

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

A Word From Pastor...



(2Pe 1:3-9 NIV) (3) His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (4) Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (5) For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; (6) and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; (7) and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. (8) For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

(Mar 8:34 NIV) (34) 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.

(Rom 12:1-2 NIV) (1) 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. (2) 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.

(Gal 5:22-23 NIV) (22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

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EMMETT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Discover Christ's Transforming Love

Dearly Beloved,

The 125th Anniversary Committee (Rachel Ayres, Jennifer Gragg, Cindy Smith, John Morgan, and I) have been working together with board members to develop a logo for First Baptist Church. We have settled with a tree whose trunk and branches remind us of the cross of our beloved Savior!

We wanted to have a logo that would represent our community as well as our church beliefs and mission. Since we are located in the Emmett Valley, known through the years as the Valley of Plenty for its orchards and fruit trees, we liked the tree. What causes our tree to stand out is the trunk and branches bolded in the shape of the cross, reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice for us and of our Lord's call to each of us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him (Mk. 8:34).

We felt that logo represents our missions statement: Lovingly transform our me-centered culture into courageous, Christ-centered disciple-makers. The logo also can be used to discuss and explain our strategy circle below.

A person in the 12-3 o'clock quadrant can be represented by a tree with no leaves. They are physically alive, but spiritually there is no fruit because they do not have a relationship with God by faith in Christ.

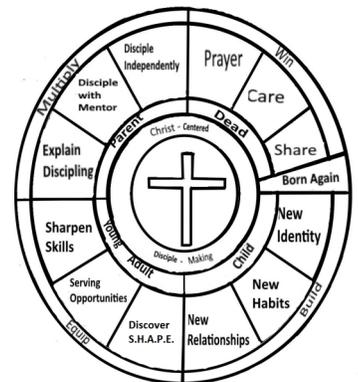
A person in the 3-6 o'clock quadrant has come to faith in Christ and is in the spiritually infant and toddler stages in the relationship with the Lord. They can be represented by a tree with some leaves and some fruit.

A person in the 7-9 o'clock quadrant is growing in their faith and learning to serve the Lord. They can be shown as a tree growing taller and broader and bearing more fruit.

A person in the 9-12 o'clock quadrant is mature in the faith and reproducing themselves in other people's lives. They can be seen as a tree that is tall, mature, and fruitful with one or more trees beside it.

The logo can be used by itself or it can be inserted into our strategy picture. For our T-shirts and pens, we added the tag line: Discover Christ's Transforming Love! Let us know what you think!

*Shepherding you in Christ's Love,
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JESUS, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL

By Mark Harris

I overheard a conversation between two men. The first wanted to spend time with the second. He said, “I would like you to come to my house for dinner, but I must ask that you not bring your wife. She is not very attractive and she is boring.” The man who was invited declined the dinner invitation.

Can you imagine? How would you have responded?

In our city, Tucson, 72% of the population claim to be Christians, yet only 7% of our citizens attend church. Interestingly, the conversation they are having with Jesus goes something like this, “Jesus, I love you and want to spend time with you, but I just can’t stand your bride (the church). Your bride is not very attractive and she is boring.”

Any successful city movement must help Christians understand the importance of loving the bride of Christ as much as we claim we love the groom.

Biblical City Transformation will not happen without spiritually transformed people. When spiritually transformed people agree to work together for the glory of God, nothing will be impossible for them. The training ground for learning to work with others in the body of Christ is the church. That is God’s plan. That is the way He designed things to work. In Jesus’ last prayer in John 17 he prayed for this.

Our job, as followers of Jesus, is to make the bride of Christ – the church – attractive to others in our community. Each city movement must intentionally work through the church and God’s people to see sustainable biblical city transformation.

“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” Ephesians 1:22-23 (NKJ)

The next time you hear a follower of Jesus say that he is not interested in the church or that the church is boring, maybe you should invite him to dinner, but exclude his wife. After the initial shock, explain that may be just how Jesus feels when we say that about His bride.

<https://citygospelmovements.org/resource/jesus-know-feel/>



Kelly Ayres sang I Can Only Imagine for offertory July 14!



