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Senior Pastor

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SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

Luke 15:7 NIV)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"My sin, not in part but the whole, has been nailed to the cross, so I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul."

Horatio Gates Spafford
from the hymn,
"It is Well with My Soul." 1873

DID YOU KNOW?

You can help feed a family for a week in earthquake-ravaged Haiti for about \$40? Visit firstbaptistcumming.org to learn more about **Buckets of Hope**. Collection deadline is March 8.

The church that



gives itself away.

March 2010

Preparing For The Harvest

From the Pastor's heart

Spring is in the air. Well, not as I write this article in mid-February, with below normal temperatures just days after a rare Georgia snow, but when you get your newsletter in the mail, I am hopeful that we will be enjoying a few signs of spring. I've built my boxes, mixed my soil, bought my seeds and I'm ready for "Square Foot Gardening." All this work in the last days of winter will pay off during the harvest times of summer – it always does. I have gardened all my life and learned many years ago that if I plant in the spring, I'll enjoy a tomato better than anything you can buy in the store. Kathy will make pickles out of our garden cucumbers that friends fight over. Garden fresh green beans, squash, peppers and broccoli will surpass any gourmet restaurant side you can buy. It all starts with winter preparation.

Preparation is the key to all of life's worthy endeavors. Not only does Scripture say we reap what we sow, it says we reap more from the soil that has been prepared. In my square foot garden, I have placed some well prepared soil. It is a mix of vermiculite, peat moss and mixed compost. It took time to find each component (I had help from friends like Chris Cowart) and energy to mix them in the right proportion (1/3 of each), but the soil is healthily organic, virtually weed free and so rich it doesn't require fertilizer. Just writing about it has me so excited to go plant right now, but it's not time so I will wait. I will wait on God's sun to warm this soil to the right temperature and I will wait for God's sun to shine the required number of hours per day, but when it's time, I'll be ready.

Even more than the delight of home grown tomatoes is the joy of one person being born again. The angels in Heaven break out in song over this new birth and perhaps they even high-five one another. When that new Believer shares their profession of faith in church we shout amen and why not share a high-five? Can anything be more exciting than a person escaping Hell and finding eternal peace? Wow! Yet it all starts with preparation. Prayer, relationship and witnessing prepare the way for our friends to find Jesus. If you do the prep work now and wait on God, you will see the harvest. God's Son will shine on your relationships and your witnessing and in His time the harvest will come. If you haven't seen a harvest, perhaps you haven't been doing the prep work.

FBC wants to help you with the prep work. That's why we offer classes on sharing your faith. That's why we encourage small groups for relationship building. And that's why we are coordinating a prayer walk on Saturday, March 27th, so we can witness a harvest next September at Forsyth Family Fest 2010. Join me in the prep work of prayer, relationships and witnessing, and I will join you with a high-five and praise to God.

God bless you,

 Bob



Growing True Disciples

At First Baptist Cumming, we have a desire to grow spiritually as true disciples of Christ. Every member and regular attendee has several opportunities to experience what it means to be a disciple of Christ. No Believer can “sit in the stands” or stand on the side if they desire to be a true disciple.

Spiritual growth occurs through Bible Study groups such as Bible Fellowship Groups (BFGs) on Sunday morning. Another way is to participate in a Discipleship class that focuses on a specific aspect of living a Christian life.

All Believers should be involved in Discipleship. What every Believer should be challenging themselves with is Christ’s command to “deny yourself daily.” All spiritual growth opportunities should have this command as a theme. These and many other aspects of growth for you as a Believer are contained in a pamphlet titled, “A Believer’s Spiritual Journey.” If you would like a copy of this pamphlet, see the Info Desk in the Atrium or contact Carlton: 770.887.2428 or Email: carlton@firstbaptistcumming.org.

“Life @ FBC (1)” and Life @ FBC (2)

Starting in 2010, there will be another class added to what will now be called the “Life @ FBC” series. The current class is called *Life @ FBC (1)*. The second class will be called *Life @ FBC (2)*. There will be at least two offerings for the “(2)” class in 2010. Watch for the promotion for this class during the year. If you have not attended the “(1)” class, try to attend the next one offered. There will be at least four class offerings this year.

Watch for more on these classes in the *Life @ FBC* series during 2010. For more info, or to register for either class, contact Carlton - 770.887.2428 or Email: carlton@firstbaptistcumming.org

Carlton Arnold
Director of Adult Discipleship (D.A.D.)



Now is a great time to find your ministry position in Worship Music at FBC. No matter whether God is calling you to play an instrument or sing, wouldn’t 2010 be the ideal time to get involved?

We want it to be easy for anyone to answer God’s call. Please visit www.firstbaptistcumming.org for information about how you can serve in Worship Arts. Also, feel free to call Gwenn Fox or me at the office at 770.887.2428 for more information.

Blessings,

Darel Robertson
Minister of Music

Worship Arts
First Baptist Cumming



Adding Feet To Your Faith – One Step At A Time

Last month's Winter Olympics showcased skiers soaring through the air performing gravity-defying stunts. These heroic feats challenged my faith.

As I watched the Alpine long-jumpers straighten, stretch, lunge and lean to gain every airborne inch possible, my curiosity peaked on a spiritual level.

