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"Ye are the LIGHT of the world." Matthew 5:14

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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my Shepherd ---- that's a Relationship!

I shall not want ---- that's Supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ---- that's Rest!

He leadeth me beside the still waters ---- that's Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul ---- that's Healing!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness ---- that's Guidance!

For His name's sake ---- that's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death --- that's Testing!

I will fear no evil ---- that's Protection!

For Thou art with me ---- that's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me ---- that's Discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies ---- that's Hope!

Thou anointest my head with oil ---- that's Consecration!

My cup runneth over ---- that's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life --- that's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord ---- that's Security!

Forever ---- that's Eternity!

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Why am I a Christian? With all the choices of religions and faiths in the world, why would I continue to follow the way of Christ? What is unique about Christianity? Why does Christianity claim to be The Way to God? Last week I gave you reason Number 4 – I do not have to work hard to get into Heaven.

Reason NUMBER 5 – Christianity offers the most memorable, ethical and moral teachings. I recall a story from another county in which a bus driver failed to stop at a traffic accident where there seemed to be injuries. When asked why he did not stop, his reply was, "They are not my responsibility." In America, almost everyone stops. Why? Because we have been influenced by Christianity – especially stories like The Good Samaritan. Almost anyone can tell you what a Good Samaritan does. The teachings of Jesus are radically different from other religions.

When the disciples wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan village that refused them hospitality, Jesus rebuked them. *"For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village"* (John 9:36). From the lips of Jesus have come household phrases, even to many non-Christians.

"He that is without sin, let him cast the first stone." "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Here's one we hear often, *"You have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, that you resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."*

Here's one radically different from the world's thinking. Matthew 5:43-45, *"You have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."*

There are too many more to name. Jesus taught as no one ever has before or since. Even the people said, *"No man has ever spoken like this man"*. Jesus showed the real face and heart of God. He taught concepts that have shaped our world. Love. Sacrifice. Humility. Sincerity. There is not a religion in the world that compares with the teachings of Jesus. They are truly radical.

Next week I will share reason **Number 6**. Have a blessed summer. See you Sunday. I love you and pray for you.

Bro. Tony

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TOOLS OF THE CARPENTER

will be with us on Sunday, July 24 at 6:00 P.M.

Invite your friends, neighbors and family to come and join us!

FAITH AND THE FAMILY

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."
Haggai 1:5-6

What an incredible week our mission team had in Ocala, Florida! I am so impressed with the way that the youth served and led in worship. I am thankful that I had the privilege of being part of the team and I know that God will bless us with many other opportunities to serve Him. When God offers those opportunities, will we be ready and willing to serve?

The scripture listed above is a warning that God gave to the Jews through the prophet Haggai – the Jews had been allowed to return to Jerusalem to begin rebuilding the temple, but they were sidetracked by opposition from their neighbors and began focusing on themselves instead. I can't help but think that God's complaint against the Jews applies to us today. Haggai offers that warning to the Jews four times in a book that contains only 38 verses. Are we doing more for ourselves than we are for God? Please guide your family in prayerful consideration of this matter. We live in a county that sorely needs Christ; are we doing all that we should in order to build up the family of God, the body of Christ, the Church?

In Christ,
Jeremy
Prov. 27:17

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

July 10 – Family "Drive-In" Movie (all ages) 6:00 P.M. (moved from June 19)

July 19 – Trip to Creation Kingdom Zoo (cost is \$10 per person and money for a fast food lunch) we will leave the church at 8:30 A.M.

July 20 – Adventures through the OT & NT (children) 7:00-8:00 P.M.

July 24 – Family Game Night – 6:00 P.M.

Kid's Day Backpack Challenge

Our church has been challenged to provide 50 backpacks for this event. The backpacks should include the following: a 3-ring binder, a 3-pronged folder, a spiral notebook, a pencil sharpener, 3 pencils, a ruler, an 8 ct. box of crayons, a toothbrush and toothpaste, stick sunscreen, a highlighter, a comb, travel shampoo, a glue stick, a big eraser, 3 ink pens, and a pack of paper. Backpacks should be generic (not name brand). Backpacks need to be dropped off to the church by **Sunday, July 17th**.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'" Matthew 25:23

While on mission, our team spent every morning with a quiet time of devotional, prayer and study. Each evening the team had a Bible study led by one of our youth leaders. Throughout the week, the youth leaders issued challenges with their Bible study. Every night the group had to share who they had encountered specifically, share something about what they had learned about that person, or how they had saw God move during the day.

Early in the week Philip Bentley shared the parable of the talent for his devotional from Matthew 25:14-30. He issued the following challenge to the team: *"Strive for excellence and don't be afraid to fail."* All week long our team was reminded about this challenge.

Later in the week, Julie Bentley issued the challenge to let your light shine so that others can see Christ through you using many scriptures, but in particular Matthew 5:16, *"In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

On the final night in Ocala, I shared from the book of Ruth and challenged our youth to be an influence on those around them, like Naomi had been on Ruth. The focal point of my devotional was from Ruth 1:16-17, *"But Ruth said, 'Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people. And your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me.'"*

We had a wonderful week! Three of our youth led three children to the Lord. Our team was flexible, willing to fail, and strove for excellence. They definitely let their light shine to all around them and created positive, Christ-filled influence on all they encountered.

Our team would like to thank our church family for allowing us the opportunity to go and serve on mission, more importantly, we would like to thank you for lifting us up in prayer. Those prayers were needed and felt each day.