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OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS

JULY UPDATE from FRANKLIN GRAHAM



★ MARRIAGES WORTH FIGHTING FOR

DEAR FRIEND,

I am writing from Alaska, where our eighth season of Operation Heal Our Patriots is well underway. Since 2012, Samaritan's Purse has brought more than a thousand veterans and their spouses to spend a week as our guests in Alaska, where they can be refreshed spiritually and find fresh hope and strength for their marriages. Week after week, we are seeing God working in mighty ways to draw

these couples closer to each other and closer to Him.

Some of these veterans have lost limbs. Others are dealing with less visible injuries, including TBI (traumatic brain injury) and PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). They live with chronic pain and addictions, and some have attempted suicide.

It's always a privilege for my wife Jane and me to sit down with some of these couples and hear how God is working in their lives. Marine Sergeant Mike Parsons came home from Iraq with PTSD, shrapnel throughout his body, and began suffering seizures. His wife Cathy said she couldn't even make eye contact with him. "I felt like he died overseas. It was like seeing a shell of a person walk in front of you." Once when he suffered a seizure, she had to perform CPR to save his life. During their week with us in Alaska, they both accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior and were baptized in Lake Clark. Praise God!

"God was the missing piece that we found in Alaska," Cathy said. "God provided us with His comfort, love, and grace. He forgave us, and our burdens were lightened. He will always be there and He will always listen, we just had to find Him."

Recently we met Army Combat Engineer J.P. Lane and his wife Crystal (*inset photo above*). He lost both legs in Afghanistan in 2011 when his RG-31 armored vehicle was blown up by a 200-pound roadside bomb. His injuries were so extensive that doctors doubted that he would be able to walk with prosthetics. But J.P. came home and proved them wrong. He started a music ministry and performed at President Trump's inauguration.

After hearing our chaplains explain the Gospel and the principles of Godly marriages, J.P. said, "We've come to understand that God is always going to be watching over us. Whether we are in our darkest moments or our happiest moments, we can go through this life honoring and loving each other stronger, with Him by our side."

I also met Army Specialist Jon Culwell and his wife Vanessa. Jon served three deployments in Iraq and another in Afghanistan. His week in Alaska coincided with the 10th anniversary of June 4, 2009, when he was wounded by a rocket-powered grenade that blew up his Humvee. Over the next 19 hours, his best friend Doc bled to death as Jon cared for him. Jon was also



injured, but what troubled him most deeply was that he blamed himself for not preventing the attack, since he was the spotter on the vehicle.

"This used to be the day I'd get tore up on drugs and alcohol," Jon said. He wound up in jail, where Christ saved him. Jon traded two cigarettes to a fellow prisoner for a copy of the Bible, and he began reading. Convicted by the truth of Scripture, he repented of his sins, and on June 4 two years ago, he was baptized. "This time in Alaska has reinforced that we're on the right track," Vanessa said. At the end of their week in Alaska, they renewed their wedding vows and rededicated their marriage to the Lord. Now instead of anguishing over what happened 10 years ago in Iraq, they can focus on their future together and share God's love with others. Vanessa and Jon (*photo at left*) now lead a small group at their church in Missouri to help others who are dealing with addiction.

Since 2012, we've seen more than 400 individuals repent of their sins and make decisions for Christ through Operation Heal Our Patriots. Even those who come to us as Christians have had their faith tried by all they have been through. We want to do everything we can to help them find strength and healing in Christ as they grow in love for each other. Once they return home, our aftercare program follows up for as long as they need, surrounding them with prayer and helping them connect with Bible-believing churches.

Please keep all our veterans as well as active-duty military personnel and their families in your prayers.

MOMS' CORNER

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Deuteronomy 31:8

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Come For Ice Cream and "BEE" Social

WHEN: Monday, August 19

WHERE: FBC Fellowship Hall

TIME: 6:30pm

All is provided. Please sign-up so we know how much to get! Mike Sturman will give a presentation on bees.

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Happy Birthday & *Anniversaries* to the above listed. We pray your day is blessed!

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4 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a	5	6	7 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a	8 All Boards Meeting 6:30pm	9	10
11 Lack Family Free Concert in park 6:00pm Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a	12	13	14 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a	15	16	17
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