

February 2011 First Baptist Church of Apopka

FIRST THINGS



**Happy
Valentine's
Day!**



True Love

When teaching high school literature a few years ago, I required the reading of books and a book report from my students. I tried to familiarize myself with the books they read, but one good student reported on The Bridges of Madison County, a book that I had not read. I trusted the student to read a good book, but then I decided to read the book to make sure. What an unbiblical book about love and marriage!

A European woman, a war bride, I think, was living on a farm in the Midwest. While her husband was gone for a few days, a man, a photographer for *National Geographic*, stopped to ask directions. The woman (I forgot her name) decided to get into his pickup truck and show him a bridge he was looking for (her first mistake). Then, she took him into her house to get him a drink of water (her second mistake). Then, she began to cook meals for him (an outlandish mistake).

They both acted as innocent as small children. Adults certainly would have known better. In time, they became infatuated with each other and proceeded to have a three-day tryst. Fireworks went off (speaking figuratively), and the thrill of forbidden fruit was indescribable. When she refused to leave her family and go with the man, he said something like, "This kind of opportunity only comes once in a lifetime." In other words, a magical person exists in the world for each person. If you find that person, you have hit the lottery. Do not turn it down! She refused to go, for she was a "decent" person and had made a commitment to her husband. But to turn down this unique opportunity was gut wrenching. What a message the book is preaching to many women! If you could only find that one person, your head would swim with ecstasy for the rest of your life. You are in a boring marriage because you haven't found that super husband.

The truth is, that ecstatic feeling can come with thousands of people of the opposite sex. And it will last for one month, tops, no matter who he is. God created that feeling, but it's temporary. There's something much better. It's called "love based on admiration." Sure everybody likes infatuation that we sometimes call "a high school crush." And good looks helps create that feeling, but if a guy is a great talker, he doesn't have to have the looks.

The glue that cements couples together, though, is an ever-increasing admiration for the other person. When you see how much they care about you above themselves, when you see how hard they work to become valuable to the workplace, when you see how they maintain cheerfulness in the face of fatigue or disappointment, when you see their heart turn more and more toward God, then, your heart swells with true love.

The great love story in the Book of Ruth is a fine example. Naomi's husband and sons had died. Her daughter-in-law, Ruth, had dedicated herself to taking care of her aged mother-in-law by gleaning grain in the hot sun. When the landowner found out, he told her what a great woman she was and prayed for the LORD God of Israel to reward her. When this young woman, Ruth, asked the elderly and wealthy man, Boaz, to marry her, he did so because of his admiration for her. Was she pretty? We are not told, but they had a great and loving marriage and produced the grandfather of King David!

True love is deep and lasting. Infatuation is like fireworks—exciting but very shortlived.

Bro. Paul, your pastor and glad to be so.

ARE YOU CARRYING YOUR BIKE OR RIDING YOUR BIKE?

A bike is a great invention. It is efficient, easy and can carry us further and faster than our legs. Please put on your imaginative cap for a moment. Think of *money* as a bike. Money has similarities to a bike! It is an efficient method of payment. It is easy and it is better than carrying trade goods everywhere! Money has similarities to a bike!

My question is how many of us would carry the bike instead of riding the bike! That is exactly what happens when we never learn to “ride the money”!



How many of us are carrying money (debt load) instead of riding on the money (making it work for us)?



You and your loved ones can learn to “ride the money”! It is one of the most beneficial skills one can learn. It has lasting and ever growing benefits. It is never too late to learn.

DAVE RAMSEY FPU is coming to First Baptist Apopka. Get there! The whole family can go for 99 dollars. Nothing else is like it!

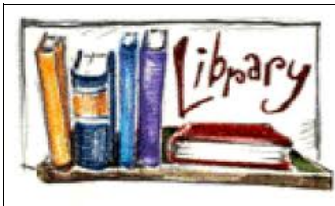
Register at daveramsey.com. or pay the church direct and you will be registered automatically.

Karina Stroub and Lyle Forsberg will host this special event!



Library News

“Winter” - Time to snuggle up with a good book!



