

# Heart Beat

keeping a finger on the pulse of  
*First Baptist Church Logansport*



February 2011

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE. . .

A bricklayer had an accident on a construction site and had to file a detailed report for his insurance company. This is what he wrote:

"I'm a bricklayer by trade, and on the date of the accident I was working alone on the roof of a new six-story building. When I completed my work, I discovered that I had a sizable pile of bricks left over, and rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel using a pulley that was attached to the edge of the roof on one side of the building. After securing the rope at ground level, I went back up to the roof, swung the barrel out, and loaded the bricks into the barrel. I then went to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure slow descent of the bricks. You will notice I stated in block number 2 of the accident report form that I weigh 150 pounds. The bricks, I was soon to discover, weighed slightly more than 500 pounds. My weight was not enough to keep me down. Because of my surprise at being jerked off the ground by the weight of the bricks, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded up the side of the building at a rather rapid rate of speed. In the vicinity of the third floor I met the barrel on its way up. This accounts for my broken ankle and lacerations along the left side of my body. This encounter with the barrel slowed me down enough to minimize my

injuries when I landed on the pile of bricks on the ground. I'm sorry to report that as I laid on my back looking at the empty barrel six stories

above me, I again lost my presence of mind and let go of the rope. The empty barrel weighed more than the rope, so it came zooming back down. This explains my broken right arm."

There are people who are living wounded lives all around us. You, yourself, may be living with weight and burden that has shackled you and burdened you to the point of distraction.

There is hope. Jesus was teaching in one of the meeting places and there was a woman present, so twisted and bent over with arthritis, that she couldn't even look up. She had been afflicted with this for eighteen years. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you're free." He laid hands on her and suddenly she was standing straight and tall, giving glory to God. She had known nothing but misery, defeat and frustration for 18 years. Yet, in a moment of time, She was set free.

As a church, we are sponsoring an event called *Set Free 2011*, April 3-6. It will begin Sunday morning, April 3 at the church and will move to the river for the rest of the services (weather permitting). You

will be receiving more of the details in the next few weeks. You'll also have opportunities to get involved in *Set Free 2011* in a variety of ways.

The purpose of the event is to experience the freedom that Christ offers—to be set free from all that is weighing you down. It will be an experience that leads to a life of restoration and renewal.

*Set Free 2011* features guest speaker David Burk of Total Surrender Evangelistic Association and a variety of musical guests who will lead in worship.

Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends because its time to lay down your burdens and be set free.

Bro. Lance

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# Rt. 226 Kid Zone Korner

Thank you for your prayers for our family. Many of you know that I lost my sister to drug and alcohol abuse a couple of weeks ago. She leaves behind not only myself and our parents, but also two adult sons, a teenage daughter, and a one-year-old grandson whom she never got to hold or enjoy. She chose this path. Her dilemma was that she didn't think that God would ever forgive her for the things she had done, and she could not seem to grasp the concept of the depth of His grace. So, instead of running *to* Him she continued to run *from* Him. The song we sang a couple of Sundays ago is so true—*His Grace is Enough!* God is God no matter what we do or have done, and He is in the business

of forgiveness if we will let Him. I know right now my sister would be telling us to accept that free gift that He has placed before us. Drop all pride and embarrassment and allow Him to restore you completely. He is more powerful than any addiction, any hardship, any circumstance and any dilemma we have. He CAN and He WILL save and restore if you will just ask and allow. Don't wait any longer and remember *HIS GRACE IS ENOUGH!*

## February Volunteers

### Preschool Praise and Worship

Feb. 6 - Tina Graves and Amber Graves  
Feb. 13 - Angela and Michael Hall  
Feb. 20 - Sarah and Jess Cypert  
Feb. 27 - Lynnette Alford and Jami Cook

### Worship KidStyle Workers

Feb. 6 - Renee Evans  
Feb. 13 - Carol Register & Michelle Morvan  
Feb. 20 - Corre Evans  
Feb. 27 - Melanie Hughes and Angie Burford

### Nursery Helpers for the AM Service

Feb. 6 - Marilyn Creech  
Feb. 13 - Amber Graves  
Feb. 20 - Brenda Barber  
Feb. 27 - Annie Pilley

