

July Member Spotlight Adrian McNeil



What is your middle name? Taveta

What age did you find Christ? 7

What is your favorite scripture?
Philippians 4:13

What is your favorite pass time?
Watching action movies and reading books

Where is the farthest you've traveled? Jamaica

If you could witness any event past, present or future, what would it be?
I would love to witness a world with no prejudice...No prejudice....no war.....(a peaceful world)

What major event happened during your lifetime, where were you and how did it impact you?

Hurricane Katrina...I was living in Tulsa. It seemed to me that the government had little regard for poor American citizens... (1) by not immediately assisting those in need...(2) by referring to U.S. citizens as refugees in their own country. It also was a reality check for me that there are some people that have no regards for human beings that are not like them. This event had such a negative impact on so many lives...It makes me wonder what would I do if I were in their situation. The individuals that lived through Katrina are very brave and many continue to overcome many obstacles. I just hope and pray that my faith and endurance will be as strong if I'm ever faced with such an experience.

TWEET me, text me, Skype me, Facebook me later

By Tiffany Dixon

It used to be that in order to communicate with someone you had to physically pick up the phone and dial their number. But in today's modern society a phone call is no longer the first, nor the only option to get a hold of someone. Tweet me, text me, Skype me, Facebook me ... it's all a language of its own. For those who have not joined yet, social media networking has opened doors for many opportunities. These ops may be good or bad but as parents and users you have to become aware of them all or you will be left behind.

Social media is a source created to connect people with their lives and the lives of others. Remember to connect safely and responsively in every situation.



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BELIEVE IT! MOVE IT! CONVEY IT!

We need your help as we are going through the process of renovating Stalnaker Hall. We have only just begun with more than half of the funds we need to get started, and we still have a ways to go!

Our Pastor, Pastor Anthony L. Scott, has asked us to do three mighty things over the past year in preparation for this project. First, **believe** we can do it! Second, **convey** the sense of excitement about divine possibilities to others, and third, help us **move** this wonderful project to a completed goal!

Now in transition with this project underway FBNCT members and friends let's continue to Believe It! Convey It! & Move It!... with your offerings, prayers and support.

Our Renovation Fund will GROW, GLOW and GO! And with YOUR contribution, we'll make it so!

Nehemiah 10:39

Know Joy

What is the difference between happiness and joy? Happiness is a fleeting emotion based on external circumstances. But true joy is different. It is something that comes from within. It's a deep abiding peace and sense of contentment and strength that is due to something internal.

A sense of joy pervades the Bible. In the Old Testament joy is seen in worshiping and praising God. It was seen as the enthusiastic response of the worshiping community. It's seen as the people remember who God is and what He has done for them in the past. It's rooted in hope and confidence of what He will do in the future. A relationship is the key.

In the New Testament, we find joy that is independent of our circumstances. Joy can be experienced by the believer even in trials and persecution. From where does this joy come?

William Vander Haven said: "Joy is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of Christ." Jesus spoke in John 15 of the necessity of a dependent relationship on Him because apart from Him we can do nothing. Then he says in verse 11 that a dependent relationship and obedience to Jesus brings us HIS joy – FULL joy.

Pastor's Corner



Do you know Jesus? If you don't, you can never know true joy. Do you know Him but feel like you have lost the joy? Draw closer to Him – abide in Him – get to know Him better so He can make your joy full and complete. The German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said scornfully about Christians of his day, "I would believe in their salvation if they looked a little more like people who have been saved." Jesus paid for your sins on the cross so you could have eternal life and have it more abundantly. That in and of itself is enough to be joyful about and to rejoice in the Lord regardless of anything going on in your life. G.K. Chesterton says, "Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian." I would say, it's no secret – because you can know Jesus and know joy.

Pastor Scott

COME JOIN US!

