



Fall 2009 Discipleship Studies

Beginning Sunday, August 9

Meeting Dates: August 9, 16, 23; Sept 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov 1, 8, 22

(**NO** Classes will be held on these dates: Aug 30; Sept 6; November 15)

Study materials for ALL classes will be available for purchase in the church office and at the first class session.

Downpour: He Will Come to Us Like the Rain

by James McDonald (13 weeks-Workbook \$17.00)

Facilitator: Butch Knight



Hosea 6 declares, "Come, let us return to the LORD...let us press on to know the LORD...And He will come to us like the rain." Author and Pastor James McDonald encourages believers to accept the challenge to "let us return to the Lord." This study leads Christians to take the personal steps they need to return to the Lord and experience spiritual renewal and victory.

Financial Peace University

by Dave Ramsey (13 weeks-Book & Workbook \$75.00)

Facilitator: Shane Powell

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a life-changing, Christian-based program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace. Ramsey teaches about how to save money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving.



Registration forms with complete information available this week. Pick up one in the Church Office or Atrium. Please indicate child care needs when you register.

first place 4 Health: Giving Christ Control

[12 weeks—Bible Study Book (for everyone): \$13.00;

Member's Kit: \$81.00 (for new members only)]

Facilitators: Howard & Rachelle Fowler



Many diet experts agree that developing self-control is a key part of weight loss and weight management. But the Bible says that believers develop self-control only when Christ is at the center of their lives. The secret of self-control is giving up control to God! Through this 12-week Bible study, participants will learn how to let go of their frantic need to control

their circumstances, which often leads to stress-induced, out-of-control eating. Take positive steps toward letting God take over the management of your mind, emotions, body and spirit and getting your life into balance!

A Woman After God's Own Heart

by Elizabeth George (10 weeks-Book \$10.00)

Facilitator: Angie Powell



Ladies, do you ever stop to think about how you will be remembered after you're gone? Will it be as a loving wife, a nurturing mother, a faithful Christian, a loyal friend? Just as King David of the Old Testament is remembered as a "man after God's own heart," in this topical Bible study, Elizabeth George teaches how to become a "woman after God's own heart"...and how to find balance and fulfillment in the critical areas of life that matter most.

Family Fishing Day



SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
8:00 AM — 12:00 NOON

At the home of Don & Rosemary Barfield,
5013 Gillionville Road. Lunch provided—
please call the church office to sign up
(883-8000). Maps available in church office.

Bait
Provided.
Bring your
Pole &
Lawn
chairs.



“**B**etween a rock and a hard place!!!” Ever been there? It’s not the most comfortable place to be or one in which we ever ask God to place us. Still, it’s the spot

where we find ourselves at times.

In fact, it’s where I am right now. From my pastoral experience I have found that spending time in tight places comes with the responsibility of leading people to be all that God desires. Scripture is full of examples of leaders who have spent their share of time between a rock and a hard place. Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Jeremiah, Peter, Paul, Stephen, and of course Jesus Himself are just a few of the leaders who have been there.

How did they get there? After all, if they are leading folks to be what God desires, shouldn’t they be exempt from such discomfort? Unfortunately not! The reality is that pastors, shepherds, apostles, prophets, kings, and even the King of Kings arrive at this place in very much the same manner. They make decisions that are unpopular with their followers, and then experience the discomfort that always accompanies the decisions.

What kinds of decisions? The kinds that challenge us to move out of our comfort zones, go in a new direction, embrace a new vision, or do things differently are just a few examples. They are decisions that are critical in leading people to be all that God desires, but are met with reluctance and even resistance.

Why such reactions? I think it involves the notion that all of us are creatures of comfort and do not really like change in the core of our beings. Regardless of our ages, once we get comfortable doing something, we easily settle in even if it becomes detrimental to us. A great example of this phenomenon is the fable of the frog in the kettle, “*They say that if you put a frog into a pot of boiling water, it will leap out right away to escape the danger. But, if you put a frog in a kettle that is filled with water that is cool and pleasant, and then you gradually heat the kettle until it starts boiling, the frog will not become aware of the threat until it is too late.*” Our comfort zones can cook us if we are not careful.