Some reading suggestions: “Life Changing Prayers”
 “The Home Remedies Hand Book”
 “How to Have Good Health”
 “The Guardian” (Nicholas Sparks - Fiction)

Free bookmark with every book checked out!!



Thank You to the Juliet’s Ladies Ministry for transforming our church foyer!

It has been tastefully redecorated by our Juliet’s.
 Thank you for your care, your time and your donations!
 It’s beautiful!

Church Trivia

How many gallons of water does it take to fill up our baptistry?

1,234 gallons of water



New to Our Church

Steve & Jan Grice

Michele Ivill

Heather Smith



First Family Breakfast - Sunday, February 6 @ 8:30 am

"CHANGE HAS COME"!!

Thank you for coming to the January breakfast and bringing your "change" (and your dollars). You brought enough to finish paying for the meal. February 6th is our next breakfast and I know you will continue to save your change and come prepared to share in the joy of providing this special meal for our new members. We are counting on you to make them feel at home and to welcome them at breakfast.

Perhaps our new members have come to our church looking for friends. Become a new friend! Just keep the change coming. What Adult 4 does not need will go toward the next breakfast in March. Thank you! Evelyn Evans, First Family Breakfast Ministry Chairperson



Lamplighters' Luncheon - Tuesday, February 8th @ 11:30

Bring a covered dish and a friend. For the "50 and over crowd."

Program: Bruce Baker will be singing your favorite songs for Valentine's Day & HCA children will be singing



Senior Adult Valentine Banquet - Saturday, February 12 @ 5:00

For the "50 and over" crowd. This is an adult event. No children or grandchildren please.

Sign Up Sheets on the Sign Up Table. Please bring in a black & white photo of you & your husband/wife. If you are a widow or single you may bring in a picture when you were married or one by yourself.

Put your name and date of marriage on the back of the photo. Put the photo in the box marked Valentine Photos that is located in front of the piano in the Sanctuary. Thanks! Youth Department

Starting on February 13th - Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Sunday's from 5-7 pm starting on February 13 and going through May 8th. The first lesson is free! All you need to do is register to attend. If you want to continue, the cost is approximately \$100 (\$99.51) including materials. Register online at daveramsey.com for Financial Peace University by entering zip code 32703, and looking for First Baptist Church Apopka.

If you have any questions call Lyle at 407-886-2628.



Youth Yard Sale is Coming Up!

Be sure to start saving your "stuff" for our annual Youth Yard Sale. You can save it for us or you can start bringing it in immediately. We are going to store the stuff in the house on the church property, not on the stage. If you decide to bring in your stuff, please call ahead if you have a lot or have larger items so we can make arrangements for someone to be here to help you. Watch the bulletin for date of the Yard Sale



New Women's Bible Study

Beth Forsberg is teaching a new Women's Bible Study on Wednesday night at 6:30 in Adult 4 Sunday School room. It is called "Following God with All Your Heart" by Elizabeth George. Respected Bible teacher Elizabeth George invites you to fully experience the extraordinary life God offers. Upbeat and honest, Elizabeth shares her journey with God that revolutionized her life. With insights and passion, she encourages you to embrace the biblical truths and apply the practical steps she shares so you too will grow in joy and contentment, grow in devotion and obedience, grow in confidence, grow in courage and grow in humility. This is an informal Bible study that will last from 6:30-7:30 and will go on for 21 weeks. You can order a book but it is not required nor necessary to buy one. Child care is available for infants - 3 years old and there are children's activities for age 4-5th grade. Our Youth meet during this time if you have a child that is in 6th -12th grade. Come join us. All women are welcome!



Ministry Leader Needed

Our Welcome Wagon Ministry needs someone willing to go around to local merchants and pick up advertisement items that go in our Welcome Wagon bags. These bags are given out by our visitation teams on Tuesday nights to people who have moved in new or re-sale homes. If you have a heart for this ministry, please call the office and talk with Pastor Gordon. 407-886-2628.

