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CELEBRATE RECOVERY – A SUCCESS STORY

If you drive by the Memorial Chapel on Thursdays, you will notice a banner strung between the pillars announcing Celebrate Recovery. That's because every Thursday, for the past 2 ½ years, about 65 folks have been gathering here to find hope and help for their hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

Volunteers arrive every Thursday afternoon to prepare a meal. Then about 5:45 pm folks start arriving for dinner, followed at 6:30 by worship and teaching, 7:45 for small groups, and concluding around 8:45. And the folks who come are from all over town, and from every walk of life. They come because here they find a safe, non-judgmental atmosphere in which to share their experiences and hopes with others who are going through a Christ-centered recovery program.

And lest you think CR is just for “those kinds of people,” let me bring it a little closer to home. CR offers help for any HURT (divorce, death, job loss, infidelity), HABIT (over-eating, smoking, pornography, computer abuse, gambling, prescription drugs), and HANG-UP (lying, insecurity, loneliness, anxiety). Moreover, it's also for those who have any of these myriad of issues in their family and are co-dependent.

The State of Georgia is now bringing their in-house addiction program clients to our CR. And best of all, there have been four professions of faith in the last three weeks. So CR has become a venue for first introducing people to the saving power of Jesus Christ, and then letting that power work and heal lives.

I wanted to bring you up to date on a success story among our church's ministries that does not get a great deal of attention, nor should it. But I do have an ulterior motive. There are still many needs, such as additional leaders for programs for kids and teenagers, volunteers to assist with the meals on Thursday afternoons, donations for Bibles and CR materials, and fans at www.facebook.com/celebraterecoverytifton to keep up with the progress and needs.

It's a wonderful ministry. Lives are being changed, but I'm confident there are many more who could benefit among our own congregation if they would humble themselves and admit the need. It's a difficult first step, but the most important step on the road to recovery.

Prayerfully yours,
Wayne



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WE LOVE
BECAUSE HE FIRST
LOVED US.

1 JOHN 4:19, NRSV



Fathers & Daughters, Parents & Tweens

Children & Preschool - Sabina Silvoy

FBC's annual GA Father/Daughter Social for 1st -3rd grade girls and their fathers was a huge success this Wednesday night. Craig Matthews, RA Director, encouraged Dads about their role as a Godly father. Craig shared some of his personal experiences with his sixth grade daughter, Samantha. Next Wednesday, February 15, GA's will host the Father/Daughter Social for our 4th -6th grade GA's. If Dad is not available to come, a grandfather, uncle or male who encourages or supports your daughter is great. Craig is also one of our presenters at the Almost A Teenager Parent/Tween Conference, presenting Preparing your Son for Every Young Man's Battle.

The Almost A Teenager Conference will also address the importance of a father or a father figure in young girls lives. As I am preparing for the session I am presenting, Preparing your Daughter for Every Young Woman's Battle, one of my resources books, She Calls Me Daddy refers to three important issues that fathers or a significant male in their life provides are honor, boundaries, and balance. Our daughters and sons thrive with a balance of discipline, protection, tenderness, and freedom as they struggle through the adolescent years.

We are having a great response from our community with families registering for the Almost A Teenager Parent/Tween Conference. Due to requests and a desire to meet the needs of our adolescences and their parents, we will also have sessions for students through the 8th grade as well. Just a reminder the Conference price will increase from \$40 to \$45 for families on February 14. If you would like to sponsor a family to attend the conference that might not be able to come, you may make a donation designated for Almost A Teenager. Please continue to keep the Almost A Teenager Team in your prayers.



12 specific things we may pray as we walk around our neighborhood.

Iglesia Vida Abundante - Jose Lopez

1. That God would draw the people in your neighborhood into a personal relationship with Jesus. John 6:44
2. That God would grant the people in your neighborhood a hunger and a thirst for Him and His Word. Psalm 42:1-2
3. That God would meet (heal) the emotional needs of the people in your neighborhood. James 1:17 and Psalm 147:3
4. That God would give physical strength to the people in your neighborhood. Matthew 7:7
5. That God would bind the evil one and the demons assigned to that area for them to be ineffective in their evil plans. Mark 1:23-26
6. That the Holy Spirit would encourage, strengthen and enable the believers in our neighborhood to witness to our neighbors concerning Jesus. Acts 1:8; 2:42
7. That God would open doors for the Gospel in your neighborhood. That many would hear and receive Jesus. 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2
8. That God would remove any racial and social barriers between the people in your neighborhood. Acts 10:34
9. That our neighborhood would be filled with the knowledge of God's glory; as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14
10. That God would bless the pastors in our neighborhood granting them power, insight and protection as they minister. 1 Timothy 3:1-7
11. That God's Spirit would do a powerful work in the families of our community. That He would strengthen and bless every family. Ephesians 5:22-6:4
12. That God would release a yearning spirit of prayer and fasting among the believers in our community. Colossians 4:2

Last week I did this and met Mr. Vazquez, and God allowed me the opportunity to hear his heart and to minister to him. Also I saw Nancy –a young woman- and I was pleased to remind her again how much God loves her. Let us be instruments that God wants to use for his glory. As a Sunday school class - why don't you coordinate a day to go around a specific area and prayer walk? You would be surprised and blessed how God moves in your community.

If you want more information about prayer walking or prayer in general you could visit this link: www.prayerclosetministries.org and find a lot material. Have a blessed day. In Christ *Jose*



What is Financial Peace University?

Spiritual Development - John Hughes

FPU is the most important step to changing your financial future. It is your Total Money Makeover Program. It takes the knowledge from God and turns it into real action in our lives through a step-by-step process taught by best-selling author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey.

FPU is a life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more!

Who is Financial Peace University for?

