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The Messenger

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As I write this article I am still rejoicing at the work done in Jamaica. The team will be sharing with you more about that on March 2nd. **I wasn't sure if we were going to get into Jamaica.** When we went through customs the customs agents wanted to know where we were going, but all we knew was the name of the town. They wanted the name of the Parish it was located in. We did not know that information. My customs agent asked me

"Where are you going?" My reply, **"We are going to Morant Bay to help work on a church."** "Where is that?" she asked. I replied, **"Morant Bay on the island of Jamaica."** Finally, Ryan Huntzinger's agent said, **"Oh, that is in the St. Thomas Parish."** That name opened the gates for us.

Speaking of names, Peter in 1 Peter 2:25 used a couple of names to describe Jesus. He says, **"For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."** When Peter applies the name "Shepherd" to Jesus he is telling us something about what Jesus does. As a shepherd guided the sheep, even so Jesus guides the believer.

People are guided by many different things today. Some are guided by their peers. They do what the crowd is doing. Some are guided by their passions. Whatever feels good is what they do. Others are guided by their perceptions. Whatever seems to be right in their mind is what they do. However, our peers are sometimes wrong. Our passions are often distorted. Our perceptions are sometimes confused. We need something more reliable, and we have it in Jesus. Those who believe in Him, listen to Him, and follow Him have found Him to be a guide who has led them into full and abundant life.

The other name Peter uses in this verse is that of "Overseer." When Peter calls Him our overseer he is declaring that Jesus also guards us. At times He will guard us by delivering us from our trouble. At other times he will deliver us through our troubles.

Jesus is more than just a name! He is the one who guides and guards us in life. Proclaim Jesus to those around you, so that they, too, may be guided and guarded by Him.



Daylight Savings Time Begins...Set your clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8th.

Church Library News

CONFORMED

Conformed means to make the same or similar, to bring into agreement, accepting without question, customs, traditions, opinions.

As Christians we are NOT to be conformed. We are to be different. We do not set our standards according to this world. Romans 12:2: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

The world doesn't forgive or say I understand, but God understands and forgives. It's vital that we understand how God wants us to live. Let's read our Bibles and know more about God everyday. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you by changing the way you think. Be a child of God, not a child of this world.

Joyfully yours in Christ,
Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

Here are a few choices from our Library...

Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World by Dr. David Jeremiah.

What does it truly mean to "Wait on the Lord"? How did we get into this mess? Can we take a broken world and rebuild it into something fruitful? The author shows us that with the power and love of Almighty God, we can live with confidence in this age of turmoil.

Finding Peace by Charles Stanley. In this book the author shows the way to life-changing peace of mind. This book offers you the tools for resolving past failures and regrets, for facing present concerns, and for soothing apprehensions about the future. This is an essential read for all who wrestle with daily turmoil in this world.

Prayer, Does It Make Any Difference? By Philip Yancey. Does prayer work? More personally, does it work the way we think it should? This book explores the questions surrounding prayer that many of us wonder, but few of us know how to express.

March Birthdays

1	Jerry Wells
2	Monty Bland
4	Jarrett DeLozier
7	Monica Casteel
8	Teresa Johnson
	Aaron Easton
9	Todd Purtle
	Sylvia Hafner
	J. C. Christian
10	Davis Burkhalter
11	Christie Johnson
13	Troy Watkins
14	Katelyn Meza
17	Kathy Lipka
	Emma Robinson
18	Susan Warren
	Dorothy Lawrence
	Cam Eash
19	Margaret Gray
23	Jeff King
	Brandy Robinson
24	Faye Grotsma
	Clara Roman
	Chris LeMay
26	Hazel Ball
	Mike Welch
28	Connor Hull
30	Benji Robinson
	Josh Howland
31	Kelly Morgan

Happy Birthday
To You!



Worship Quote of the Month

Churches tend to fall into two ditches. Some elevate the music minister to rock star or "god-like" status. Or some treat the minister of music as a jukebox. Put a little bit of money in and get a few songs that they like. Both pitfalls promote an unhealthy view of the music minister and the music ministry.

So how should a church view the music minister and the music ministry?

First of all the primary responsibility of the music minister is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ through song. Whether that be in congregational song, choir, soloist, etc... The texts of the song should preach the good news of Jesus Christ to us.

Second the music minister is responsible for singing songs of the faith that expresses the vast range of emotions that Christians go through during the course of their spiritual journey. Worship should be an acceptable place for all ranges of emotions from guilt, sadness, thankfulness, and joy.