AWANA Children's Club

Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00. Boys and girls ages 4 years-5th grade. Games, achievements, Bible stories & more! Awana clubs are world-wide, Bible centered, non-denominational clubs. Questions or like to help? Call Awana Commander Jason Stroub at 352-729-2640 or email him at fbcaawana@gmail.com



First Baptist Prayer Needs

FBC Music Ministry
 GROW Visitation Teams (people to participate)
 Highland Christian Academy-director, teachers, children & families
 FBC Pastor & Staff, Deacons & their families
 Women's & Men's Ministries
 Lamplighters' Ministry
 Women Praying God's Heart ministry
 Welcome Wagon Representatives

Nursery (extended session) Ministry
 Children's Ministries and leaders
 Sunday School teachers
 FBC Deaf Ministry
 Promise Seekers-special needs class
 Youth Dept. and leaders
 Watchman on the Wall Prayer Ministry



I Wonder What I Did For God Today:

How many times did I pause to pray?

I must find and serve Him in these ways, for life is made of ordinary days.

Be quiet before Him. Listen.

Listen for a word of encouragement, guidance or instruction.



Perfect Gifts for People:

1. Gift of listening. No interrupting, no planning your response. Just listen.
2. Gift of affection.
3. Gift of laughter.
4. Gift of a written note expressing encouragement, appreciation or affection.
5. Gift of a compliment. Sincerely saying "You are special" in some way.



A Prayer For Our Children

As they sleep bless them with Your holy peace.

As they rise, bless them with hope.

As they think, bless them Your own high thoughts.

Now, Father, I bless You and praise You and thank You for hearing my prayers through Christ Jesus our Lord who was given to us that we might have new life. Amen.



Deaf Ministry Chapel

Our Deaf Ministry led by Dr. A.C. & Wanda McCann meets in the Fellowship Hall for Chapel services from 9:00-10:15 on Sunday morning. Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30-11:30. The only exception to this is on the first Sunday of each month when they will be in regular services in the Sanctuary at 10:30 and in Sunday School at the regular time of 9:00-10:15 am.

Senior Exercise Classes Meet Weekly

Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00-12:00

Each Wednesday is different so you may start with any class.

There is no charge for your first visit and then if you like it pay \$20.00 per month.



We would like to say welcome to Loren Sauers who has accepted the position of Sunday School Director. Loren brings a wealth of knowledge to this position and has new and exciting plans for our Sunday School departments. As Loren comes in, we would like to say thank you to our outgoing Sunday School Director, Ron Acree. Ron has served tirelessly as Sunday School director and will now devote all his energy to our Lamplighter "Over 50" Ministry along with his wife, Bunny.

Thank you, Ron for your service to our Sunday School.

We would also like to welcome Steve Grice. Steve has accepted the position of ministering to our Homebound/Nursing Home members. He has experience in this ministry from his former church, First Baptist of Central Fla. We would like to thank Janie Johnson who has been ministering to our Homebound/Nursing Home members with such a caring heart!

Janie is now working with the Good News Clubs at our local elementary schools.

Thank you, Janie.

How Can YOU Help?

The following is a list of monthly needs for Loaves & Fishes. We deliver to Loaves & Fishes once a week. If you would like to donate any of these items, please put them in the grocery basket marked Loaves & Fishes by the Welcome Center/Office double glass doors.

Canned meat	Shampoo	Diapers (all sizes)
Canned fruit	Deodorant	Household items
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Dish soap	Clothes (no clothes until January 15)
Mac & Cheese	Pine cleaner	
Hamburger Helper	Disposable razors	



First Baptist Weekly/Monthly Activities

Sunday:

- 9:00 am -Sunday School - A Bible Study program for all ages.
- 9:00 am-Devoted: Youth Small Groups
- 9:00 am - Deaf Ministry Chapel
- 10:30 am - Worship Service* 11:00-11:30 am - Kid's Worship
- 10:30 am - Deaf Ministry "Bible Round Table" Sunday School
- 3:45 pm - Handbell Rehearsals
- 4:30-5:45 pm-ASL Sign Language Class
- 5:30-6:00 pm-Women Praying God's Heart Prayer Group (Sept.-May)
- 5:30-7:00-AWANA Children's Bible Club (Sept.-May)
- 5:00-7:00 pm - Youth Fuel Activities (6th-12th grade)
- 6:00 pm - Praise, Worship & Bible Study *