JULY

7/11 – Summer Reading Program

7/14 – OBSWA State Prayer Retreat

7/15- 7/21 – Kids Across America

7/16 – 7/20 – Creek District Congress

7/18 – Summer Reading Program

7/21 – 2nd Quarter Church Ministry Conference

7/25 – Summer Reading Program

7/27 – 7/28 – Annual Young Adult Women's Weekend, Tulsa

AUGUST

8/4 – Joint Youth and Girls session, Camp Burge.

8/4 – Deaconess Ministry meeting @ 9:30 am.

8/6 – Music Council meeting @ 7pm

*If you have a story please share it!
All stories are due by the 4th
Sunday of every month. You can
submit your stories, ideas, and
questions for the newsletter via the
newsletter drop box in the foyer or
by email!*

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WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS!

If you have a professional business, service, or talent we want to know about it! First Baptist is creating a business listing for members.

More information will be coming soon on how you can obtain a copy of the First Baptist Business Listing.

Thank you in advance.

Because of Who He Is!

Carol Singleton



In his book, *The Power of Personal Prayer*, Jonathan Graf states "one of my peeves when I lead a prayer group is how often people who've been asked to start our time with praise and adoration—exalting God for who He is—quickly fall into prayers of thanking Him for what He has done."¹

After reflecting on my prayer time and prayers that I have heard in various settings, I tend to agree with Mr. Graf. Although thanksgiving is a very important part of prayer, it is necessary for each of us to praise God for who He is. Praise to God is what we offer in acknowledgement of God's excellent being.

You might think that praise is the same as saying "thank you," but there is a difference. Thanksgiving describes our attitude toward what

God has done, while praise is offered for **who God is**¹.

When we praise Him we meditate on His names. We meditate on the characteristic that each name brings to mind; Elohim (The Creator), El Elyon (The Most High God), El Roi, (The God Who Sees) and El Shaddai, (The All-Sufficient One).

When we praise Him we remember Him as Jehovah-jireh, (The Lord Provides) Jehovah-rapha (The Lord Who Heals), and Jehovah-tsidkenu (the Lord our Righteousness), and we reflect on the meaning of each name. We know in our heart that our response must be one of exaltation.

When we praise Him we recall His many attributes. We recall that He is divine, He is holy, He is sovereign, He is faithful, He is omnipresent, He is omnipotent, and He is omniscient.

When we praise Him, we cannot help but agree with the psalmist, when inspired by the Holy Spirit, who wrote "I will praise you O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High" (Psalm 9:1-2).

The next time you pray, ask yourself, are my prayers more "me" centered than "God" centered? Do I recognize His greatness or am I totally involved "in all that He's done for me?" By all

means, approach Him in a spirit of gratitude for He has indeed done so much for us.

Approach Him with a repentant heart as He is surely one who forgives our sins. Ask Him for what you need as He will surely "supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory" (Philippians 4:19).

Continue to intercede in behalf of others—"for the prayers of the righteous man is powerful and effective"(James 5:16). Most importantly bow before Him in a spirit of praise—for the God we serve is truly worthy of all our praise. And so we join Martha Munizzi and Danny Munizzi in one of their worship songs:

"Because of who You are I give You glory
Because of who You are I give you Praise
Because of who You are I will lift my eyes and say
Lord, I worship You because of who You are."¹

¹ Graf, Jonathan "The Power of Personal Prayer"- 2002, p.83

¹ Retrieved from <http://www.allaboutgod.com/attributes-of-god.htm>, 6/25/2011

¹ Munizzi, M., & D., 2004

National Baptist Congress of Christian Education

By Caesar Latimer Jr.

Seventeen youth from First Baptist Church North Tulsa joined with over 900 youth to attend the 107th Annual Session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education in St. Louis, Missouri.

Each day began with praise and worship service followed by mass choir, drama, band and orchestra rehearsals. During the afternoon, the youth attended skill developing workshops focusing on managing finances, dealing with bullies, Christian dating, and maintaining strong values and character.