Bro. Nick, Minister of Music



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Schedule of Services: Sunday Worship - 8:00 am & 10:45 am Sunday School - 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:00 pm Discipleship Training & AWANA - 5:00 pm Worship & Youth Svc. - 6:00 pm			Wednesday Children in Action - 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm Instrumental Rehearsal			1
2 FAITH Riders Spaghetti Lunch after Morning Worship Deacons' Meeting 5 pm AWANA- Regular Mtg	3	4 	5 6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	6 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	7	8 8 am Men's Breakfast 
9 5 pm AWANA- FROG Night (Fully Rely on God) Wear Green	10	11	12 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship 6:30pm Business Mtg.	13 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	14	15 FAITH Riders Lunch Ride 10 am  5-8 pm
16 No AWANA-Spring Break	17 	18 April Newsletter Articles due in office	19 6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	20 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  6:30 pm Financial Peace University	21 Family Connection 6:30 pm	22 Ladies' Breakfast 8:30 am Crafty Sisters with a Mission 10 am
23 No AWANA-Spring Break	24	25	26 6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	27 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	28 	29
30 5 pm AWANA- Regular Mtg	31					

The Church in Action



Parents Night Out

The cost will be \$15 per child with a \$40 limit. This is not just a FBC only thing. Tell your friends and neighbors or anyone else you may know that have children and want a night out. The money we make will go to help our youth go to camp this summer. There is a sign-up sheet on Josh's door in the church lobby or you can email me with your names and the number of children. You can pay when you sign up or on the night of the 15th. Please see Josh or Amy Howland for more information.

Saturday, March 15, 5-8 PM
The youth are hosting a
Parents' Night Out

We will keep children from infant to 3rd grade for three hours so that parents can have a well-deserved night to themselves.

FAITH Riders Lunch Ride
Saturday, March 15
Kickstands up at 10 am

Meet at the church for a lunch run to Lynchburg. If the weather is not cooperative, we will take the church van for a time of fellowship.



It's Time to Spring Ahead...
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8.

You wouldn't want to be Late for church on Sunday morning!



Financial Peace University presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Class is open to anyone who wants to learn what God says about money. The 9 week course begins Thursday, February 20th at 6:30pm. The lifetime membership kit costs \$99. To register, or for more information, contact Bruce or Julie Hull. (615.476.9522 or juliemhull@live.com).

Future Growth Funding

\$132,511.14 in a Construction
Acct. at First Farmer's &
Merchant's Bank
\$356,064.92 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist
Foundation.



Family

Connection

It's March Madness at Family Connection this month! Sure, the tournament will already have started but we'll play "bracket-ology" with the remaining games. No prior knowledge of college basketball required!! Bring your favorite tailgating food to share. Drinks and paper goods provided. Family Connection is a monthly gathering of FBC families - just married, those with young kids, those with older kids - and anyone interested in mentoring this group. Join us in the fellowship hall **Friday, March 21st at 6:30pm**. If you have seen a new family around, please invite them to join us!

Sunday, March 2
Following the 2nd
Worship Service

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as the FAITH Riders sponsor lunch. Bring a dessert to share for the Dessert Contest. Donations will be accepted to benefit the TN Baptist Children's Home.



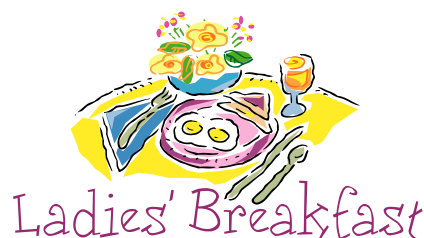
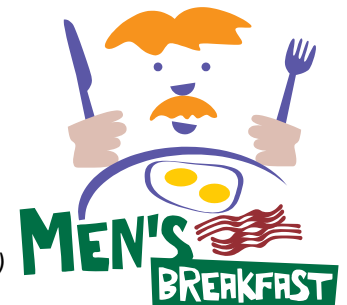
Spaghetti Lunch



Cracker Barrel
Fellowship
Wednesday,
March 12
10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, March 8,
8 a.m.
All Men & Boys are Invited!

Contact Ben Barbre to
volunteer and to make
reservations
callmedoubleb@gmail.com)



Saturday,
March 22,
8:30 am
Followed by
Crafty Sisters
With a Mission
10:00 am