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**Submissions
Deadline:**

31st of August

FBCNT Annual Deaconess Workshop

On Saturday, September 3, 2005, the FBCNT Deaconess Ministry, led by President Geraldine McIntosh, will welcome the Paradise Baptist Church Deaconess Ministry as we host our Annual Deaconess Workshop here at First Baptist. Facilitated by Janice Holmes, of Paradise Baptist Church, the Workshop will provide an evening of instruction, inspiration, fun, and fellowship for the Deaconesses of these two churches.

The Workshop will feature games and prizes, as well as presentations and demonstrations on varied topics of interest. There will be a demonstration on preparing the Communion Table, as it was

done in the earliest days of the Church and as it is done today. There will also be a special presentation by one of our Deacons, with tips on how to care for your parishioners. Ms. Holmes will contribute her own insights and will lead the group in an evening sure to benefit those present, as well as those they care for in the role of Deaconess.

Registration for the Workshop, which is open to all members of the Deaconess Board, begins at 4:30 on September 3, 2005. The Workshop will begin promptly at 5:00 and will adjourn at 8:00, when all participants are encouraged to attend the Annual Josie Ware Lewis Fellowship Dinner in Stalnaker Hall.

EXTREME CHURCH MAKE-OVER: Progress Report



What in the world is FBCNT up to now? Well, we're digging a little deeper and coming up with a fresh new face! Have you noticed the headway we're making with the renovation project? Who would have thought we could undertake a project of such magnitude? \$200,000.00!! With God, anything is possible, so come on, join in and give... Your financial contributions are a deposit for a very worthy cause!

3 GOOD THINGS

that have come from our church renovation ALREADY:

1. **Fellowship** – isn't it nice to get to mingle and talk as you're leaving service rather than rushing out to your car?
2. **Timeliness** – with only one way into the Sanctuary, we're encouraged to be on time.
3. **Staying** for the Entire Service – just so everybody doesn't see us walking out early, now we stay and don't miss out on the announcements!

From the Pastor's Study ...



Rev. Terry L. Buxton, Sr., Senior Pastor

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I

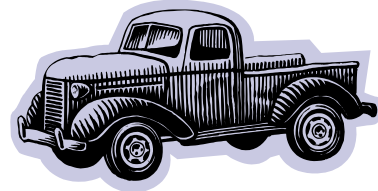
Billy Graham, in his book entitled **World Aflame**, tells the story about a man who was driving his old Ford truck down a lonely, country road one night when the truck chugged to a stop. The man got out of the car and started tinkering around under the hood, but he didn't know much about cars and he was at a loss as to what to do to fix his old truck.

Just then, a man driving a brand new Lincoln drove up and pulled over next to the Ford truck.

The man got out of the Lincoln and asked, "What's the trouble?" and the man said, "I can't seem to get this old Ford to start."

The man from the Lincoln said, "You mind if I give it a try?" and the man said go ahead.

The man went under the hood, tinkered around a bit. And then he said, "you got a



screwdriver?" The man said, "Sure."

He took the screwdriver, adjusted a few things, and the old Ford truck started right up.

The owner of the truck said, "Thanks a lot, that's great! Who are you?"

Putting his coat back on, the man said, "I'm Henry Ford. I created this truck, so I ought to know a little bit about how to fix it."

This man faced a desperate situation with his Ford truck, but the creator of the Ford truck stepped in to help him, right on time.

What's your desperate situation today? Is it financial? Is it emotional? Is it

relational? Is it spiritual?

Be encouraged to know today that no matter what you're facing, Jesus, our Creator, can handle your desperate situation.

The Lord, speaking through the prophet Isaiah, said in Isaiah 41:10, **"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."**

The next time you pray, instead of telling God how big your problems are, speak to your problems and tell them how big your God is!

SHARING THE JOY OF JESUS . . .

Pastor



There was a lot more to guaranteeing success for our 3rd Annual FBCNT Summer Reading Program than just reading! Do you recognize these hard-working ladies?