On Friday, the youth showcased their talents in a program entitled "Let the Children Say Amen". Over 900 children and youth presented mime, dance,

drama, music, and song surrounding the theme. Several youth led performances during the program. Kennedy Jackson performed "Smile" with the Children's Chorus, Chloe Daniels, Damon Morris, Jr, and Kameron Walker performed in the drama, "Prodigal Son" and the remaining youth used their talents in the mass choir. The ladies adorned white dresses for the event, while, the men complimented them by wearing white shirts and black slacks.

The youth didn't spend the entire time attending the conference. During the evening, they participated in pool and pizza parties, and toured sites including the St. Louis Arch and the City Museum. The youth, along with Mrs. Morris, wish to thank First Baptist and sponsors for all of the support that made the trip possible.

God's Chosen Generation Youth Trip 2012 St. Louis



Bleeding to Death

Rev. Byron C. Dixon Jr.



How many of us have wounds that are still open, broken and contrite hearts and are bleeding to death on the inside?

The life we live does not go without the experience of heart aches and pains. Do we wish to escape some of them? Yes! But the fact is we can't. We all have our different reasons why our heart is hurting or has experienced some type of pain in the past.

Some of us have chosen to suppress our hurts and allow blood to flow from the wounds, while others have tried to mend them. So often our unhealed wounds that go un-attended pour out depression, stress, hatred, low self-esteem, unforgiveness, etc. We allow ourselves to bleed to death and it affects our everyday lives and sometimes the people close to us. We allow our hurts and pains to take over how we think and sometimes shape how we act and respond in various situations and relationships. What do we do to stop the bleeding and begin the mending of our hearts breaks and burdens?

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 says:

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with

which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. 6 Now if we are afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation. 7 And our hope for you *is* steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also *you will partake of* the consolation.

My brothers and sisters, earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal. All the bleeding issues of your heart are under the submission of Christ. Allow Him to heal them. Do these healing happen overnight, not all the time. Don't allow yourself to bleed out in agony when you have God and Jesus there to help you. Begin to take control of the issues of your heart and not allow them to control you.

I don't know everyone's situation and some of you may say I do not understand, and you are right but I know someone who does and His name is Jesus!!! People of God don't allow yourself to bleed to death. From the Youth Pastor's Desk Be Blessed and Let Christ Heal Your Heart Rev. B

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION YOU ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND THE ANSWER TO? Ask Pastor!

Q: In bible study we studied how to deal with life when God is incomprehensible. We learned that we are to trust God with the decisions in our lives, but what are we to do when we are waiting for God to answer specific prayers?

A: Essential Factors in Waiting on the Lord: Imagine a rope with five strands. Also envision that each strand represents something that we must hold on to while waiting on the Lord.

Strand #1 *waiting necessitates the passage of time.* See Psalm 130:5-6. Waiting on the Lord inevitably means enduring the passage of time.

Strand #2, *waiting means confident expectation.* In the Bible, the word hope means to look expectantly. Refer to Psalm 27:14.

Strand #3, *waiting involves an expectation based on knowledge and trust.* Base on past performance we are sure the news will air each day at five and the sun will rise everyday at it's

appointed time. Likewise, we can trust God for the future based on His past performance. For deeper discovery I point you to Psalm 52:8-9.

Strand #4, *waiting involves negative and positives.* Waiting entails activity and passivity. Things we should do and things we should not do. I call you to Psalm 37:7-9. We are told to rest and wait on the Lord but not to fret or get upset. Finally,

Strand #5, *waiting involves seeking the Lord.* Lamentations 3:25 says, "the Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him." Spend time in His Word, spend time praying, and spend time meditating or allowing Him to speak to your heart.

These are the essential factors in waiting on the Lord. No matter what your desire or request is, these are things we must do while waiting for God to bring it to pass!



Join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays as we begin a new topic- "BAFFLED TO FIGHT BETTER"! Have you ever wondered what God is doing? Does God seem incomprehensible in your life and in the world? Be our guest as we learn to live when God is hard to understand. (Noon & 7 pm)