



FBC eBlast

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A man and a boy once set out to buy supplies in the city, taking the donkey to haul their purchases. After a bit, they passed a group who looked over and commented, “Look at those two dummies. Both walking, when one of them could be riding that donkey!” They stopped, and the man helped the boy climb up on the donkey. Farther down the road, they met a pair who announced, “Look at the selfish boy! Riding and making that poor old man walk.” So, they stopped and traded places. After a bit, they met another group who said,

“Look at that man—making that poor young boy walk while he rides!” The man and boy looked at each other, scratched their heads, and then they both climbed onto the donkey. Down the road they passed more travelers; one of this group declared, “Look at those two—making that poor donkey carry the weight of two people!” And that is why people coming out of the city gate were soon met by the sight of a man and a boy trying to carry a donkey. Popular opinion is a poor place to find the truth. Listen to the only voice that really matters, through His Word, prayer, the church, and those He uses to speak to you. Then, stop trying to please everyone you meet, before you end up trying to carry your donkey down the road.

The story of the children of Israel has shown us, among other things, that the godly life is eventful—following Jesus is an adventure! If your Christian life is dry, stale, and boring, you better get with the Lord and make sure all is right. This Sunday morning we’ll follow the story of Israel into the Book of Numbers, chapters 11 & 12, and learn how the Lord enables you to flourish when problems arise and the heat is on. On Sunday night, in Matthew 18: 21 – 35 we’ll ponder the truth that God calls us to forgive, because we have been forgiven. Join us - what’s a good reason to miss worship? Don’t spend too long thinking about it—there aren’t any!

Bro. Dean



Youth Retreat – March 12 - 14

The high school students will be retreating to Rock Island State Park from Friday, March 12 until Sunday, March 14. Extra cabin space has been reserved to help with Covid-19 precautions. Don’t miss this opportunity to get away and spend time with the Lord – so often He changes lives during retreats!

See Bro. Tony for information.



Positions Available - in the Church Nursery!

The Church Nursery will be re-opening in the very near future—watch for announcements! If you are willing to serve occasionally on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and/or Wednesday evenings, see Julie Powers or contact the Church Office and let us know.



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

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!



This Sunday Night!

Sharon Hudson will be baptized at the beginning of the service this Sunday night, February 7, at 6:30. .



In-person Attendance: the Current Schedule

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!



**CELEBRATE RECOVERY –
UNDERWAY AGAIN!
TUESDAYS, MADDEN HALL
6:30 PM (SUPPER AT 6:00)**

Memory Verse

“Moreover, if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.” –Matthew 18: 15

Reading & Praying through God’s Word in 2021

Feb. 4: OT—Exo. 34, 35; NT—Matt. 22: 23-46
Feb. 5: OT—Exo. 36, 37, 38; NT—Matt. 23: 1-22
Feb. 6: OT—Exo. 39, 40; NT—Matt. 23: 23-29
Feb. 7: OT—Lev. 1, 2, 3; NT--Matt. 24: 1-28
Feb. 8: OT—Lev. 4, 5; NT--Matt. 24: 29-51
Feb. 9: OT—Lev. 6, 7; NT--Matt. 25: 1-30
Feb. 10: OT—Lev. 8, 9, 10; NT--Matt. 25: 31-46
Feb. 11: OT—Lev. 11, 12; NT--Matt. 26: 1-25

From Bro. Tony Burnett, Student Minister: Getting Aligned—John 13:34-35

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

In youth ministry we spend a lot of time emphasizing how important it is to see ourselves the way God sees us. This is important due to the great fear youth have and grow with; and that is the fear of rejection. This can cause youth to make bad choices throughout their journey as a teenager. We all want to fit in, find our place, be loved, be respected. These are all basic social needs. If we asked a group of adults today, what is your greatest fear? The answer would be the same thing your teenager is struggling with. Rejection!

On the flip side of that, we must also teach our youth not only to see themselves as God sees and values them, but see others as God sees them. Living in a world that is sometimes portrayed by hate and discontent, our youth can get a bad message of how to see others. Parents, what message are you sending your teenager about how to see others? Whether we like what someone does, agree with their lifestyle, or have a tainted past with someone, we are commanded to see them as God sees them. It is easy to say we must love everyone, but is that the message we are sending to our next generation. We are God’s creation, the ones that he died for. Regardless of whether or not I like what they do, I must learn not to just say I love them, but show them they are valued.

A young man came to me this week and shared that he was struggling with how to share Jesus with one of his friends who has a different lifestyle. My answer to him is my answer to anyone struggling with this issue. Value them, they are God’s creation. Be Jesus to them by showing them a life that loves, cares, forgives, and honors them. We do not have to put our stamp of approval on anybody’s lifestyle or bad decisions, but we are commanded to love.

I had a vehicle once that got out of line because as it’s driver, I carelessly hit something in the road, something that the car was not designed to endure. As you know, this can be costly if the problem is not remedied. After two sets of front tires in a short period of time I finally got it right. The struggle to keep my vehicle between the lines was over. Sometimes life is the same way, because along the way something abnormal happens and we just keep enduring the pain without fixing the problem.

How we view others sometimes needs a new alignment. We have started this lesson with our youth and I hope you will lead their way into seeing others as God commands.

Photo Quiz



This Sunday night at 5:30, one of these men will play in the Super Bowl, and the other will teach the Book of Revelation in Discipleship Training at First Baptist Woodbury.

- (1) Which one is which?
- (2) Which one should you not miss?

Answers:

(1) Bro. Tony Burnett, left, will teach the Word in Discipleship Training. Ryan Succop, right, is now the placekicker for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In April 2019 Succop, then playing for the Tennessee Titans, spoke at an FCA Banquet held in Madden Hall.

(2) C'mon. We don't really have to tell you that, do we?

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
Sybil Bowen
Wallace Burke
Melissa Burnett
Patrick, Karie Cecil
Helena Coppinger
Mark Davis
Mance Davis
Bruce Haley
Drunell Higgins
Doris Markum
Barbara Melton
Benton Parker
Shirley Parker
Allen Portwood
Shirley Reed
Misty Stankoff
Mamie Vance
Jonathan Walls
Charles Wilder
Bro. Bobby Zumbro

Donnie Odom (Jan Purvis)
Branson Pack (Lowell Womack)
Ronnie Pittard (Darren Jessup)
Mimi Pollock (Richie Hunter)
Mamie Powers (Matt Powers)
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)
Michelle Swann (Shirley Parker)
Johnny Taylor (Ann Haley)
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; Celebrate Recovery; Bro.
Tony/Student Ministry; Bruce Marchiano/Gospel of
John film; IMB Missionaries; Bethesda Baptist,
Brockton, MA; Generations; nation & those in authority;
Gideon Ministry; Jail Ministry, the lost

Friends & Family-submitted by the person listed

Ron Abner (Dean Anderson)
Tiffany Alfaro (Lowell Womack)
Janice Bailey (Judy Holt)
Family of David Bailiff (Deb Parks, Thresia Horn)
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, Phoenix DiGiacomo (Penny DiGiacomo)
Augusta Donnell (Shirley Parker)
Tim Duttle (Joy Logan)
Roberta Froome (Jesse Froome)
Family of Duane Gannon (Darrell Goins)
Sarah Haley (Shirley Parker)
Ken & Linda Harpe (Wade Campbell)
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)