So, why am I experiencing the pinch of

being caught between a rock and a hard place right now? It’s because I am leading us to make some necessary changes in our Sunday School structure that are not going to be popular. For a few years now, I have observed deficiencies in our Sunday School ministry that hinders us from moving forward in our pursuit of becoming a healthier church and being the people that God desires.

What kind of deficiencies? Consider the fact that we have lacked classes for certain demographical groups in our church. We badly need to develop some new classes to address these areas. We also have several classes that have expanded far beyond their demographic description because we have not made any adjustments to them in many, many years. While the expansion of the age groups of these classes has occurred over the years, attendance has declined. Still, other classes need adjustments because of the multi-purpose nature of our facility. Our classrooms do not allow us to have very large classes. These are just a few of the issues that we face in Sunday School.

I have waited patiently to lead us to address these matters. Other matters have taken precedent up to now, but within the last year I have sensed that the timing is right. I have asked Dr. Steve Parr of the Georgia Baptist Convention to assist us in this process. He will be with us Tuesday, August 10 to lead us in a Sunday School leadership workshop for both general officers and teachers. Our nominating committee also has considered many of these matters as it has worked this summer. I am grateful for the spirit and attitude of the members of this group as we have worked together. They have worked diligently to address the needs of our Sunday School. I am indeed appreciative of their time and efforts.

In closing, I am mindful of a couple things. First, I can choose to be popular and not lead us to confront this challenge. In doing so, I would be ignoring something that God has placed on my heart, leading us simply to go through the motions in pursuit of our mission and vision. I cannot do that. Second, I am caught between a rock and a hard place because I believe that until we improve our structure and procedures, our health as a church will be less than it should be. Unless we make these adjustments we cannot really reach our community for Christ and become the people that God desires.

I love you and look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Pastor Butch

Pastor’s Sermon Topic
Sunday, August 2, 10:30 AM
“Motion-less”—Philippians 3:1-10

GORDON DAVIDSON IS OUR INTERIM STUDENT MINISTER

Effective August 2



Expect to see a familiar face around FBC in the days to come! Many of you will recognize Gordon Davidson, our former Student Minister, who went on to serve at the GBC a few years ago.

You will see him at FBC on Wednesdays & Sundays as he comes to help us out during this interim time.

Welcome “home”, Gordon!

Register for Weekday Ed 2009-2010
Open House-Sunday, Aug. 16, 3 PM
Classes for Fall Begin Aug. 17th
Ages 6 wks.—4K
All classes are full except the three-day Four-year-old class. We do have a waiting list for all other classes. If you have questions, please call Patti Rohrs at 886-6130.

Aug. 2—Student Lake Fellowship

Following the 10:30 am Service, we will go to Gill’s lake house for a FUN, FUN, time with lots of food, jet skiing, swimming and you name it. Make sure you sign up!!! You will be glad you did.

Aug. 9—Back to School BASH

5:30pm-Don’t forget to sign up!

Aug. 16, 4:30—Youth Choir Starts

Oct. 3—Student Yard Sale

7:00am-1:00pm (Downtown) Start getting “your stuff” together and then call Diane at 883-8000 for more information.

Sunday, August 30
170th Anniversary & Homecoming Celebration
with Rev. Perry Webb & Dinner on the Grounds

If you know of a former staff member that we need to invite personally, please call the church office ASAP! We do not want to leave anyone out at this special time as we celebrate 170 years! Please sign-up in Sunday School! This will help us with food preparation!

PARENT & CHILD DEDICATION
August 23, 10:30 AM
Call Carole Stone in the church office.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS AUG. 2

- Bed Babies**
Christy Tinsley; Joann Lane;
Holly Strickland
- Toddlers**
Jessica Bearden; Sandy Driver
- 2 yrs. Old**
Charlie & Nicole Deriso
- 3 yrs. Old**
Beth Price & Jenni Carpenter
- Lil’ Big House**
Scott & Robbin Nix
- Big House**
Jennifer & Jake Jefcoat













OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

- Mon. Aug. 3**
9am-1pm-Mynette Chapman;
1pm-5pm-Chas/Janice Sheppard
- Tues. Aug. 4**
9am-1pm-Doug Boss
1-5pm-Dellen Lyall
- Wed. Aug. 5**
9am-5pm-Harriet Haskins
- Thurs. Aug. 6**
9am-1pm-Betsy Payne
1-5pm-Gray Fountain
- Fri. Aug. 7**
9-4pm-Ann Sims



