

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

A Word From Pastor...



Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Mark 8:34-36 (NIV)

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

II Cor. 5: 4-15 (NIV)

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Dearly Beloved,

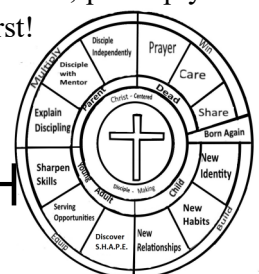
A few years ago we changed our church's mission statement to read: "Lovingly transform our me-centered culture into courageous Christ-centered disciple makers." The Scripture passages above strongly influenced us to describe our mission in this way.

Rom. 12:1 reveals that the mercies of God that Paul described in Romans 1-11 should radically impact our dedication and devotion to the LORD! 2 Cor. 5:14 states that Christ's love compels us to think and believe and behave in such a way that we no longer live selfish and self-centered lives. Christ's love and God's mercies are to have strong motivating and inspirational roles in our lives. Christ's Calvary love and God's mercies are to strongly persuade and influence us toward Christ-centered living. Paul says in 2 Cor. 5:14-15 that we should be pondering Christ's death and resurrection on our behalf. His sacrificial death should have such a strong persuasion in our lives that it leads us to have unwavering beliefs and passionate devotion toward Christ. Since He made such an unparalleled sacrifice for us, how can we go on living life for ourselves? How can we not do anything different than live a Christ-centered life and seek to worship and glorify Him?!

Our culture tries to squeeze us into its mold. Our culture wants us to think and talk and believe and relate to others in a way that fits into their pattern. But their pattern often contradicts the plan and pattern God has set out for us. Our culture tries to convince us that their agenda is far more important and far more rewarding than God's agenda. As we are confronted with the world's arguments and threats and are tempted by our own selfish desires, the Lord counsels us to spend daily time at the foot of the cross and look at the sacrificial love of Christ. Listen to His voice cry out from the cross, "Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing!" Let your heart and mind be persuaded that Jesus not only meant those of His current day who orchestrated His crucifixion with the Roman authorities, but I also covers us, whose sins drove Him to die in our place! Let the blood of Jesus cry out to you, "You have lived long enough for yourself and for the world. Now it's time to live for the One Who loved you like no one else could!" Even if others threaten to reject your friendship, deny yourself, pick up your cross, and follow Jesus! Follow Jesus' example of seeking God first and His righteousness first!

EMMETT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Discover Christ's Transforming Love



FEBRUARY

February is the bridge
 That crossed into spring;
 A hint of springtime magic
 Is the gift that he would bring,
 And smiling though each snowstorm
 That winter sends our way
 He knows the snow will vanish

February is promise
 To those who patient be
 That flowers soon will appear
 And leaves will clothe each tree.
 The white will be transformed
 To fresh green everywhere
 As February ushers in



Shop for your valentine at
smile.amazon.com,
 and Amazon donates.



The FBC Valentine's Friendship Banquet scheduled for Saturday, February 15, is fast approaching. Hopefully you signed up join in on a great meal, fellowship and fun.

And speaking of Valentine's Day, as well as other upcoming holidays (mother's day, fathers day, etc.), keep in mind that when you order from Amazon, you can have a donation go to FBC through AmazonSmile.



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Super Bowl Pizza Fundraiser!

115 pizzas were sold for a profit of just over \$700!

Thanks to all those who showed up on Saturday morning to help make the pizzas
and special shout out to those who helped gather orders!



And thanks to Wayne for this
handy little (*big*) gadget!!!



Celebrating Christmas in Cambodia

A lot can happen in 50 years. Back in 1970, Cambodia was swept up into the war in neighboring Vietnam, which triggered the rise of a Marxist tyrant call Pol Pot and his Khmer Rouge regime. They perpetrated the world's worst genocide since World War II. Ove 2 million people died in the "killing fields," and most of Cambodia's Christians were slaughtered.

At the same time, a half-century ago, Bob Pierce was founding Samaritan's Purse to work in the Name of Jesus Christ in troubled places like Cambodia. The first time I went there was in 1980, to a refugee camp on the Thai border, where we had to jump into drainage ditches to escape from a mortar attack. Even then, it was a dangerous place to be a Christian or a foreigner.