### Nursery Helpers for the PM Service

Feb. 6 - Maria Vergara  
Feb. 13 - Mary Rutherford  
Feb. 20 - Jan Martin  
Feb. 27 - Carla Spears

We're kicking off another full year of fun and adventure down RT 226. We have already had two children that have accepted Christ,

and we are looking forward to seeing them baptized soon. It makes it all worth it. For any child that accepts Christ we will be walking them through a discipleship program called *Now That I'm a Christian*. This will help them develop a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian and what a true relationship with God looks like. I am very excited. Lots of fun coming up. Check out the calendar for our events. They are also listed below:

Wed., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - Valentine Party - God's Love

Fri. - Sat., March 4-5 - Kids' Lock-in

Also, watch for some exciting theme nights to be announced. I love you guys and am thankful for you.

- Sarah

Kid Zone  
FBC Logansport

**2226**  
**Route**  
*Proverbs 22:6*

## MEMORIALS

### TO THE SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY FUND

*In Memory of Debbie Knight*, by Doris Powell

*In Memory of Linda Holt*, by Lucille Harvey

*In Memory of Billy Spears, Linda Holt, and Billy Ray Giddens*, by Doris Powell

### TO RENOVATION OF THE WORSHIP/STUDENTS HOME

*In Honor of Lance and Sarah Cypert and Jonathan and Laura Langley*, by Dr. and Mrs. Greg Burns

*In Memory of Avis Lambert Lout, Charlotte Drews, and Debbie Knight*, by Gary and Kim Henderson

*In Memory of Harold "Buddy" Ellison and Billy Spears*, by Mary Eason

*In Memory of Harold "Buddy" Ellison, Shirley Permenter, Billy Spears, and Dan Spears*, by Jackie and Valarie Kirkwood

*In Memory of Billy Spears*, by E. J. & Brenda Barber

### TO THE STANDING IN THE GAP FUND

*In Memory of Debbie Knight and Avis Lambert Lout*, by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Deutsch

*In Memory of Avis Lambert Lout*, by Jean Bounds and Bonnie and Jimmy Henderson

### TO THE SOUND SYSTEM FUND

*In Memory of Elmer & Clara Davis, Louie & Kathryn Greer, and Billy Spears*, by Wayne and Carolyn Davis

*In Memory of Billy Spears*, by Dr. and Mrs. Greg Burns

*In Memory of Billy Spears*, by Mr. & Mrs. David Graves

### TO THE MISSION TRIP FUND

*In Memory of Shirley Permenter, Dan Spears, Harold "Buddy" Ellison and Billy Spears*, by Barbara McClellan

*In Memory of Shirley Permenter, Clinton (T.W.) Permenter, and Patrice P. Talkington*, by Bo and Iris Warren and Sue and Thurman Moore

### TO THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

*In Memory of Howard Bonner and Mrs. Curtis Estes*, by Jack Andres

### TO CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

*In Memory of Debbie Knight*, by Mary Eason

### TO THE LIBRARY FUND

*In Memory of Shirley Permenter* by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Radcliff

## Thank You Notes

Dear FBC Logansport,

We want to thank everyone for your prayers, phone calls, and kindness for Roper and our family during his surgery and recovery. He's doing great! So many prayers have been answered. We have so many great friends and such a loving church family. Thanks again. Our love and prayers, *The family of Roper Smith*

Dear Church Family,

We deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy in our great loss. We sincerely thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this extremely difficult time. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Thanks, *The Billy Spears Family*

## **Wanted: Modern-Day Barnabas for Encouraging Words Ministry**

Do you have the gift of encouragement and exhortation? Do you have an hour or so to spare each month? If so, join our *Encouraging Words Ministry Team*. FBC needs someone to help write and address birthday and sympathy cards to our members each month. We welcome a single volunteer or a group of volunteers. Call the church office and talk to Kim. Get started today!

## **PrayerWalk Colorado 2011**

Plans are underway for a mission trip to Crestone, Colorado, the last week in June. Because of the spiritual strongholds various religions hold in that area, Christianity

struggles to make a difference. Begin praying about joining this mission team to help pray down some of the strongholds. Look for more details coming soon, or see Jackie Kirkwood to find out more.



