

The Messenger

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Remember before you go to bed
on March 12 to set your clock
ahead 1 hour.

From the Desk of Pastor Tom...

WOW!!!! That is the expression that comes to mind when I think about what God is doing at FBCLH. When I think about all the people who are coming to DU, I stand amazed. We have had an awesome response to the new Sunday night format. As a matter of fact we have doubled our Sunday night attendance. From what I hear, all the classes are going well and those in attendance are growing and developing in their faith. As I hear testimonies from some of the teachers I know that God is truly at work through DU. Praise the Lord!!!

Let me invite you to Wednesday Worship!!! We are trying another new format and it is working tremendously well. We have seen significant improvement in our adult attendance. If you have not been to Wednesday Worship since the changes have taken place let me encourage you to come and enjoy this wonderful

worship time. The service closely resembles the Sunday morning service with PowerPoint presentation, praise team and small orchestra. You will be blessed and recharged to finish your week for God's glory. Try it this Wednesday night!!!

Let me encourage you to begin praying for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Through the down turn in the economy, our mission sending organizations have taken a significant drop in funding. That is true of NAMB. They desperately need our help! The monies that are received through this offering go directly to fund missionaries in North America. The FBCLH goal is \$2,700. I know that we will do our part so that we can not only reach this goal but surpass it for the sake of winning our country back to Christ. Set aside some funds to give toward this worthy offering!!!

I pray that you have enjoyed the "Victorious Christian Living" series because I have enjoyed studying and preaching on this very timely subject. Even as a pastor sometimes I feel defeated and discouraged and I have to remind myself that this is not God's plan. Hopefully God has spoken His word into your life and you will live a victorious life. As Christians we are saved to live in victory not defeat!

I am excited about what God is doing FBCLH. Pray with me that God would continue to revive His Church. He is doing a great work and by His power it is only going to get better!

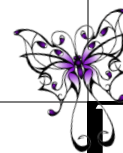
In Christ,
Pastor Tom

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May the Lord smile on
you and be gracious
to you.

Numbers 6:25 NLT



MARCH



Just for Students

God is so good. He is blessing abundantly. We are having a good time and learning a lot in our Disciple U small groups on Sunday nights. We will be starting a new study in March entitled 'The Truth about Sex' by Doug Fields. We will be discussing how we can make right decisions, live within boundaries, and seek God's forgiveness when necessary. On March 4-5 we will be going to a youth Leadership Rocks Conference in Birmingham, AL. The theme of the weekend is Chasing Elephants: wrestling with the gray areas of life. We will carefully examine the biblical subject of freedom in Christ and learn not what or why but how to believe on any moral or ethical decision not specifically addressed in scripture.

JESUS IS AWESOME!

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to your Word.

Psalm 119:9

Matt



I have a good friend who happens to be my co-worker that is a martial arts black belt with multiple degrees. We often have conversations comparing his love of his art and his discipleship under his master to my love for Christ and my discipleship under my master. We both have observed how only a select few stay under our masters tutelage for the long haul and we have discussed how many people who were inspired and motivated in the very beginning slowly drop to the wayside when the concept of discipline and serious commitment to their master's way is required of them to become like their master. We both concluded that only the true disciples actually hear and are attentive to their master's teaching and subsequently develop daily routines that apply his wisdom as an integral part of their lives. Their priority and focus in life supplements their desire to follow their master.

Our walk with Christ is intended to be an intimate fellowship and everlasting relationship. While salvation is a gift that is to be freely accepted, the transformation into His likeness requires an effort. We do not simply wake up one day with our old sin nature deleted! Yes, we are forgiven but the same resurrecting power that

raised Jesus from the grave is now available to us as His followers to change us from within. The problem with most Christians is that we haven't been taught how to grow in our relationship with our master. We come forward in a moment of brokenness over our sinful nature and sincerely commit our lives but no one mentors and teaches us how to grow spiritually. No one invests time in our lives to show us how to meditate, pray, study and fast. These are daily routines that our Lord practiced and taught His disciples to do by example. If Jesus implemented these disciplines then it stands to reason that we should follow His example. It is indeed possible to successfully live in the spirit without yielding to our old nature. While I cannot work for my salvation, I must "work out my own salvation with fear and trembling" as the apostle Paul declared in Philippians 2:12. How close do you really want to be to Jesus?

Ephesians 4:1-6

Growing Together in Unity,
Brother Grady



As we ponder worship, it is imperative that we heed Jesus' words in John 4:24. "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (NASB) The "truth" aspect refers to being single-hearted and genuine before God. It also has the aspect of worshipping *according to* truth; in other words, making sure that our worship is Biblical in form, function, and substance. I want to share with you the text of one of the most theologically sound hymns/songs that I have run across. Let these words strengthen and encourage you as they draw your attention to our magnificent and gracious God.

- 1) In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my Light, my Strength, my Song. This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2) In Christ alone! Who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless Babe! This Gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied - For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

3) There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4) No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand. Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand. [Keith Getty & Stuart Townend]

It has been wonderful to see such a good response to the media training on Sunday evenings. Starting Sunday evening, March 6th at 4:30 PM we will be providing training for our sound ministry. We will be starting with the basics of sound systems and equipment, and then moving into sound boards and balancing sound. If anyone is interested, please join us on Sunday afternoons.