Praise God for opening doors for Samaritan's Purse to work in Cambodia, building schools, providing clean water, caring for mothers and babies, and preventing human trafficking. On my most recent visit, just before Christmas, I was able to preach the Gospel at the largest evangelistic event ever held in Cambodia. While I was there, I also helped hand out Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to children living in the slums of the capital city, Phnom Penh.

This season, we will reach more than 10.5 million children worldwide. All glory to God! *"Great is our Lord, and mighty in power"* (Psalm 147:5). Everywhere we go, our teams and church partners share the Gospel as they hand out gift boxes. It's our prayer that millions of these children will soon enroll in our discipleship course, The Greatest Journey, which we offer through churches that hand out Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We want to see these little ones come to saving faith in Christ and teach them how to share the Gospel with their family and friends.

What better way to mark the founding Samaritan's Purse 50 years ago than by continuing to proclaim the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? That's what we plan to do throughout 2020 and we ask you to join us in prayer and partnership in what God is doing. May God richly bless you this year.

(Re-typed from "JANUARY UPDATE from FRANKLIN GRAHAM)



GIFTS WITH IMPACT: HEARING A CAMBODIAN SCARE, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THESE BOYS HOW TO PLAY WITH A PADDLE BALL FROM THEIR SHOEBOXES. WITH ME IS BARNABAS HAN, WHO WAS ONE OF JUST 200 CHRISTIANS TO SURVIVE THE "KILLING FIELDS" MASSACRES IN THE 1970S.



Chuckles:

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"



8 Ways Dads Can Lead from the Heart

Brett Powell

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Brett September 30, 2019

September 20-22, three-hundred (300) men participated in The Men's Retreat. You are men of Grit & Grace. This re-post of an earlier article is for you.

Dads have an important job description – to paint an accurate image of God the Father by the brush of their example.

I'm sure most of what I have to say applies equally to moms but today I am thinking about dads in their role as leaders in the home.

The foundation of your kids' emotional, intellectual and spiritual maturity is rooted in the certainty of being your beloved child. One way dads can image the Father is by affirming their children as God the Father did for Jesus on the day of His Baptism, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

[Dads have an important job: Paint an accurate image of God the Father by the brush of your example.](#)

Here are eight practical ways to affirm your kids.

#1 Spoken Words: At any given moment you can speak a word of encouragement, "Hey, Thomas, I've noticed how positive you've been with your younger siblings. I really appreciate it and so do they. Well done." Verbal affirmation doesn't have to be elaborate, just make sure it's sincere.

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#2 Quality Time: Busyness is a modern-day-curse. What you do with your free time communicates what matters most to you. Your kids know how busy you are, giving them quality time speaks a loud message of love to their hearts. Kids spell love T.I.M.E. (thank you Steve Wood).

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#3 Lunch Bag Notes—Take out an index card and write something like, "Five Incredible Qualities I See in You: 1) You always work hard at soccer practice, 2) You clean up after you make a mess in the kitchen, 3) You use your words to bless others, 4) You have a deep peace in your heart when things are stressful, 5) You are generous with your video games." Full disclosure: I learned this idea from Author, [Anthony Parisi](#).

#4 Surprise Gifts—Pick up a gift for no reason other than to say, "I was thinking of you." The gift doesn't have to be expensive. A carton of chocolate milk is one of my favorites which I can pick up at any gas station for less than \$2. The art of gift-giving may not come naturally to you, but somebody in your life can probably help.

#5 Honor Them Publicly: This takes a little awareness to recognize an appropriate moment. When your child is within ear shot, speak up to others about some virtue or another that you see in him/her. Some parents withhold praise, especially in public. Proverbs encourages it, "Not with your own mouth, but let others praise you," Parents are in a great place to praise their kids. Modesty will guard against exaggeration, but simple and sincere words, spoken in public, can build a child's confidence and sense of dignity.

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#6 Express Physical Affection: This is easier when the kids are young but the need to express physical affection never diminishes. Teenagers give the appearance that they aren't interested and some days it just won't

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work but it's important to keep trying. In the moment, a quick love-tap on the knee with, "You're awesome," goes a long way. If hugging makes you squirm (or your child!), a hand on the shoulder can communicate the same message.

