.



In Christ,
David Watson



February Events

*See back page for information on recurring events.

- Wed., Feb. 2: *Evening Meal 5:00 p.m.
*Library Open 5:00 p.m.
*Orchestra Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
*Prayer Time 6:00 p.m.
*AWANA 6:00 p.m.
*Youth @ the Loft 6:30 p.m.
*Wednesday Worship 6:30 p.m.
*Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 6: *Library Open 8:45 a.m.
*Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
*Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
*Disciple U 5:30 p.m.
- Mon., Feb. 7: Women on Mission 6 p.m. Adult 7
- Tues., Feb. 8: Silver Saints 10:30 a.m. FH
- Thurs., Feb. 10: God's Warrior's Valentine Party 6 p.m. FH
Youth Fellowship 3:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 13: Deacon's Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 15: Silver Bells 10:45 a.m.
Helping Hands 11 a.m.
Willing Workers 12 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 16: Business Meeting 6 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 22: Silver Saints 10:45 a.m.
- Sat., Feb. 26: Wild Game Dinner 5 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 27: Family Worship Day

Who are the Silver Saints?



Anyone who is 62 or older can be a Silver Saint.

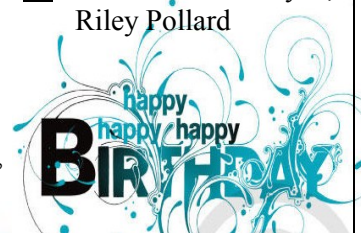
February 8 is our regular meeting. We are having a special "story teller" as our guest. Come and join the fun, fellowship, and food. Silver Saints, who are they? Anyone.

Wednesday Night Meal Assistance

The Adult 4C SS Class is to assist with the Wednesday night meal for the month of February.



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| <u>1</u> - Bruce Bachman, Jay Craig, Coreta Pratt | <u>12</u> - Taylor Isenberg | <u>24</u> - Bo Green |
| <u>2</u> - Morgan Isenberg, Parker Thomas | <u>13</u> - Jeremy Brooks | <u>25</u> - Sandy Douglas, Larry Finch, Jonathon Kumpan |
| <u>3</u> - Marilyn Cook, Amy Owens | <u>14</u> - Cathy Bottoms | <u>27</u> - Tommy Harris |
| <u>4</u> - Joey Brannen | <u>15</u> - Randy Micholas | <u>28</u> - Martha Groenendyke, Riley Pollard |
| <u>5</u> - Don Teel | <u>16</u> - Alan Barefoot, Paula Booth | |
| <u>6</u> - Debbie Bass, Sam Sumner | <u>17</u> - Georgette Farrell, Debbie Stewart | |
| <u>9</u> - Mary Cameron, Helen Taylor | <u>18</u> - Sue Bromlow | |
| <u>10</u> - Elise Samuelson | <u>19</u> - Stacy Brannen | |
| <u>11</u> - Matt Pollard | <u>22</u> - Mari Harper | |
| | <u>23</u> - Mike Brewer, David Warren, Bob Wynn | |



From the Media Library

Ladies, here is a two-book saga by beloved Francine Rivers that explores the complicated relationship between Mothers and Daughters over several generations.

Series # 1, "Her Mother's Hope", Marta's legacy was presented to our Media Library in memory of Mrs. Connie Randall by Dwayne and Carol Lee. Our thanks go to you for your gracious way of remembering our special friend.

We have added # 2 in the series, "Her Daughter's Dream" by best-selling author Francine Rivers, who has enjoyed a near 30 year writing career.

We invite you to explore our inventory by Mrs. Rivers.

The Media Library Staff



January 2011 Attendance Averages		January 2011 Giving Totals		February Prayer Partners	
Sunday School:	260	General Fund:	\$46,961.71	Feb. 6:	Marlon & Cindy Kirkland (265-1537)
Morning Worship:	339	Building for the Future:	\$250.00	Feb. 13:	Dwayne & Carol Lee (522-0380)
Evening Worship:	132	BFF to Date:	\$137,551.36	Feb. 20:	Donnie & Jean Padgett (381-0712)
Mid-week Service:	207	Lottie Moon to Date:	\$17,527.00	Feb. 27:	Scotty & Kim Blount (527-9168)
Midweek does not include Jan. 30 Data.		Does not include Jan. 30 Data.			



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Sunday Schedule	Wednesday Schedule
8:45-Library Open	5:00-Evening Meal
9:15-Sunday School	(Adult 4C SS Class to Assist)
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	6:00-Prayer Time
	6:15-Youth @ the Loft
	6:30-Wednesday Worship
	7:30-Choir Rehearsal

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

You are invited to a...



February 26 5 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall

Come and enjoy a time of fun, food, and fellowship. This will be an Outreach Event for men & boys only. Please invite your friends to come.