Wednesday:

- 6:30-7:30 pm - Kid's Activities
 - 6:30-7:30 pm-Young Adult Bible Study
 - 6:30-7:30-Deaf Ministry Bible Study in room 108
 - 6:30-7:30 - Women's Ministry Fellowship & Prayer Time
 - 6:30 pm - Student Fuel Ministry (6th-12th grade)
 - 6:30 pm - Praise, Prayer and Bible Study *
 - 7:30 pm - Choir & Praise Team rehearsal
- *Nursery provided for infants through 3 years old during service.

Additional Weekly and Monthly Activities

- 1st Sunday of each month - First Family Breakfast 8:30 am
- Each Tuesday of the month - Visitation, Outreach 2 & 6 pm
- Each Tuesday of the month-Deaf Ministry Bible Study at NDA in Mt. Dora 7:00-8:00 pm
- 2nd Tuesday of each month - Lamplighters' Luncheon 11:30 am (for the "50 and over crowd") (Sept.-May)
- 3rd Tuesday of each month - Mission In Action 9:00 am (quilting ministry) (Sept.-May)
- Each Thursday of the month - Jabez Prayer Group 7:00 am

Staff at FBC Apopka: E-mail addresses:

- Pastor- Dr. Paul F. Gordon- pfgordon@fbcapopka.net
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Library Hours

Sunday-8:30-9:15 and 5:00-6:00

Wednesday-10:00-11:00

3:00-6:30

Women's Craft Saturday-2:00-2:30



The deadline for newsletter articles is the third Monday of every month. Email to: Judy@fbcapopka.net or turn them in at the office.

First Family Breakfast
Sunday, March 6
Fellowship Hall
@ 8:30 AM

February

Birthdays

- 1 Paul Evans
- Yvonne McGuire
- 2 Kathryn Hilerio
- 3 Cole Grice
- Ruby Lightsey
- Rosemary Gavan
- 4 Jeff Staples
- 6 Carmen Unick
- Karina Stroub
- Lisa Catanese
- Nathan Speights
- 7 Julie Taylor
- 8 Freida Stratton
- 9 Jessica Lear
- 10 Claudia Porpiglia
- 11 Frank Evans
- Eloise McLeod
- David Doster

- 11 Nancy Loofboro
- 12 Marie Spoon
- 13 Robert Griffin
- 14 Jim Murphy
- Leigh Burritt
- 16 Paul Porpiglia
- Kathy Grice
- 18 Rebecca Reiswig
- 19 Nonda Hebda
- Jim Smith
- 20 Mickey Page
- Bonnie Manning
- Matthew Matzen
- 21 Ken Williams
- Brooke Polcaro
- 23 Starr Gauthier
- 24 Matt Jordan
- 25 Virginia Travis
- Jace Ott

March Birthdays

- 1 Lori Ahern
- 2 John Stevens
- 3 Donna Doster
- 5 Jazmin Irwin
- 6 Eric Walker
- 9 Patsy Ryan
- Kirstie Smith
- 11 Juan Jimenez
- Christina Lockner
- Shelby Oldaker
- Emory Jordan
- 13 Lauren Hill
- Rick Pittman
- 14 Annette Page
- Bonnie Marsceill
- 15 Brandon Malcolm
- Mallory Taylor
- D.J. Collins
- 17 Kelly Ott
- 18 Lora Ann Davis
- 20 Jane Shepherd
- J.C. Hicks
- Jeff Buck
- 21 Chun Pritchett
- 22 Tina Porpiglia
- 23 Judy Murdock
- 23 Martha Knowles
- 24 Sandra Channell

If your birthday has not appeared on the monthly list in the newsletter, that means it is not in our computer system. Please call the church office at 407-886-2628 and let us know that you need to be added to our list for your special day!