SUNDAY MORNING SNACKS

July 14

Earlene Cornett, Larry Adams

The computer acronym GIGO – "garbage in, garbage out" – describes how putting wrong codes in to a machine will lead to faulty output. Jesus offers a similar lesson in Matthew 15: "What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person" (vs. 18, ESV).

GIGO works the other way, too. If we put good things (including the good news of salvation) "in" our hearts, Jesus' goodness will shine "out" through our lives. And when God's grace enters and changes us, we'll also reach out and share that good news with others.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

UNIFIED BUDGET

MYREL & SHARON SHORT
ROBERT & TRICIA LEWIS
In Memory Of
DR DWAYNE SIZEMORE

TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2

\$500,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE

\$392,432.00

NEEDED

\$106,411.00



The FBC staff and church family extends love and sympathy to TINA SIZEMORE and family in the death of her husband, DWAYNE "DOC" SIZEMORE; to TED COOK and family in the death of his cousin, ARNOLD MULLINS; and to the family of KATHLEEN MILES BROCK.



The family of RON PARKS acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

SUE PARKS & FAMILY

Prayer is not a spare wheel that you pull out when in trouble; it is a steering wheel that directs us in the right path throughout life.

LIFE LINE SCREENING, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at First Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 12th in the Fellowship Hall. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beach which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes four vascular test and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

JULY 10-16

OZZ JACKSON

MUSIC NOTES

"I'm so confused, I know I heard you loud and clear, So, I followed through, Somehow I ended up here, I don't wanna think, I may never understand, That my broken heart is a part of your plan. When I try to pray, All I've go is hurt and these four words, Thy will be done."

Song by Hillary Scott & the Scott Family

Music is powerful and has a definite impact on us in most, if not all, aspects of our lives. Many of us struggle at times with the thought of why bad or sorrowful things happen and often go through a period of questioning as to why these things happen. While we were on mission last week in Ocala, we experienced some bad things and instead of our team focusing on the bad things and questioning the intent, we instead focused our prayers on protection from the dark forces pulling our attention away from our mission at hand. We prayed to be focused on His will. It seems like we have had a rough summer, with a huge amount of things happening that upset us, breaks our heart, or things that we don't particularly like. The son, listed above, ends with this stanza, *"Thy will be done, thy will be done, Like a child on my knees all that comes to me is, Thy will be done, Thy will be done, Thy will. 'I know you see me, I know you hear me, Lord. Your plans are for me, Goodness you have in store', I know you see me/I know you hear me, Lord."*

We will begin Choir Practice Sunday night, **July 17th**. Come one, come all, we need you! Christmas is just 24 Sundays away!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**DR WILLIAM DWAYNE
SIZEMORE**

JUNE 2, 1954 – JULY 1, 2016

EVANGELISM TEAM MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 5:00 P.M.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 11, 6:00 P.M.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER TEAM MEETING

TUESDAY., JULY 12, 6:30 P.M.
Conference Room

DEACONS MEETING

SAT., JULY 16, 7:30 A.M.

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

July 10: Kristi Skeens
12: Charlie Boggs, Savanna Whitaker
14: Lindsay Adams, Paula Day, Gary
Sperger, Keith Tolliver
15: Doris Hogg
16: Lee Adams

LEADING GOD'S PEOPLE TO REALLY WORSHIP

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19
6:15 – 9:00 P.M.
First Baptist Church, Whitesburg

Sponsored by Three Forks Baptist Association

Featuring

HERSHAEL YORK

Professor of Preaching
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Pastor, Buck Run Baptist Church, Frankfort

ERIC ALLEN

Missions Mobilization Team Leader
Kentucky Baptist Convention

This workshop is primarily for, but not limited to, those who help lead worship – pastors, music leaders, choir directors, choir members, deacons, etc.

Mark your calendar for this event.

What's better than the first day of a long-awaited vacation? The excitement of reaching our destination, the anticipation of fun-filled adventures, the freedom to relax and lay down our burdens for a while – we'll pay good money for that!

But it's a fleeting pleasure. Before our bags are even unpacked, the clock has already begun counting down to when we'll have to return to the pressures of everyday life.

It won't always be so. One day, we'll lay down our burdens for good. When we reach our ultimate destination, God our Father will welcome us. Our loved ones, long gone, will gather to celebrate. And every day of this breathtaking adventure will be like the first because time will no longer rule over us.

The best vacations are just a shadow of what God has in store for His children!

THE SILENT SERMON

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace...and waited.

The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone, then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School -----
Adults --
Youth --
Children --
Preschool --
Morning Worship ----- 200

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority ----- 3
Letcher Manor -----
AWANA
Children: Adults:
Youth: Adults:

ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

By Baptism ----- 8
By Letter ----- 4
By Statement ----- 3
TOTAL ADDITIONS ----- 15

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts ----- \$ 7,271.25
Budget Requirement ----- \$ 7,138.00
Family Life Center ----- \$ 310.00
Designated ----- \$ 25.00
Budget Required to Date ----- \$192,726.00
Budget to Date ----- \$183,033.98

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

July 10

Laura Whitaker, Liz Sergent

July 17

April Ramirez, Rita Broome

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

July 10

Bethany Brown, Allison Combs

July 17

Becca & Calvinston Cook

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

July 10

Angie Horn, Kathy Perry, Tracie Day

July 17

Amanda & Byron Thomas