

The Messenger

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Happy Mothers Day

to ALL the MOTHERS out
there whether you are a
Past, Present or
Soon To be Moms.
May your day be filled
with love,
joy and laughter..



May Memory Verse

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Psalm 16:8



DOOR OF HOPE
COUNSELING

Partnered in ministry with FBC

Struggling to cope with life? Marriage need a tune up?
Feeling down, sad all the time? Angry all the time?
Lost a loved one? We are here to help.
Call to schedule an appointment (478-822-0033)
Most insurances accepted.

From My Heart



to Yours....

When it comes to Christianity—Love is the theme, Love is Supreme! “Love one another as I have loved you” are words of our Lord that should be permanently inscribed upon our hearts as believers. And probably, the #1 principle of love is to value people. Without this foundation love cannot be built up in us. If we want our relationships to go well we have to learn to value people and help them see their value. Jesus even (especially) cared for people in His world that seemed to have little or no social value—the Samaritans, tax-collectors, children, lepers, etc. Jesus regarded people, all kinds of people, as precious treasure in the eyes of God. Do you and I? As Bruce Larson once put it, “Do people feel important around you?”

One of my pastoral mentors, was my college pastor, Dr. Chuck Bugg (that’s right Bugg) at that time at the First Baptist Church in Deland, FL. Not only was Dr. Bugg a good preacher, he showed people he personally cared. Unless you slipped out a side door, it would take quite awhile to exit church after morning service because everyone who stood in line where Dr. Bugg was greeting the people had his undivided attention when in front of him. You felt like in that moment that you were the most important person in the world. I believe Dr. Bugg was being just like Jesus. How do we send that message of value to people? There are plenty of people around who do not feel like they have much worth.

Well one way we communicate value is in the way we see people. Other people can often sense how we see them. When we see people like Jesus did we see that : *Each person has worth and is very valuable to God. There is more to them than outward appearances. We look past their sins and shortcomings, we recognize that hurtful people are usually hurting people. We realize we can learn from most anyone.*



Sunday, May 12

Mother’s Day

9am & 11am Worship Service

*The prayer of a righteous man
is powerful and effective.*



Advisory Committee Meeting
Sunday, May 19 @ 4:30pm

Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm

Celebrate Recovery

Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-ups & Habits

Fellowship Hall



A second way that we can communicate value to people is in the way we hear people. Most all of us could learn to be better listeners. To be genuinely heard is to feel valued. Good listening often does not happen because we are impatiently waiting for our opportunity to talk (so our mind races ahead of their words), we assume we already know accurately what they will say (so we interrupt them), or our attention is divided elsewhere (perhaps multi-tasking with our smart phones). We can value people by the way we listen. Good listening means using our eyes, body and heart as well as our ears. Good listening means asking questions that show genuine interest. And good listening means focusing the conversation on the other person and not on our ourselves. Do other people feel important around you like they did around Jesus?

He cares, I care,
Brother Ed



You are Mine now

"I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord God, and you became mine." Ezekiel 16:8

Ed, James and I walked in to a small room furnished with a sofa, two side chairs and end tables with lamps. On the sofa sat a woman with an infant carrier beside her. She smiled as we walked over to the sofa and peeked into the infant carrier. There inside was a tiny, olive complexioned, baby girl. My heart welled inside, "You are Mine now!" On that day, Katherine Elizabeth McQueen became my daughter. The adoption process has been fraught with anxieties and hurdles. The commitment and courage it required was much greater than Katie will ever understand. But now, twenty-five years later, we both know the security of a mother's love for her daughter. I had wondered if it would be different loving an adopted child along -side a biological child. It was not!

You are Mine! Those words meant many things: I am committed to you and will do my very best for you. I will care for you. I will provide for you. I will protect you. I will love you forever.

The prophet Ezekiel writes of similar promises that God has made to us. These are promises of love, commitment and adoption (Ezekiel 16:4-14)

We were adopted by a loving heavenly father who promised us the world. And, we were adopted into a great family (I hope Katie feels the same!). So you may ask how are we adopted? Adoption into God's family does not have all the hoops of a legal modern day adoption. It is must simpler. We must simply receive Jesus into our loves and believe in his name and we become Children. We can choose to live as orphans, or we can receive the kingdom of God, with all the love and assurance any parent can muster.

Sometimes we get confused and think that God must love that person more than us. But our father in heaven does not show favoritism. We are loved the same-with an everlasting love. Adoption is for the chosen and God has chosen you. Live like a chosen one.



**YOUTH
CAMP!**

FUNDRAISER!

We are in our last fundraiser for our student's summer camp. It will be during normal service times. So come ready to give, to get our students to camp!

Thirty-Niner's

SENIOR MINISTRY OF FBC

The Thirty-Niner's May meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2019 with a catered luncheon by Abba House. We will recognize those with perfect attendance and play Bingo. Please call the church and sign up by Monday, May 13 (825-5725). You will pay \$6 for the meal when you sign in on the day of the meeting. Be present for the drawing of the grand door prize.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday **May 12**

9:00 Traditional Service
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Contemporary Service
No Evening Services

Wednesday **May 15**

7:00am Bended Knee Society
8:15am Daniel Plan
6:00pm Youth/Children Activities
6:00pm Prayer Meeting
7:35pm Choir Rehearsal

Counting Committee

Melissa Hedgpeth
Angie Greer
Danny Greer

May Usher

Cliff Ford

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THE KEITH CHAMLEE TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



APPLICATIONS FOR A STUDENT EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FROM THE KEITH CHAMLEE TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR 2019-2020 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY **JUNE 3**.

****YOU MUST BE A MEMBER (& ATTENDING SERVICES) OF FBC TO QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.****

THE DANIEL PLAN
Glorifying God in the Way We Eat, Move, and Think!

Come and join us and learn to glorify God in the way we eat, move and think!
Wednesdays @ 8:15am
Exercise Days:
Monday & Friday @ 8:15am

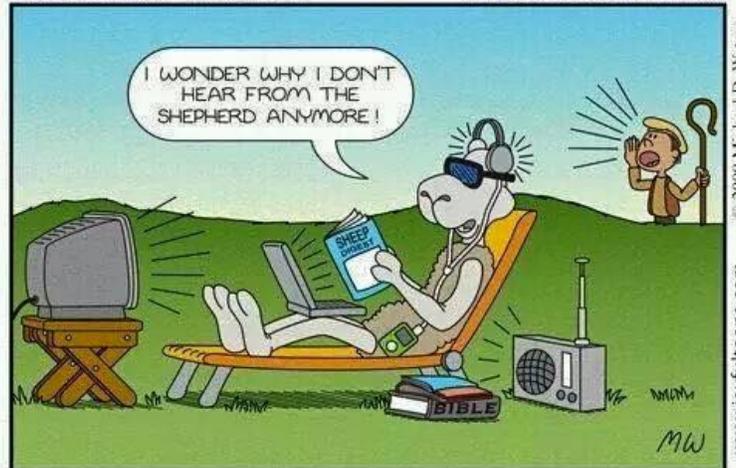
Bended Knee Society



Wednesdays
7am-8am
Church Library

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
- JOHN 10:27 NIV



Monday-Thursday
8:30-4:30
Closed for lunch
12:00-12:45
Friday
8:30-2:30

**Office Closed May 27 for
Memorial Day.**