What might my faith look like extended to its fullest potential?

What if my belief that God's Word has the answer for every question, fear or need actually directed my actions?

What if my conviction that prayer works compelled me to work more through prayer?

What if my trust in Christ for salvation translated into me consistently telling others He's trustworthy as well?

Like the Olympic athlete straining for the medal, Jesus commands the Church to reach out to those who have yet to recognize Him as Savior and Lord.

On **Saturday, March 27th**, FBC has an opportunity to add feet to our faith as we walk and pray through area subdivisions and neighborhoods. Volunteers will also go door-to-door throughout our community conducting religious opinion surveys and delivering invitations to FBC's Easter Services as well as Gospel tracts and flower seed packets.

We will meet in the Atrium at the church at 9 a.m. for orientation and neighborhood assignments before canvassing the community from 10 a.m. to Noon.

If you can help FBC be the church in our community on March 27th, contact me at lee@firstbaptistcumming.org or call 770.887.2428.

About 160 youth and adults have already committed to helping make this outreach effort a success.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to put your faith into practice -- one step at a time. And by the way, your feet will never look better while sharing such good news -- guaranteed.

Need proof? Read Romans 10:15.

Your On Mission Partner,

Lee Weeks

Lee Weeks
Associate Pastor,
Evangelism & Missions



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, May 8 & 15, 7:30 am to 4 pm

FBC is partnering again with Habitat for Humanity of North Central Georgia to build an affordable house for a deserving family in Forsyth County. The Saturday construction crew is limited to 25 volunteers. Individuals or groups are also needed on Saturdays to provide Breakfast, Lunch, or bottled water for the construction crew. Shuttle bus transportation will be provided each Saturday at 7 am from FBC to the work site. Experience is not required. Sign up today at the Habitat for Humanity table in the Atrium. For more information, contact Lee@firstbaptistcumming.org or 770.887.2428

Family Mission Trip - Bountiful, UT - June 28 - July 2

KidsGames Sports Camp

Families, teen and adult volunteers are needed to help host KidsGames for children ages 6 to 14. This evangelistic sports camp is designed to reach children for Christ by teaching and coaching sportsmanship and character values through Bible stories and athletic competition. Cost includes airfare, hotel & meals. For more information, contact Lee@firstbaptistcumming.org.

Belarus Mission – July 21-29, 2009

Vocalists, musicians and volunteers with a heart for sharing Christ in orphanages, hospitals, schools, and prisons are needed for this mission. Cost is \$2,500 per person and includes airfare, lodging, meals, transportation, and evangelistic materials. \$700 deposit due by April 1. For more information, contact lee@firstbaptistcumming.org and visit www.byelorussianmission.org.



FBC will collect the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions through March & April. 100 percent of this offering supports more than 5,500 Southern Baptist missionaries and their ministries. FBC is on mission to reach its Samaria for Christ by partnering with Southern Baptist missionaries serving throughout the U.S., its territories and Canada.

> senior adults



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Thursday, March 11
6 PM in the Atrium

Bring a dish and a friend and join us as **Charles McGahey** entertains us on the saxophone. If you need assistance in any way, please contact Nancy Vaughan @ 770.887.4850. See you there!

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> outreach events



PRAYER WALK - Saturday, March 27th

- Walk & pray through area subdivisions and neighborhoods
- Go door-to-door throughout our community conducting religious opinion surveys & delivering invitations to FBC's Easter Services, Gospel tracts, & flower seed packets

**Meet in the Atrium at 9 AM for orientation & neighborhood assignments.
Community Canvassing - 10 AM to Noon**

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**EASTER SUNDAY Worship Services at FBC
Sunday, April 4**

Worship:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
8 AM Preschool childcare only • 9:30 & 11 AM - regular schedule

Bible Fellowship Groups:

9:30 & 11:00 AM





Welcome To The Family

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FBC Members in bold

NEW MEMBERS GROWING TOGETHER

Total - 17 (year-to-date through Feb 21, 2010)
By Letter/Statement - 16 By Baptism - 1
BFG average for through Feb 21, 2010 – **893**

THE DECADE OF GENEROSITY

Weekly Ministry Budget Needed \$ 45,731.
Average Weekly Offering (YTD through Feb 21, 2010) \$37,978.
Building Fund Receipts (YTD through Feb 21, 2010) \$14,005.
2010 ACTS 1:8 Challenge Offering \$16,451.
Haiti Relief \$6,674.



SATURDAY, MARCH 13

8 AM - 3 PM

BREAKFAST: 8 AM-11:30 AM. Tickets available at the table in the Atrium. \$5.25 - Adults, \$3 - Children



REMINDER

**Daylight saving time begins March 14.
Set clocks 1 hour AHEAD
Saturday, March 13.**



**June 14-18
2010 FBC VBS**

**Registration begins March 14
in the Atrium
or online at
firstbaptistcumming.org**



2010 CULLEN MEMORIAL SHARE THE ROAD 5K
April 17, 2010 8:30AM First Baptist Parking Lot
Proceeds benefit

- Youth World Changers trip to Tuscaloosa, AL
- The Forsyth County Sheriff's youth program

Registration \$15 (\$20 after April 4)