August 2009



SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<p>SUNDAY SUMMER SCHEDULE 9:00am-Bible Study 10:30-11:30am-Worship Service 6:30-8:00pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>WED. SUMMER SCHEDULE THRU AUG 19 5:30-6:20pm-Family Night Supper 6:30-7:20pm-Prayer Meeting: IMPACT (Student Worship) Missions-RAs, GAs, Mission Friends (Children); 7:30-9:00pm-Praise Team Practice</p>					<p>1 8:00-noon Family Fishing Day 11:00-The Father's Kitchen</p>
<p>2 Preschool/Children/Youth PROMOTION DAY 12:00-Students Lake Fellowship 3:45-Preschool/Children Teacher Training</p>	<p>3 TEACHERS NEEDED in the Children's Ministry. Please prayerfully consider serving the Lord through this ministry and then contact Jennifer Jefcoat for more information or to volunteer.</p>	4	<p>5 <i>Dougherty Co. Schools Begin</i> 7:30-Activities Committee</p>	<p>6 9:00-Bible Studies by Demand</p>	<p>7 <i>Deerfield-Windsor Schools Begin</i></p>	<p>8 8:00-Church Work Day </p>
<p>9 DISCIPLESHIP STUDIES BEGIN Check out pg. 1  5:30-Back to School Bash</p>	<p>10 <u>Dr. Steve Parr</u> 2:30-5:45 Sunday School Leaders & Staff Meeting 6:15-Meal 6:45-Teacher Training 5:30-Heart Friends</p>	<p>11 9:00-This Is My Story Study  10:15-WOM 6:00-Finance Committee</p>	<p>12 5:00-Preschool & Children's Committee Last Night of Summer Blast/Bring school supplies 6:30-Don & Terri Horsley, Missionaries Central Asia</p>	13	<p>14 <i>Lee Co. Schools Begin</i></p>	<p>15 11:00-The Father's Kitchen </p>
<p>16 10:30-The Lord's Supper 3:00-Weekday Ed Open House 4:00-Student Ministry Team Meeting 4:30-Youth Choir Resumes</p>	<p>17 <i>Weekday Ed Begins</i> 6:00 Oberammergau Passion Play Info Presentation</p>	<p>18 9:00am-This is My Story 10:00-Homebound Min. Team 6:30-Deacons</p>	<p>19 NEW SCHEDULE 5:15-Family Night Supper 5:45-Children's Choirs Resume 6:30-Prayer Meeting/Children's Missions</p>	<p>20 9:00-11 & 5:30-7:30 Prayer that Works </p>	<p>21  Hanger 56 Night 5:45-Meet at Church 6:00-Cici's Pizza 7-9-Bowling 9:30-Return to Church</p>	22
<p>23 10:30 Parent-Child Dedication </p>	<p>24  5:30-Heart Friends</p>	<p>25 9:00-This is My Story 11:30-Mallary Ministers 6:00-Secret Sister's Party</p>	<p>26 7:30-Properties Committee</p>	<p>27  12:00-JOY Lunch</p>	<p>28 SPECIAL NOTICE... The Student Ministry will be selling BBQ Chicken Plates <u>Sunday, August 16</u>. Tickets on sale NOW (\$7). Pick up in the atrium right after worship Aug. 16th. Support our students with this fundraiser!!! </p>	
<p>30 HOMECOMING SUNDAY </p>	<p>31</p>	<p>170th Anniversary & Homecoming Celebration Rev. Perry Webb Preaching ☆☆☆ Dinner on the Grounds ☆☆☆ Please sign up!</p>				

This Week at FBC

Periodicals
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Preschool Promotion Day

9:00am– Bible Study

10:30am–Worship

(Student Lake Day following morning worship)

11:00am–Korean Worship Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

5:30-6:30pm-Family Night Supper

6:30pm-Activities for Children/Students

6:30pm-Prayer Meeting

7:30pm-Activities Committee

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00am-Bible Studies by Demand/Room 108