## **Women's Retreat Set for April**

Women of Faith, which was previously scheduled for April 15-16, has been canceled. In its place, God's God It Girls (FBC's own women's ministry) plans to host our own retreat, *Loving Well* by Beth Moore. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

## **WinterJam Deadline**

Youth, if you plan to attend WinterJam on Friday, February 25th, make sure you sign up by Sunday, February 20th so we can arrange for transportation.

## **Deadline for HeartBeat**

If you've got calendar items for March or announcements that need to appear in HeartBeat, please turn them in to the church office by Sunday, February 20th.

## **Operation Christmas Child Update**

Once again we joined with other churches in DeSoto Parish to put together shoe box gifts for Operation Christmas Child. We are excited to report that our 93 boxes were part of the 3,407 shoe boxes received from 40 churches, schools, and organizations. Continue praying for the children who will receive those boxes, that their hearts are ready to receive the gospel.

## **Pick Up Dishes from Fellowship Hall**

Can't find your favorite serving bowl or dish? Check the Fellowship Hall. Quite a few dishes are waiting to be reunited with their owners!

## **FEBRUARY DEACONS**

### **JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 5**

Willie Glaze - 697.4659  
Wayne Spears - 936.269.3143

### **FEBRUARY 6 - 12**

Parker Garrett - 607.5051  
Jerry Lowe - 697.5485

### **FEBRUARY 13 - 19**

Wayne Adams - 697.5384  
David Cunningham - 697.2745

### **FEBRUARY 20 - 26**

Billy Pilley - 697.5337  
Don Alexander - 697.4694

### **FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 5**

Richard Land - 697.5584  
Bernard Waggoner - 697.5213

## **Jonathan's Journal**

How is your life going? Are there problems? Are you facing trials? Is there some plain, old, not-so-fun stuff going on?

Let me suggest one way to act in these tough situations. When we look at examples from the Bible, everything points to worship! In Acts 16:22-31, we learn of Paul and Silas in prison. Not only were they in prison, but we find out in verse 22, that they had been held by an angry mob, stripped and beaten with rods, and then thrown into prison. I have never been stripped and beaten with rods by an angry mob, but it does not sound enjoyable at all. They were beaten and bruised with feet fastened in stocks.

They could have gotten angry. They could have complained and grumbled. They could have looked for someone to blame. The incredible thing, though, is that Paul and Silas did none of those things. What *did* they do in response to the pain and humiliation? In the middle of a very desperate situation, they worshiped, praying and singing psalms to God. How did God respond? He caused a great earthquake to shake the foundations of the prison. The doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

Don't miss the lesson for us. If we find ourselves struggling with trials and difficulties, if we find ourselves bound by worries or troubles or pain—we must cry out in worship. We must pray and sing psalms to God. And when we place our eyes on Him and focus on His greatness, His power, He will respond and loose the chains. He will set us free.

No matter what you may find yourself facing today, worship Him. Praise Him. Commune with Him in prayer. Give Him the glory and honor He deserves. And your deliverance will not be far off. That deliverance may not be physical, such as happened to Paul and Silas, but it will certainly come in the spiritual realm.

As we look forward to *Set Free 2011*, let us start to worship in such a manner, that no matter the circumstance, we give God the Glory due Him. And when we do that, He will bless us for it. Also begin praying now for the people who will attend *Set Free 2011*. Pray that they will meet and accept the God who can truly set them free!

— Bro. Jonathan

**THE FELLOWSHIP**



**at First Baptist Church**  
*Logansport*

# FEBRUARY 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Women's Bible Study, 6:30- 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall	2	3	4 Keenagers to eat out in Shreveport, meet at church at 5:30 pm	5
6 Children's Committee Mtg., 4 pm Youth SNAC at the church	7 WMU Meeting, 6 pm	8 Women's Bible Study, 6:30- 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall	9	10	11	12
13	14 Deacon's Meeting, 6:30 pm	15 Women's Bible Study, 6:30- 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall	16 Children's Valentine Event, 6 pm	17 Keenagers, 10 am, Beckham Building	18	19
20 Deadline for items for HeartBeat Last day to sign up for WinterJam	21 Baptist Men, 6:30 pm	22 Women's Bible Study, 6:30- 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall	23	24	25 Feminar - see Sarah for details Youth to WinterJam	26 Feminar - see Sarah for details
27	28					

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His One and Only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.  
*1 John 4:7-9*

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