#7 Attend Their Heart: It is a powerful experience for children, when someone in authority seeks to understand their feelings. It isn't what happens to your kids that matters but the meaning they attach to it that makes the most impact. Creating a safe place for your child to process the emotional roller-coaster of life is incredibly validating. You may not agree with their perspective, but understanding how they feel and loving them for their sincere heart deepens the bond between you.

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#8 Celebrate Good Decisions: Much of parenting is about helping your kids to learn how to make good decisions. In fact, if you succeed in this area, you have given your child one of the best gifts, "a wise and discerning heart." When your kids make a smart decision, celebrate it! Honour the small decisions in the moment, "Sarah, I saw you outside. The boys wanted you to play basketball but you decided to come in and finish your homework. That was a hard decision, but you made the right choice, well done." Make a big deal of the bigger decisions. Propose a toast at the family meal or take everyone out for ice-cream to acknowledge their milestone.



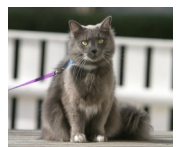
Family Traditions

The story is told of a devout Christian who was faithful in his daily devotions. He read portions Scripture and a devotional book, meditated silently for a while, and then prayed. As time went by, his prayers became longer and more intense. He came to cherish this quiet time in his bedroom. And his cat liked it, too! She would snuggle against him, purring loudly. This interrupted the man, so he put a collar around the cat's neck and tied her to the bedpost whenever he wanted undisturbed devotional time.

The daughter of this man noticed how much his devotions time meant to him, and she adopted the practice. She dutifully tied her cat to the bedpost and proceeded to read and pray. Her prayer time was shorter, however. The day came when her son grew up. He desired also to keep some of the family traditions, but by his generation, the pace of life had quickened greatly. He felt he had no time for elaborate devotions, so he eliminated the time for meditation Bible reading, and prayer. Still, in order to carry on the tradition, while dressing each morning, he tied his cat to the bedpost!

Explain to you children why you keep certain rituals, lest they follow them blindly, without meaning or purpose.

*Children very good at listening to their elders,
but they have never failed to imitate them.*



UPCOMING EVENTS!

CPR Training

Friends & Family/Non-Certification

March 15, 2020



FBC will be hosting CPR training at 2:00 on March 15th. A potluck dinner will be prior to the training at 1:00. Adults, as well as youth who may serve in the role of a babysitter or have siblings are encouraged to attend. This training is presented by Laurel Whittemore from Valor Hospital. It will be approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hour long and include videos, CPR instruction and practice for both adult and child size (using life-size dummies), and how to use and A.E.D. (Defibrillator). Definitely worth your time. A sign up sheet will be sent around in church.



The Boise Harvest with Greg Laurie!

Emmett FBC is supporting and promoting this event and praying lives will be touched for Christ each of the three nights and ongoing.

If you want to know more, or want to actively participate, contact Pastor Lance or one of your church leaders, or go on line to BOISE.HARVEST.ORG.



BOISE HARVEST
MAY 1-3
GREG LAURIE

Write down the names of five people you want to see come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Family Member: _____
Friend: _____
Neighbor: _____
Coworker: _____
Other: _____

PRAY

- * For an opportunity to invite them.
- * That their hearts will be prepared for the gospel.
- * They will say yes to the invitation to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

INVITE

- * Who will you invite? Pray for them and invite them.

BRING

- * Don't come alone. Ask them if you can bring them. Most people who respond to the invitation are brought by a friend.

