

# The Bulletin



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## “Gospel Hearts”

(A New Look at the Gospel of God from Luke 15,  
Using Tim Keller’s Prodigal God as a Guide.)

February 5—Chapter 1: The People Around Jesus

February 12—Chapter 2: The Two Lost Sons

February 19—Chapter 3: Redefining Sin

February 26—Chapter 4: Redefining Lostness

March 4—Chapter 5: The True Elder Brother

March 11—Chapter 6: Redefining Hope

March 18—Chapter 7: The Feast of the Father

“It is the mission of Eastman First Baptist Church to worship God through evangelism, discipleship, fellowship and ministry.”

## From the Pastor

### “Prodigal God”

The title caught you by surprise, didn’t it? I too was a little taken back with the title, “Prodigal God.” Since childhood I’ve heard the parable of the “prodigal son” in Luke 15. I was surprised that this word was not in the text or in the New Testament. Further, I was informed more accurately that the word, “prodigal,” can be defined as “one who spends lavishly.” Tim Keller says “this term is therefore as appropriate for describing the father in the story as his younger son.” The younger son wasted his money with reckless spending, But the father lavishly loved his son with the best he could give and hosted an expensive banquet for his son.

We will learn a lot in this study of Luke 15 and by reading Tim Keller’s book, The Prodigal God. God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins. He spent it all for us. Jesus gave His life, all of it, for us. Herein lies the wonder of John 3:16, that “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...” Paul wrote in Ephesians that “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the **riches** of His grace, which **he lavished upon us.**” God spent the very best to give us life and deliver us from sin’s power and penalty. Believing the gospel changes our hearts.

It will not be hard for you to read a chapter each week as printed on the front of the bulletin. For the next 7 weeks, we will read a chapter from Tim Keller’s book, and then explore the Bible on Sunday mornings to understand more of God’s love and to cultivate hearts for the gospel. The truths of this book that are found in God’s Book will transform our hearts more and more for His glory!

### We Can Do This!

Even in the midst of building a new preschool/children’s building, we can meet our budget needs each week. Eastman FBC is more than capable of doing both. We have begun the new year with less than our best offerings to the regular budget. The Finance Committee compiled a very conservative budget in light of our building program. May I encourage you to give your tithes first to the budget and take care of foundational ministries first. Remember that giving to the Lord is a biblical aspect of worship, a joy for every believer. It is not just to support ministries and programs, but an offering to the Lord Jesus Christ, a reminder that He is good and faithful. We can do this!

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
February 5, 2012

Prelude

Songs of Praise

- \**The Name of the Lord (Blessed Be)* ..... Congregation
- \**Lord Most High*..... Congregation
- \**My Savior's Love* ..... Congregation

Message through Song ..... *In Times Like These* ..... Adult Choir

Intercessory Prayer

Welcome and Fellowship

Songs of Adoration

- \**And Can It Be*..... Congregation
- \**Change My Heart, O God*..... Congregation

Offertory (9 AM)

Message..... **"Heaven Came Down"** ..... Dr. Jerry Peele  
**Luke 15**

\*Song of Commitment ..... *All to Thee* ..... Congregation

Offertory (11 AM)

\*Benediction ..... *Lord Most High* ..... Congregation

\*Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

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*The flowers in the center have been given in loving memory of Mrs. Hazel Benton & Mrs. Pearl Bates, by Mr. & Mrs. Butch Kirkley.*

**VINCE TAYLOR  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Young Baptists pursuing an education in church-related work and who need financial assistance may apply to the **Vince Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund** for a scholarship. The fund has awarded over \$65,000 in scholarships during its 15-year existence. Applicants submit to a comprehensive application that is 'graded' on a number of factors, and they must receive a grade of 100 or more out of a possible 140 to qualify. The fund is an extension of the ministry of FBC and is administered by a committee of 5 individuals. During the month of February, we encourage every member to donate to this fund so that more students can benefit and receive support during their preparation for gospel ministry. Envelopes for giving are available in the pews.

**DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND**

**for kids**

March 2-4

Grades 4-6

Cost \$30 per student

Registration is due February 19

**DOLLAR OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY:** The Dollar Offering for this month will be received for the Magnolia Midlands Fellowship of Christian Athletes. We will hear about what is happening through this great organization over the next few Sundays. FBC member, Matt Walker, is the director of the MMFCA.