In Christ,
David Watson



March Events

*See back page for information on recurring events.

- Fri. & Sat., Mar. 4 - 5: Youth Leadership Rocks Conf.
- Sun., Mar. 6: Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer Begins
Sound System Training 4:30 p.m.
*Disciple U 5:30 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 7: Women on Mission 6 p.m. Adult 7
- Tues., Mar. 8: Silver Saints 10:30 a.m. FH
- Fri., Mar. 11: Adult 6 Redmon Social Event 6 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 12: Adult Singles Progressive Dinner
Youth to Coconut Creek 5:30 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 13: Daylight Savings Time Begins
Youth Council Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Sound System Training 4:30 p.m.
Deacon's Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., Mar. 15: Silver Bells 10:45 a.m.
Willing Workers 12 p.m.
- Wed., Mar. 16: No Wed. Night Meal
No AWANA
No Choir or Orchestra Rehearsals
- Mon., Mar. 21: NACMO Meeting in FH
- Tues., Mar. 22: Silver Saints 10:45 a.m.
- Sat., Mar. 26: AWANA Bible Quiz Sanc. & FH
- Sun., Mar. 27: Family Worship Day

Women's Conference

Going Beyond with Priscilla Shirer and worship by Anthony Evans
April 1-2 First Baptist Church Panama City
City Tickets are \$49 and can be purchased online lifeway.com/goingbeyond or call 800-254-2022. **Note: FBC Panama City has a limited number of \$39 tickets for anyone interested, contact Carol Daniel at 392-0485.**

Wednesday Night Meal Assistance

The Adult 6 SS Class is to assist with the Wednesday night meal for the month of **March**.

EASTER

Easter is right around the corner and we are collecting pre-filled eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a collection box in the foyer of the church. More info on the event will come. Thank you for your donations.

March

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| <u>2</u> - Verda Locke | <u>9</u> - Frances George, | <u>23</u> - Wanda Mercer |
| <u>3</u> - Haley Hawley, Mary Powell | Rebecca Skipper | <u>24</u> - Stan Strickland |
| <u>4</u> - Butch Argenbright, | <u>11</u> - Marguerite Brock, Anne Ramsey | <u>25</u> - Ray Folmar |
| Shirley Barnes, | <u>12</u> - Frank Harper, Joshua Shinsky | <u>26</u> - Jean McElvey |
| Mary Ruth McDonald, | <u>13</u> - Tim Buchanan, Roman Massey, | Agnes Haddock |
| Ken Walker | Lora Todd | <u>28</u> - Virginia Walsingham |
| <u>6</u> - Hannah Blaich, Kyle Brady | <u>14</u> - Wayne Jones | <u>29</u> - Shelley Blaich |
| Gene Kearns, Joyce Maynor | <u>16</u> - Ann Hauck | <u>30</u> - Kay Lanford |
| Adam Warren | <u>17</u> - Marilyn Dykes | |
| <u>7</u> - Bill Gray | <u>19</u> - Rex Best, Hallie Glenn, | |
| <u>8</u> - Skyler Lubin, | Ruth Spradley | |
| Bobby Watson | <u>20</u> - Celia Massey | |

Birthday



Just to keep our Media Library patrons informed that we will be making some changes in the center to provide more shelf space. So if you look in on Wednesdays during this month, you may find things out of order but we will be open at the designated times. Just excuse the process as our goal is to do a small amount each week and have it in place for

Sundays. Thank you for your patience.

Please take a look at the display window for the biographies that are available for you. We hope these will spark your interest in some notable people, recent and past.



The Media Library Staff

February 2011 Attendance Averages

Sunday School:	272
Morning Worship:	327
Evening Worship:	152
Mid-week Service:	302

Does not include Feb. 27 Data.

February 2011 Giving Totals

General Fund:	\$61,975.86
Building for the Future:	\$2,389.00
BFF to Date:	\$140,405.04

March Prayer Partners

Mar. 6:	Mike & Heather Brewer	(381-1455)
Mar. 13:	Jay & Trish Craig	(277-2364)
Mar. 20:	Frank & Gerry Redmon	(872-6120)
Mar. 27:	Clarence & Linda McNeil	(271-5242)



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 Paul Durden.....Pianist
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 Fred Russ.....Custodian

Sunday Schedule

8:45-Library Open
 9:15-Sunday School
 10:30-Morning Worship
 5:30-Disciple U

Wednesday Schedule

5:00-Evening Meal
 (Adult 6 SS Class to Assist)
 Library Open
 5:30-Orchestra Rehearsal
 6:00-Prayer Time
 6:15-Youth @ the Loft
 6:30-Wednesday Worship
 7:30-Choir Rehearsal

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- \$50** Witnessing tools and training for a mission team to share Christ with unbelievers
- \$95** Scholarship for a Native American to attend a church camp
- \$200** Case of Navajo Bibles for distribution on a Native American Reservation
- \$250** Scholarship for a college student to attend Baptist Campus Ministry fall retreat