



FBC eBlast

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Ali once talked to a man passing by his small farm, and the traveler told him about these valuable stones called diamonds that make a person wealthy. Ali became obsessed with thoughts of diamonds, and finally decided he must have one. He sold his farm, left his family, and set out to find a diamond that would make him wealthy and happy. Months passed; finally, broken in body and spirit, Ali died hundreds of miles from home. Meanwhile, the man who bought his farm found an unusual rock

one day and put it on his mantle. When the traveler passed back through, he saw the large diamond and asked if Ali had found it and finally come home. The man said, "No, it was lying out there in the garden." They walked out and found several others across the farm. According to the legend, some of the diamonds from that very farm were set into the royal crown of Russia. Ali had walked by diamonds every day and never recognized them. He had all he was looking for right in front of him, but left to look for it in places he would never find it. How often does that story play out in the lives of people who have all the wealth and happiness they seek right in front of them—the Lord, their family, their church—and yet neglect or leave it to look for it in places they'll never find it?

This Sunday morning in Exodus we come to a passage that helps us to climb into the center of who God is and what He's really like. Exodus 33 – 34 has been described as perhaps the high point in Scripture outside the coming of Jesus Himself. On Sunday night in Matthew 16 we confront one of the most important questions we will ever answer, and one that we do each answer every day, one way or another. It was a wonderful blessing to have 93 people present for the service this past Sunday; join us here this week if you're able, or by livestream if not. Don't forget our new motto: worship is an excuse for missing everything else, not the other way around.

Bro. Dean



High School Students: Join Us on Wednesday Nights for Our Current Study!

Feb. 3 - To Honor or Not to Honor – Exo. 20: 12, Luke 14: 26

Feb. 10 - Friend or Brother – Pro. 8: 24

Feb. 17 - Test Yourself - John 3:16, 2 Cor. 13:5, 1 John 3:14, 1 Cor. 2:3

See Bro. Tony for info on this and other Youth Ministry activities!



Welcome New Church Member!

*Sharon Hudson comes by baptism.
Sharon will be baptized Sunday night, February 7.*



In-person Attendance Has Resumed

Those with no symptoms of illness are welcome to attend Sunday morning worship (10:30), Discipleship Training (Sunday 5:30), Sunday evening worship (6:30) and Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Group (6:00). Livestream will continue. Masks are required in Madden Hall and recommended in the Sanctuary; everyone is asked to please respect social distancing, refraining from hugging, close conversation, etc. Pray with us as we look toward re-opening the nursery and resuming other activities, and watch for announcements!

Notes to the Church Family

Thank you for donating ten Bibles to the Gideons ministry in memory of my mother, Nellie Zumbro. She dearly loved attending and worshipping God at First Baptist Woodbury. Love, Susie & Bobby Zumbro

Bro. Phillip Purvis - We, the inmates in cell 31 at Cannon County Jail wanted to tell you and your congregation at First Baptist Church thank you so much for the pizza, coke, and snack cakes Wednesday evening. We very much appreciate your thoughts and love during this very hard time. You truly blessed us. May God bless you and each and every one of y'all. Thank you.

Reading & Praying through God's Word in 2020

Jan. 28: OT—Exo. 19, 20; Matt. 18: 21-35

Jan. 29: OT—Exo. 21, 22; Matt. 19

Jan. 30: OT—Exo. 23, 24; Matt. 20: 1-16

Jan. 31: OT—Exo. 25, 26; Matt. 20: 17-34

Feb. 1: OT—Exo. 27, 28; NT—Matt. 21: 1-22

Feb. 2: OT—Exo. 29, 30; NT—Matt. 21: 23-46

Feb. 3: OT—Exo. 31, 32, 33; NT—Matt. 22: 1-22

Feb. 4: OT—Exo. 34, 35; NT—Matt. 22: 23-46

Memory Verse

“And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abounding in goodness and truth...” —Exodus 34: 6

Prayer Guide

Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!

Church Family

Don, Dean Barker
Wallace, Martha Burke
Melissa Burnett
Judy Campbell
Patrick, Karie Cecil
Helena Coppinger
Mark Davis
Mance Davis
Lou Goins
Bruce Haley
Drunell Higgins
Doris Markum
Barbara Melton
Edith Northcutt
Benton Parker
Shirley Parker
Allen Portwood
Shirley Reed
Greg Smithson
Misty Stankoff
Mamie Vance
Jonathan Walls
Charles Wilder

Terry Pirtle (Melissa Burnett)
Ronnie Pittard (Darren Jessup)
Mimi Pollock (Richie Hunter)
Mamie Powers (Matt Powers)
Carl Price (Martha Burke)
Bruce Rector (Bro. Dean)
Cindy Singleton (Jeanette Todd)
Carl Smith (Doris Markum)
Pete Stankoff (Misty Stankoff)
Don, Eunice Stevenson (Jeff Stevenson)
Declan Sullivan & family (Ann Haley)
Johnny Taylor (Ann Haley)
Katie Walling (Dot Elrod)
Michelle Wilkerson (Jeff, Jeanette Todd)
Jay Williams (Marna Higgins)
Jacque Zimmerman (Ann Haley)

New Arrival: Noah Jeffrey Bartal, 3/26, 7 lbs. 8 ozs.

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Edith Northcutt,
Loretta Wilkinson

Missionaries: Buck/Annie Barton, Lee/Sophia Ford,
Marcus/Sara McBee, Al/Margaret Patterson,
Gavin/Laura Pinkston, PJ Scott, Chris Abner family

Church Staff: Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Tony
Burnett, Julie Matheny, Glenda Hunter

Military: Caleb Daniel, Brad Davis, Josh England, Chris
Gillis, Michael Hallman, Stephon Harris, Zachary Hyde,
Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Parker Woodworth

College Students: Melissa Burnett, Lytton Haley, Isaac
Haley, Laura Beth Nichols, Ashlyn Nokes, Julianna
Schau, Etta Gaines, Chandler Todd, Jacob Todd

Active Deacons: Darren Jessup, Jeff A. Todd, Jeff D.
Todd, Mark Matheny, Jeff Stevenson, Bob Walls, Bill
Sharp, Phil Purvis, Darrell Goins

Church Matters: Covid-19 protection; Celebrate
Recovery; Bro. Tony/Student Ministry; Bruce
Marchiano/Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries;
Bethesda Baptist, Brockton, MA; Generations; nation &
those in authority

Friends & Family-submitted by the person listed

Ron Abner (Dean Anderson)
Tiffany Alfaro (Lowell Womack)
Janice Bailey (Judy Holt)
Patsy Barrett (Shirley Reed)
Carl Brewer (Cynthia Brewer)
Ben Cates (Charles Wilder)
Betty Christianson (Wanda Walls)
Kelly Collins (Dean Anderson)
Terry Conley (Jeanette Todd)
Christopher DiGiacomo (Penny DiGiacomo)
Augusta Donnell (Shirley Parker)
Tim Duttle (Joy Logan)
Roberta Froome (Jesse Froome)
Duane Gannon (Darrell Goins)
Sarah Haley (Shirley Parker)
Emaly Johnson, baby Barrett (Beth Cowan)
Kelli Lamb (Will Farris)
Sharron Lyon (Douglas Jennings)
Abel Margari (Cynthia Small)
Margie McFerrin (Martha Burke)
Lisbeth McGonegal (Lydia Womack)
Pat Mathers (Jan Purvis)
Michael Nichols (Barbara Parker)