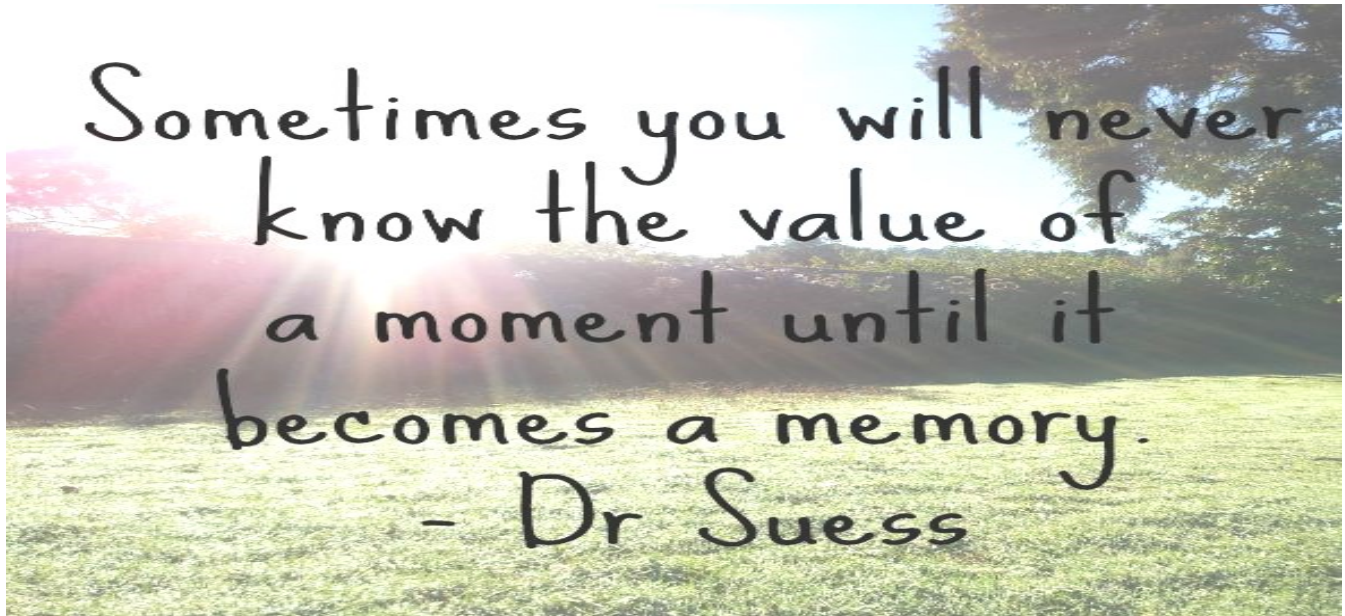
SERVE

- * Pray about how you can serve at the Boise Harvest event.

Family Member: _____
Friend: _____
Neighbor: _____
Coworker: _____
Other: _____

Don't forget to be praying - for the event to change lives, event coordinators and speakers, as well as for those who are lost by using the bookmark included in the recent weekly bulletins.

FBC Member Memories



In the month of September we asked for people to share their memories of FBC. The following story is one with more to come. If you haven't shared and would still like to tell your story, turn it in to the church office or email it to fbchurch1001@qwestoffice.net.

Rocky & Cindy Smith

We started attending FBC in June of 2015. (4 years ago already)

We were saved and baptized prior to coming.

Saved: by grace thru faith in Jesus shedding blood on the cross.

We've appreciated Pastor Lance as he preaches the gospel clearly and that the doctrine is based on the Bible (God's spoken word).

Since attending FBC, we have grown spiritually by going to Sunday school and digging into the Bible. A few of the topics covered have been, "How to Know the Bible is True", "Different Stages of Growth as a Christian", and Revelations.

With Jesus in our hearts and being able to worship together, our marriage is stronger. It is like the 3 strands, not easily broken—Christ being the 3rd cord/strand. The earth may not always have a lot in common with everyone. But, with Jesus in you—you have a spiritual connection.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:12

We have made a lot of new friendships by just attending Sunday worship, Sunday School (small group), special events like Valentines dinner, potlucks, educational events (bee keeping, Women's Fellowship Day, How to Give a Testimony), and helping the worship team by doing the projector and putting up the words to songs and recording them. The worship team practices on Saturday mornings and you can visit with them then. They practice seriously—but also have a fun time.

It has been a blessing. So nice to have a church family—to be part of a church body. (Hebrews 10:25) Encouraging one another thru life until Jesus comes or we are called (home) to heaven. We believe having a good church body makes a good community.

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BIRTHDAYS

4th Lance Zagaris
8th Pam Goff
20th Dorothy Ash
26th Dylan Humphries
27th Suzi Morgan
27th Wayne Rexford

ANNIVERSARIES

12th John & Gloria Hill
15th Doug & Glenda Strunk



Happy Birthday & Anniversary to the
above listed.

pray your day is blessed!

We

FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a	3	4	5 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a	6 All Boards Meeting 6:30pm	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a	10	11	12 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a	13	14	15 Valentine Friendship Dinner 6pm
16 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a	17	18	19 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a	20	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a	24	25	26 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a F.I.G.I. @ CBC 7pm	27	28	29