More pictures on page 6 ...



REACHing Our Creative Potential ...

SPOTLIGHT ON: Reginald King



Most members of First Baptist know Deacon Reginald King. He's one of Mrs. Mary Louise King Nails' sons, a younger brother to Louis Ray King, who's in charge of our Media Ministry. Reginald, or Reggie as he's often called, is married to the beautiful Lorraine. He works with the Kids of the Kingdom (KOTK) Ministry and the KOTK and Cherub Choirs. He is very tall, has a wonderfully deep voice, and has been known to sing a solo or two in his time with the Jordanaires. He has a ready smile and a warm greeting for everyone he sees. He's a good guy.

But there are some other things about Reggie you might not know. For instance, you might not know that this pleasant, unassuming man is the Manager of the Greenwood Business Resource Centre. You might not know that he is a familiar face around the Mayor's Office, or that he is a frequent participant/attendee at the City of Tulsa Department of Human Rights Networking Breakfasts, which are held most months to support Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business owners who want to meet and greet others who might need their services. You might not know that many of these business owners, as well as many professionals who work with the many Chambers of Commerce throughout the greater Tulsa area, know and respect Reginald King as a man who can help make things happen.

Reggie was recently featured in an article published in the **Greenwood Quarterly**. The following information is pulled from that article.

The Greenwood Business Resource Centre (GBRC) operates under the auspices of the Greenwood Community Development Corporation (GCDC), which in turn operates under the auspices of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (GCC). As manager of the

GBRC, Reggie meets with entrepreneurs who have started, or are planning to start, their own businesses. He also runs the GBRC's Business Incubator – one of only two that are certified by the State of Oklahoma. (Business Incubators rent space to small and fledgling businesses at very reasonable rates. In addition to the office space, the Incubators also provide management, clerical, and technical assistance services.) Reggie also serves on several boards and committees, fulfilling the public relations requirements of his position. And, he facilitates the Tulsa Association for Enterprise Opportunity (TAEO) program.

The grandson of Mr. A. L. Morgan (who was a Principal at Carver Junior High School and at Marian Anderson Junior High School, and in whose name FBCNT manages a scholarship program), Reggie graduated from Langston University in 1977, and sent his daughter and son there. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, and counts his decision to pledge as one of the best things he could have done for his career.

Reggie says if he were not working at GCC, he would more than likely own his own consulting firm, advising other businesses on public relations issues. He has the knowledge, the background, the interest, the concern, and an attitude that combines expertise with humor – everything he needs to help others help themselves.

At the end of the **Greenwood Quarterly** interview, Reggie quoted Max Dupree: "We cannot become what we need to be by staying what we are."

How 'bout that – he's deep, too!



Honoring Our Prophets

... **Linda Copeland Rozell**

Last Sunday, I attended a Sunday School class where the discussion was about people whose contributions are downplayed and belittled, by others who “knew them when ...” In Matthew 13:57, Jesus says “*A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house.*” John 4:44 repeats the message: “*For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honor in his own country.*”

I’ve been thinking about this for quite a while. It is probably just a part of

human nature to remember people the way we first knew them. It is probably natural to allow our view of people to be colored by our past experiences with them. Someone famous once said, “Familiarity breeds contempt.” But who among us was born knowing everything we now know? Who among us acts the same way today that we acted when we were children, teenagers, or twenty-somethings? If you have ever made a mistake in your life, or ever learned a better way to think about something, a better way to do something or feel about something – are you now **disqualified** from being a good person? Are you **ineligible** to make worthwhile contributions because you’ve grown into someone you didn’t used to be? Do your past mistakes mean that you **can’t** be a prophet, or a leader, or just a really great person now?

In MY life, I’ve changed many of my habits, thought patterns, and reactions over the years. I’m still changing! For me, life is a series of lessons – some of them have to be repeated until I finally get the point. One of the lessons I’ve learned is not to count myself out because of mistakes I’ve made. Another lesson I’ve learned is to extend the same courtesy to

everybody else.

