



A Way to Show Love

As you may have heard (or seen pictures posted to Facebook), the youth at church were kind enough to come and decorate my yard over Presidents' Day Weekend. This act of generosity has seemingly become a tradition for them when they gather for their Disciple Now weekends. So, that Saturday, the youth quietly entered the yard in the dead of night. They did not come empty handed, they brought with them lasting gifts. My trees, bushes, and cars were covered in toilet paper. While most of the paper was easily removed, there are several strands still visible in branches beyond my reach.

Someone asked me why the youth would do such a thing. To them, it sounded like an incredible insult. I tried to explain to them that it was, I truly believe, just the opposite. I went on to remark that it was done in jest and with good humor. For them to do so, to whiten my yard and those of the other ministers, shows their comfort level with us. It was, I explained, a way for them to show their love.

We show our love in lots of ways. Recently, our nation celebrated Valentine's Day. For that holiday, we buy cards, give roses, and share chocolates. To show love and celebrate with people in our lives, we honor their birthdays with gifts and with parties. To show that we dearly loved someone and will miss them, we gather to remember them at funerals or memorial services. We show love with smiles, hugs, and with the wink of an eye. We share love in taking in a ballgame together or when a father takes his young daughter to a dance. There are many ways to show love, even with toilet paper.

This journey we are on during Lent is one that will carry us to the greatest display of love ever shown. Christ's sacrifice went well beyond a card's message or a rose's beauty. This time, these weeks until we gather on Easter morning to celebrate His ultimate love, are to be used in making ourselves ready for such a gift.

Think over these coming days about the love that was shown for you on Calvary. Think of ways that you can show Him your love is returned and that you are grateful for His. Make the most of these days and the love you will receive on Easter morning will be even more sweet.

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Habitat for Humanity

Habitat had a good day at 3209 Fourteenth Avenue on Friday, February 15. The weather was cool but mostly sunny. Tom, Doug and Jim worked on siding. Willard and Chet painted. Sandy, Helen and Ben cleaned. The house is scheduled for dedication on Saturday, March 2. The installation of laminate flooring is scheduled next. Bobby of Habitat's staff served as house manager for the day. We must have done well for Bobby was smiling as we left for home. ~Ben



First Friends Luncheon

Thursday, March 7, 11:30 PM

Program: Butch Reeves – orchestra of one

Menu: White Chicken Chili and "fixings" • Cole Slaw & Mint Brownies • Cost: \$6

Reservations: 423.648.2543, frances@fbcchattanooga.org or sign-up in your Sunday School class

Butch Reeves is a professional musician and teacher. Out of high school, he received a full scholarship on guitar to Northeast Alabama State Community College where he studied saxophone. After college he went to work with Southern Flite, a North Alabama based club circuit band. He played guitar, saxophone, and did backing vocals. After sometime he also added keyboard and banjo to the group's sound. In 1993, he began teaching private music lessons in his home and at Jim Reeves music store in Chattanooga, TN. He and "Uncle Jimmy" started learning how to use midi sequencing keyboards and equipment to create instrumental "backup" to the instruments they already played to enhance sound and performance. This technology has helped to launch a whole new way to entertain and has helped Butch do what he loves to do...Perform.



Disciple Now Weekend

Our theme for Disciple Now 2013 was "PAUSE." Youth and adult leaders were reminded that it is imperative to take a break from extremely hectic schedules to spend time with God. In addition to our Bible study, there was a mission/ministry element as a part of the weekend. This year we spent three hours on Saturday, February 16, sorting food at the Chattanooga Food Bank. After that the youth competed in our own version of "The Amazing Race." The youth had numerous tasks to complete around the city to see who would come in first. Congratulations to the Junior Girls for winning!



Family Movie Night

"It's a bird! It's a plane!... No! It's our children dressed as superheroes!" Children donned in superhero costumes were "flying" around the fellowship hall fighting off all kinds of make-believe bad guys on Sunday, February 17. There was plenty of pizza and popcorn for whenever energy needed to be replenished. Our movie for the night was *The Incredibles*.



March 8th 6-10 pm
FUN Activities for EACH Age Groups

pno PRESCHOOL (Birth - PreK)
\$6 per child / \$12 for 2 or more children
Treats, activities, and other FUN things!

RSVP to betty@fbcchattanooga.org or (423) 648-2542
no later than Wednesday, March 6th.

KIDSCURSION (K-5th Grade) **Pump It Up**
\$10 per child

Children should be at the church no later than 6:00pm. The bus will leave for Pump It Up at 6:15pm & will return to the church around 9:30pm.

Cellobration: From Russia with Love

I-Bei Lin, cello • Sin-Hsing Tsai, piano

Tuesday, March 5 • 7PM • First Baptist Church Chapel

Including works by Glazunov, Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff and Piatigorsky

There is no charge for admission.

I-Bei Lin is an Associate Professor of Cello and Chair of Strings at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Dr. Lin, a native of Taiwan, received her Doctor of Music degree with Honors and her Master of Music degree from Northwestern University. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree with Distinction from the Eastman School of Music. She plays a Testore school cello from Milan, Italy, circa 1700s.

