

First Baptist Church • (270) 586-3205 • 303 East Cedar St., Franklin, KY 42134

Purpose Statement

We seek to glorify God by leading people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ

Church Schedule

Sundays

9:30A Sunday School
10:45A Worship Service
5:30P Discipleship Class

Wednesdays

5:00P Fellowship Meal
6:00P Prayer & Bible Study, Children's Music and missions, Youth worship/study

Thought of the Month

While most Americans want clarity about their life's purpose, they portray a personal search that is challenging and often conflicted. At times Americans put a positive face on their reason for being; other times they admit to not living up to their ideals. For instance, while 71% of adults believe they are "fulfilling their calling in life," 51% also say they are "searching for meaning and purpose."

- George Barna



FOCUS ON MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Focus on the Family's first ever national marriage simulcast event will be hosted by First Baptist and Providence Baptist on February 28 beginning at 8:30A. The *Focus on Marriage* conference, made possible via satellite technology will offer strengthening tools and compelling insights for marriages at all stages.

The conference will feature speakers Beth

Moore, Dr. Gary Smalley, Gary Thomas, John Trent and Del Tackett along with popular Christian musician Jeremy Camp. Speakers will discuss marriage as it relates to Christ and the Church, the Trinity, and everyday changes that can be made to strengthen the relationship between a husband and wife.

Our goal is to use this event as a springboard to equip couples long-term in

their relationships in ways that are practical and affirming. We anticipate a powerful weekend for marriages."

Tickets are available by calling the church office at 586-3205. The first 50 couple that register will receive free tickets to the conference. After that the tickets will cost \$69 per couple. The conference will last from 8:30A-3:00P.



Showing at FBC Feb. 13th, 7:00P

At work, inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: Never leave your partner behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules.

Growing up, Catherine Holt always dreamed of marrying a loving, brave firefighter...just like her daddy. Now, after seven years of marriage, Catherine wonders when she stopped being "good enough" for her husband.

Regular arguments over jobs, finances, housework, and outside interests have readied them both to move on to something with more sparks.

As the couple prepares to enter divorce proceedings, Caleb's father challenges his son to commit to a 40-day experiment: "The Love Dare." Wondering if it's even worth the effort, Caleb agrees-for his father's sake more than for his marriage. When Caleb discovers the book's daily challenges are tied into his parents' newfound faith, his already limited interest is further dampened.

While trying to stay true

to his promise, Caleb becomes frustrated time and again. He finally asks his father, "How am I supposed to show love to somebody who constantly rejects me?"

When his father explains that this is the love Christ shows to us, Caleb makes a life-changing commitment to love God. And with God's help he begins to understand what it means to truly love his wife.

But is it too late to fireproof his marriage? His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb Holt is ready to face his toughest job ever...rescuing his wife's heart.

February Calendar

- 2,3 – Upward practice
In CLC @ 5:30-7:30P
- 6 – Upward games @
9:00A
- 8 – Bldg Ad-hoc Mtg. @
4:00P
Constitution, Team
Handbook, Children
& Youth Handbook
Proposal Discussion
@ 5:30P
- 9,10 – Upward practice
In CLC @ 5:30-7:30P
- 10 – Primetimers @ 11:30
- 9-15 WMU Focus Week
- 13 - Fireproof Movie @
6:30
- 14 – Upward Game @
9:00A
- 15 – Spiritual Warfare
Bible Study @ 5:30
- 15-16 – Perfect North
Ski Trip
- 15 – Church-wide vote
on proposals
discussed on the 8th
- 17 – Upward practice
In CLC @ 5:30-7:30P
- 21 – Upward Game @
9:00A
- 22 – Financial Workshop
Begins (8 wk course)
– Spiritual Warfare
Bible Study @ 5:30P
- 27 – Thomas House
Dinner Theatre
- 28 – Focus on Marriage
@ 8:30A

Missionary Focus

Jeff & Kathy Deasy
Kenya

Mustard Seed
Fellowship

Music Ministry Notes from Don

For years you have heard me say that the largest choir in our church is the congregation! God's people have been singing His praises for generations. Mandates for singing the God's praises are written all through Bible, especially in the book of Psalms. I have read that in the original language "Sing to the Lord.." is not a suggestion, but rather a command! However, many people seem content to sit back and listen rather than actively participating in the praise we offer to God.

Whether or not you can carry a tune, it's good to join with other believers in lifting your voice in worship.

Craig Adams writes: "May we never forget that God inhabits our praise. As long as people desire to experience the power of the presence of the Holy Spirit, congregations will pursue the throne and heart of the Almighty with purposeful and passionate praise and worship.

Musical trends will come and go, but God will always be. Let us cast

aside our biases and preferences in order to come together to worship Him in unity.

Nothing confounds and conquers the Enemy more than unified praise brought forth from the hearts and lips of people as they worship and glorify God the Father and Jesus Christ, His Son!"

The question is not "Do you have a good voice?" but rather, "Do you have song?" Please help us make the Congregational Choir of our church the very best it can be!

Youth and Children Ministry

Well 2009 has officially come and we have hit the ground running in a new year. Here it is February and everybody is thinking the same question; "where are we going for our summer mission trip?" If you're not thinking that, then guess what? Summer will be quickly and it will be time for us to participate in another summer mission project. This year our students will be going to Cleveland, OH for another

World Changers project. This year's dates are July 13-18, 2009. Even though we are still in the early part of the year, there is plenty of preparation to be done. I want to encourage students, parents, and adults to join us this year. If you have never been to a World Changers project, it is one of the single most life changing experiences you will ever have.

Our children have some

exciting events planned for this month. On Saturday February 14, 2009 our children will be delivering care packages to the local hospital and cards to our shut in members. Also remember our Upward Ministry will be continuing this month on Saturdays. If you have an opportunity, come out and join this wonderful outreach ministry.

Melinda – Women's & Discipleship

Are you, like so many of us, experiencing a financial crisis in your family? You will not want to miss the 8-week financial study, "It's A New Day Financial Workshop", beginning February 22 at 9:30 each Sunday. Carl

Stoner, a local CPA, will be leading this group. Come and learn practical biblical principles concerning money during this time of economic crisis. If you'd like to be a part of this

workshop, please sign up on the bulletin board by February 15.

If you are not involved in a Sunday Bible study, we have a class for you! See Melinda to get plugged-in!