Here at First Baptist, we are blessed to have many prophets, leaders, and really great people among our ranks. I especially appreciate the ones to whom I can say “I knew you when ...” I count it a blessing to have known you then, and a blessing to know you now! I may give you a hard time (**Louis Ray King, Reginald King**). I may not tell you that I think you’ve grown up to be an awesome person (**Allison Barrens, Michael Walker, Darrell Walker, Benee Durant**). Maybe I allow my busy schedule to keep me from letting you know how much I admire you (**Candy Lawson, Brenda Edwards, Deanna Harris, Sheryl Ann Marina, Geraldine McIntosh**).

The list of people I love, admire, and respect at First Baptist is HUGE! It includes “old timers” who were here while I was growing up, and “new people” who came during the 30 years that I was away. I can’t, of course, mention all of your names – there’s not enough space for that. But I wanted to take this opportunity to say to **all** of you, “old and new”, and especially those of you who I knew back in the day, those who “knew me when ...” I HONOR YOU! You’re simply the best!

From God’s Heart to Yours

... **Candy Lawson**

*“He took the children in his arms,
put his hands on them, and blessed them.”*

... Mark 10:16 NIV

Children need blessing in their lives.

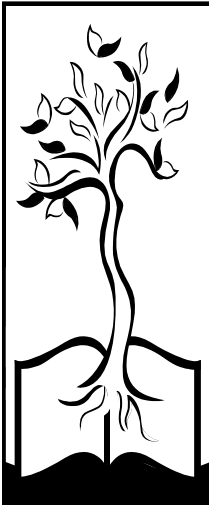
In a world where so much is against them, they need to know that God is for them. At a time when so many children are unwanted, they need to know the father cares.

- You** can bless them ...
with your time, your attention, and your affection.
- You** can bless them ...
with your words, your correction, and your example.
- You** can bless them ...
by being a teacher, a counselor, and a friend.
- You** can bless them ...
by bringing them to Jesus,
the One who loves them most of all.

FBCNT CALENDAR: August, 2005

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9:30 AM Deaconess Ministry 10:30 AM Leadership Development
7	8 6:00 PM Reintegration Ministry 7:00 PM Music Council Meeting	9	10 6:00 PM GCG Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Prayer Service 7:00 PM Bible Study; GCG Bible Study	11	12	13 8:00 AM Men's Ministry Breakfast 9:30 AM Deacon Ministry 11:00 AM Trustee Ministry
14 8:30 AM Staff & Teachers Conference 11:00 AM Annual Young Adult Day	15 6:00 PM Reintegration Ministry 6 – 8:00 PM ALL CHOIR MBRS: Measurements Taken for NEW ROBES – Stalnaker Hall	16	17 6:00 PM GCG Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Prayer Service 7:00 PM Bible Study; GCG Bible Study 8:00 PM Membership Ministry	18	19	20 10:00 AM Usher Ministry Meeting
21 10:20 AM Church School General Assembly 1:00 Meet the Members Reception – Stalnaker Hall	22 6:00 PM Reintegration Ministry	23	24 6:00 PM GCG Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Prayer Service 7:00 PM Bible Study; GCG Bible Study	25	26	27 5:00 PM Women's Ministry Meeting Annual KOTK Roundup
28 5:00 PM Marriage Ministry Meeting	29 6:00 PM Reintegration Ministry	30	31 6:00 PM GCG Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Prayer Service 7:00 PM Bible Study; GCG Bible Study			Children's Church: 2 nd & 4 th Sundays Youth Church: 1 st , 2 nd , 4 th Sundays

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Family Corner

Reflections on Parenting

Submitted by Patricia Cooper Davis

(Excerpt taken from Williams Weekly, October 27, 1992)

"Patricia Cooper Davis has tried to teach her three sons that God will always make a way when there doesn't seem to be one.