It's for EVERYONE!...from the financially secure to the financially distressed. Over 1 million families and individuals have attended Financial Peace University.

Applying God's Word radically changes your life. On average, FPU graduates have paid off over \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 during the 91-day program!

What Will I Learn?

1. Step-by-Step Cash Flow Planning

Luke 14:28: "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it?"

2. Debt Snowball Plan Technique to Eliminating Debt

Proverbs 22:7: "The borrower is slave to the lender."

3. How to Invest Wisely

Ecclesiastes 11:2: "Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land."

Testimonials - Here's what people just like you are saying about FPU:



February 12	February 15
<u>Deacons in Service</u>	<u>Family Night Dinner</u>
<i>Rusty Autry</i>	<i>Fried Pork Chop</i>
<i>Bill Arnold</i>	<i>Rice/Okra/Tomatoes</i>
<u>Ushers</u>	<i>Cornbread</i>
<i>Group 2</i>	<i>Salad</i>
<u>Security</u>	<i>Kids: Corn Dog</i>
<i>Carroll Johnson</i>	
<i>Jerry Branch</i>	

"We've actually relieved ourselves of over \$50,000 worth of debt in two years just from using these principles." -

Russ and Mary Lee

"It made us sit down as a couple and communicate... and it gave us an instant pay raise!" - Paul and Lynesa

Benson

Financial Peace University classes begin this Sunday, Feb 12 or next Wednesday, February 15 in room G23

Be a part of FPU and change your family's legacy!

- John Hughes

February 5 Sunday School Attendance

New Members	1
Members Present	770
Prospects Present	11
Visitors Present	37
Sunday Morning Total.....	818
Vida Abundante	44
Extension Department	27
Grand Total.....	889
Total Contacts.....	186

Budget Giving

Regular Offering	\$ 64,029.51
Weekly Required Budget	\$ 45,547.66
Offering to Date	\$ 239,421.47
Budget to Date	\$ 273,285.96
Under Budget	\$ 33,864.49
Lottie Moon.....	\$ 51,932.99



FORWARD IN FAITH FACTS

Forward in Faith Gifts this Week..... \$ 14,537.09

Total Gifts to Forward in Faith \$ 4,285,278.30

Total Forward in Faith Commitments \$ 4,775,785.00



This Week at FBC: February 12-18, 2012					
Sunday	12	8:30 am Morning Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Vida Sunday School (Zimmerman Bldg) 10:50 am Connection Worship (Multipurpose Room) 11:00 am Morning Worship Service (Sanct.) 11:00 am Vida Worship Service (Zimmerman Bldg) 11:00 am Vietnamese Worship Service (Mission Annex) 5:00 pm Vida Praise Band Rehearsal (Zimmerman Bldg) 5:00 pm Youth Choir (Choir Rm) 5:15 pm Bible Drill (1st-6th Grades) 5:30 pm Adult Discipleship (MSH Rooms) 6:00 pm Youth Servant Leaders (FLC) 7:00 pm Evening Worship (Sanctuary)			
	Mon	13	FAITH 10:00 am & 5:30 pm - FLC 8:30 am SAINTS Exercise (FLC) 9:00 am Step Exercise (FLC) 5:00 pm Men's Basketball (FLC Gym) 6:00 pm Christian Karate (FLC Basement)		
		Tue	14	2:30 pm Staff Meeting (Office Conf Rm) 5:00 pm Fitness Class (FLC Basement) 5:00 pm RA/GA Basketball (FLC Gym)	
			Wednesday	15	8:30 am SAINTS Exercise (FLC) 9:00 am Step Exercise (FLC) 12:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study (MSH)(Bring your lunch) 4:00 pm Baptismal Candidate Meeting (Office Conf) 5:00 pm Family Night Dinner (FLC - Gym) 5:45 pm Adult Discipleship Classes (MSH) 5:45 pm Children's Choirs 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting (FLC - Gym) 6:00 pm Vida Bible Study (Zimmerman Bldg) 6:00 pm Deacon Officer Mtg (FLC-Nursery) 6:30 pm Youth - Joy Explosion (Multipurpose Rm) 6:30 pm Father-Daughter Social (4th-6th Grades)(MSH) 6:40 pm Children's Missions 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00 pm Finance Comm Mtg (Patio Rm)
				Thursday	16
	Fri	17			Church Office & FLC Close at 1 pm 5:00 pm RA/GA Basketball (Away)
	Sat	18			FLC Closes at 12 noon 8:00 am RA/GA Basketball Games (Away) 4:30 pm RA/GA Basketball Party (Gym)

Gratitude

Mary Edna Fleming.

Sympathy

Paul and Betty Thomas in the death of his niece, Paula McKenzie, of Port Charlotte, FL; to the friends of Bob Cox, of Greenville, SC.

register for Almost a Teenager today! Early bird pricing ends February 15! www.fbcftifton.org/almost

A Step Back in Time with Happy Callahan

Thursday, February 16th at 5:30 pm
First Baptist Church Family Life Center



Ticket Price:
\$10 includes Dinner & Entertainment
\$15 at the door



MELL FOOD PANTRY MONTH

FBC is responsible for the Mell Food Pantry during the month of February. A collection box is available in the FLC. Please support the church food drive!



Salmon	Rice
Tuna	Jello
Chili	Tea
Vienna Sausage	Instant Potatoes
Beef stew	Dried Peas/Beans
Yams	Salt
Baked Beans	Canned Milk
Chicken and Dumplings	Cooking Oil
Soup	Macaroni & Cheese
Meat Sauce	Toilet Tissue
Spaghetti Noodles	

Spring Gardening Class: "Know Your Yard"
planning & planting to make your yard a standout!
with John Young - Begins Feb 22 @ 10 am

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