Pianist Sin-Hsing Tsai is a recipient of the Artist Diploma from the Hochschule für Musik in Hamburg, Germany and a doctoral degree from the University of Southern California. Her overseas activities have included master classes at Shanghai Conservatory of Music Pre-College Division and several universities in China, Kangwon and Guwanju Arts High Schools in Korea, and National University of the Arts in Argentina. She is currently UC Foundation Associate Professor of Music at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Mark Oshman to be Guest Speaker

Mark Oshman of the International Board of Jewish Missions (IBJM) will be speaking at First Baptist during the Sunday School hour

in the Chapel on March 10. His topic is *Israel and Her Neighbors in the Middle East*. Those interested in hearing Mark may contact Sylvia Colvin (sylviacolvin@gmail.com or 423.240.6456) about class arrangements.

First Baptist Mission Events

MORNING WOMEN ON MISSION will meet on Tuesday, March 5, at 9:30AM for groups and at 10:30AM for the program. The Week of Prayer for North American Missions will be the focus of the program. Mission action is money for food for the Hamilton County Baptist Ministry Center in St. Elmo.

FOOD DRIVE FOR HACOBA - The WMU is sponsoring a church-wide food drive for HaCoBACares Ministry Center, the food pantry of the Hamilton County Baptist Association, through Sunday, March 3. Please bring canned food or non-perishable food items. There is a bin near the office and another in the Fellowship Hall. HaCoBACares Ministry Center gets referrals from 211 and gives out more free food boxes to the needy than any other agency in Hamilton County.



Easter Lilies

It is time to order Easter Lilies to put in our Worship area on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order a lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete an order form and turn it in to the church office by Sunday, March 24. The forms are available at each entrance to the building and in the church office. The lilies are \$11.50 each.

On the Calendar February 2013

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Fellowship Meal	5:00PM
Preschool Choir	6:00PM
Children's Choir	6:00PM
Youth Bible Study	6:00PM
Epiphanies (Bible Study)	6:00PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	6:00PM
"A Praying Congregation" Small Group	6:00PM
Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM

Thursday, February 28, 2013

ESL Classes	9:30AM
Dinner with Mustard Tree Ministries	6:00PM

Friday, March 1, 2013

Youth Choir Festival	12:00PM
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Saturday, March 2, 2013

Youth Choir Festival	
ESL Classes	4:00PM

Sunday, March 3, 2013

Youth Choir Festival	
Sunday School / Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time	10:30AM
Worship	11:00AM
Family Promise (IHN)	5:00PM

Monday, March 4, 2013

Family Promise	
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Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Family Promise	
Morning Women on Mission	9:30AM

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Family Promise	
Fellowship Meal	5:00PM
Preschool Choir	6:00PM
Children's Choir	6:00PM
Youth Bible Study	6:00PM
Epiphanies (Bible Study)	6:00PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	6:00PM
Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:15PM
YMLT	7:15PM

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Family Promise	
ESL Classes	9:30AM
First Friends Luncheon	11:30AM
Dinner with Mustard Tree Ministries	6:00PM

Friday, March 8, 2013

Family Promise	
Parents' Night Out/ KidsCURSION	6:00PM

Saturday, March 9, 2013

Family Promise	
ESL Classes	4:00PM

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Speaker - Mark Oshman	9:30AM
Sunday School / Bible Study	9:30AM
Fellowship Time	10:30AM
Worship	11:00AM
Youth Choir	4:30PM
Youth Supper	5:30PM
Youth Bible Study	6:00PM
Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM

Monday, March 11, 2013

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	5:30PM
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Wednesday, March 13, 2013

First Friends Council	11:00AM
Fellowship Meal	5:00PM
Preschool Choir	6:00PM
Children's Choir	6:00PM
Youth Bible Study	6:00PM
Epiphanies (Bible Study)	6:00PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	6:00PM
Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM
House and Grounds Committee	7:15PM

Family Promise

March 3-10, 2013



**Volunteers are needed
for overnight hosts
and/or
to prepare/serve meals!**

Please contact
Mary Jayne Allen 423-870-2076 (overnight hosts)
or Alice Turner 423-877-8702 (meals)

Sunday Morning, Regular Schedule

9:30 AM Bible Study / Sunday School
10:30 AM Fellowship Time
11:00 AM Worship

Attendance Report

ATTENDANCE 2/10/2013	ATTENDANCE 2/17/2013
242 - Worship	267 - Worship
13 - Worship Care	9 - Worship Care
255 - WORSHIP TOTAL	276 - WORSHIP TOTAL
272 - Bible Study	287 - Bible Study

Weekly receipts 2/10/13\$ 9,523.41
Weekly receipts 2/17/13\$12,616.00
Weekly needs in T & O\$16,826.93

Jan. Year to Date Receipts\$401,006.40
Jan. Year to Date Expenses\$402,959.74
YTD Actual-Loss\$ (1,953.34)
As of 2/21/13

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