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

BITS & PIECES

Dear Church Family,

"How do I begin – to tell the story of how great a love can be?" These are the opening lines of the song entitled "A Time for Us." How does one (or two) pack up 32/31 years and move? For well over half our lives, Bob and I have been blessed by you, our church family at First Baptist Albany. You have touched us in so many ways – from our meeting each other in the Singles' Department (yes, it's true!), through our married life in Sunday School classes, through the Nursery with the birth of our 3 children, the Children's Department, the Youth Department, the T.V. ministry, and of course the Music Ministry. We were ALMOST to make it into the JOY group! We owe you so much for helping us grow as a family. Thank you for all you have poured into our lives, as well as the lives of Leigh, Maria, and Karen. So many of YOU have led our girls and had a large part into shaping their lives into responsible, mature, Spirit-filled young ladies. You have been there for us on so many occasions. My life has been greatly enriched by having the opportunity to play the piano and/or organ for so many of your or your children's weddings as well as funerals and special occasion celebrations for your loved ones. The Music Ministry is my passion, and First Baptist has a rich heritage in praising God through music. Thank you from the depths of my heart for your support through the hard times with me and my family. Your expressions of love recently, culminating with the wonderful reception—complete with Diane's piano cake!—have completely overwhelmed us. It means so much that we have so many friends: "you'll be in my heart – always" and "friends are friends forever if the Lord's the Lord of them." Of course, those are song lyrics. And, another song which I absolutely love playing for Jimmie to sing says "the hardest part of love is the letting go." God is leading us to a new place, and that includes a certain physical "letting go." But our love for you, our friends, will remain strong, and the memories are priceless.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

You are truly family.

—B.J. Greer

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FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER Wed. August 5– 5:30-6:30



CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

Fresh Salsa; Tortilla Chips; Salad Bar;
Almond Coconut Flan; Coffee; Tea
(Healthy Choice Menu Offered)

Children's Menu—Corn Dogs

7th Gr. & up —\$5; 3 yrs.—6th Gr.—\$3

SUNDAY REPORT—7/26/09

Adults.....	205
Student	30
Children.....	30
Preschool.....	32
TOTAL	297
Worship Attendance 10:30 AM	319

FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 26, 2009

Budget Received This Week.....	\$ 25,992.46
2009 Budget Needed Y.T.D	\$ 801,324.72
2009 Budget Received Y.T.D.....	\$ 702,324.72
CNN Received This Week	\$ 591.00
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 12,665.00
The Next Step Received This Week	\$ 9,172.00
Balance on Hand This Week	\$ 9,172.00
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 137,920.80
Total Received to Date	\$ 1,104,116.37
Designated Gifts Received This Week	\$ 1,439.00
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 33,400.60
Total Gifts Received This Week	\$ 37,194.46
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 886,434.42

HOSPITAL

Palmyra, Bill Nichols; Phoebe, Alice Mixon, Lynda Gray

FLOWERS SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

The beautiful flower arrangements in the Worship Center this Sunday are given to the glory of God...
1...and in honor of our grandchildren, Laurie & Noel Pless & Jared & Clayton Kelley from Melvin & Mynette Chapman.
2...and in memory of Cliff Straughn & Sherry Straughn from Butch & Peggy Kinsaul.

If you would like to place flowers in the worship center to the glory of God in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the church office. (Special Note: We have slots available on several dates for 2nd arrangements. Call the church office if you would like to explore these possibilities)

SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to...Brenda Cowart whose son died July 25...Lexi Cowart whose father died July 25...the family of Carolyn Phillips who died July 27.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

M/M Ty (Laura) Kinslow, 2106 Beacon Ct., Albany, GA 31721 (letter); Banks Kinslow, letter; Kathleen Kinslow, baptism

MINISTERIAL STAFF

William E. "Butch" Knight, PhD Senior Pastor
Jimmie Nettles.....Pastor of Worship & Music
Kathy Mims, PhD Director of Sr. Adult & Women's Ministries
Jennifer Jefcoat..... Minister to Preschool & Children
Ray Kirk..... Business Administrator

MINISTER ON CALL JULY 25, 2009

DR. BUTCH KNIGHT-888-9197

If no answer, call the church, 883-8000, and choose Option #7. You will hear instructions for having our Minister on call paged.