And there have been occasions as a single mother that there didn't seem to be a way to stretch money or time as far as it was needed. There were occasions when financial aid didn't cover her middle son's college expenses and when Patricia had to balance her time between being a mother and a full-time administrative secretary for Williams Pipe Line.

Her oldest, Grant Anthony, 27, is a graduate of Villanova University. The electrical engineer and his wife, Stephanie, live in Detroit. Frederick Douglass, 19, is a sophomore at Florida A&M, and Mwindace N'Gai, 16, is a junior at Washington High School. Frederick is majoring in electrical engineering and Mwindace is seriously considering it.

The WPL administrative secretary says, "Family values should be indicative of your lifestyle."

"The family values I live by are similar to those my mother set for me when I was growing up," Patricia explains. "We are all God's children and we should love one another as God loves us."

She's tried to teach her sons to treat people the way they want to be treated by showing concern, demonstrating respect and displaying love.

"There's a decline in family values," Patricia says. "There's an increase in negative activity - murder, rape, unrest and disease - across the country. Many children are raising themselves.

How to strengthen family values?

"We as parents and mature adults must continue to talk to and teach our children the right path to pursue, as well as take the time to listen to their pleas for help and understanding," she says.

"Flexibility and stability are two of the most important keys to parenting in the '90s. Kahlil Gibran explained it best when he wrote, *"You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and he bends you with his might that his arrows may go swift and far. Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness. For even as he loves the arrow that flies, so he loves also the bow that is stable."*

Update:

Son: Grant Anthony Davis

Married: Stephanie Dawkins Davis, Assistant U.S. Attorney, United States Department of Justice Eastern District of Michigan

Children: Kienuwa, 11; Maya, 9-1/2; and Gysai, 6.

Education: BS, Electrical Engineering, Villanova University; MS, Product Management, Kettering University

Employment: Product Engineer, Visteon (Nissan side), Dearborn, MI

Son: Frederick Douglass Davis, II

Married: Dr. Tasha Tucker Davis, Pharmacist Manager, Target Stores, White Plains, MD

Education: BS, Math and Computer Science, Florida A&M University

Employment: Owner and Operator, Executive Cuttz Hair Salon, Fort Washington, MD

Son: Mwindace N'Gai Davis

Married: Shawna Reed, Customer Service Representative, SBC

Children: Rhane, 10; Kamrin, 8; and Skylar, 3-1/2

Employment: Self-employed, Real Estate

The family values have not changed in the past 13 years. I do not anticipate any change for the same values are being passed down.

Having faith, love, endurance, perseverance, and being covered by the blood, what is to deter anyone from accomplishing their map for living?

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FBCNT is on the
Web!
www.fbcnt.org

**YOUTH CHALLENGE from Linda Rozell:
Can You Hang With the BIG DAWGS?**

That's right, **GCG!** I'm talkin' to YOU! And you, too, **KOTK!**

Very soon, you'll be going back to school, doing your thing in the classroom. Some of you will be on the football team, some will go out for basketball. Some of you will make the Honor Roll, and some of you will just focus on your own roll!

Your church family wants to know what plans **YOU** have for this school year. Whatever your plans – academics, sports, social – are you **bold** enough to put them on paper, in black & white? Can you share your ideas? Don't be "scurred"!

Just write your name, the grade you're in, and finish this one sentence: "This is the year I will ... " Then **leave it for Linda Rozell** in the Church Office.

We see you walkin'. We want to hear you TALKIN'! **CAN YOU HANG???**

WANTED For Our Next Newsletter..

**School Days: Memories
and Plans for the Future**

As we prepare to start another school year, what do you remember about your "best year"? If you're still in school, how will you make **this** your best year ever? Share your thoughts ... **by August 31.**

Family News

Let us share your news in our Family Corner.

Submissions by August 31.

Family Business

There's NO business like YOUR business! If you are an entrepreneur or service provider, send us your business card – don't yell it down the well; let REACH help you holler and make that dollar!

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