**ON MISSION CELEBRATION**

**Sun. – Wed., Mar. 11-14**

Our association will be hosting many missionaries from overseas, the United States, and the state of Georgia. Our church will host a different missionary each night Sunday-Wednesday evening, March 11-14. A different church will host a noon luncheon each day. FBC will host the luncheon Wednesday, March 14.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**  
February 8, 2012

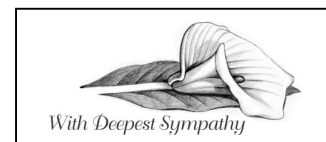
- Beef Tips
- Rice and Gravy
- Butterbeans

Cornbread/Dessert/Tea

Contact Andrea McCranie via email (dananno@bellsouth.net) or the Church Office by Tuesday at lunch to make/cancel a reservation. (Adult's Plate: \$3.75; Child's Plate: \$2.50; Hot Dog Plate: \$1.50).

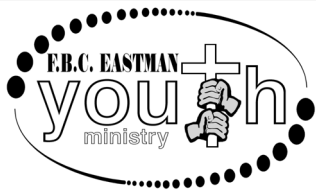
*Just for Women*

"That the World Will Know Me" is the Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Event, scheduled for April 27-28, 2012 at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga. Guest speakers will be Anne Graham Lotz and Tom and Kim Blackaby. Worship leader will be Cindy Johnson. Early bird registration is \$90 by March 13. Accommodations are an extra cost. For more information, contact Debbie Mercer at 231-5086 or go to: [www.gabaptistwomenspringevent.com](http://www.gabaptistwomenspringevent.com) to register online.



...To **Benton Sanders and family** in the death of his **great-grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Pierce**  
...To **Mr. Bill Braswell** and family in the death of his **sister, Myrtle Braswell**  
...To **Mrs. Debbie Wynn** and family in the death of her **step-mother, Mrs. Helen Taylor**

**Joe Daniel,**  
Assoc. Pastor Education/Missions



**YOUTH D.T.:** Our *study of Secular Humanism* continues this Sunday, February 5, in Youth D.T. at 5:00 PM. Secular humanism has a large and ever-increasing influence in our world. Humanistic philosophies pervade every aspect of life in our nation. Through relevant videos, discussions, and Bible study, we'll discover what secular humanism is, how it's impacting our culture, why it's wrong, and how you can overcome its influence. Don't miss this important study!

**ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 2012** is coming **March 23-25**. Block out those dates on your calendar so you won't miss our biggest event of the year! Look for Encounter 2012 brochures to come your way soon. Sign-up will begin at that time.

**SENIOR TRIP:** Our FBC high school seniors are invited to celebrate their upcoming graduation by taking part in our senior trip. The trip will be to Fontana Lake, NC, in the beautiful Smoky Mountains, **May 19-26**. There, we'll engage in all kinds of exciting activities. See Daryl for a handout with all of the details. Space is limited, so you need to **be one of the first 12 seniors to turn in a \$100 deposit if you want to go with us!**

**LOCAL MISSION PROJECTS:** Our youth will serve others in our community on **Friday & Saturday, Feb. 17-18**. We'll meet each day from 9 AM to 4 PM. If you'd like to help, sign up in The Station.

**ADULTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP** with **identifying needs for our mission projects**. If you know of anyone in our church or community who needs a wheelchair ramp built, their house painted, or other work done around their home, please let Daryl know as soon as possible. **Also, let us know if you're available to help with the projects**, as adults will be needed to work with the teens and do a variety of other tasks on February 17 and/or 18.

## Noteworthy Information

### Expanding Our Base: Update

I am sure that you all have noticed the construction area and are looking forward to watching our new building construction and the progress that will take place from week to week. Things are really about to get rolling, and the excitement will continue to build as we press toward the date of completion.

We had another strong year of giving to our building fund in 2011. In fact, let's reflect on our giving to the fund since 2009.

**2009—\$235,501.45**

**2010—\$519,492.62**

**2011—\$520,396.40**

These amounts are more incredible when you consider that they were given in addition to the regular budget gifts. When we dig a little deeper into these numbers, we will also see a significant increase in giving to this offering. Here are the numbers of families who gave at least once to this offering: **2009—198 families; 2010—330 families; 2011—351 families.** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

As we have stated before, this church body is more than able to complete this project with little or no debt. As the construction moves forward, we will first use the monies that have already been collected. When that amount has been exhausted, we will be forced to meet our obligations through securing a line of credit.

If we continue to give at the current rate from the past two years, the length of time it will take to repay any loans will be short. The last thing we should want to do as a church is to face long-term indebtedness. Continue to pray. Continue to invest in this project. Continue to seek God's direction as a church and as individuals concerning how we can unite together to advance His kingdom here in Dodge County.

**Daryl Summey,**  
Assoc. Pastor of Youth/Activities

**Clay Layfield,**  
Assoc. Pastor of Music/Sr. Adults

## FOR THE RECORD 1-29-12

Sunday School Enrollment .....	1224
Adult Attendance .....	294
Youth Attendance .....	74
Children Attendance.....	75
Preschool Attendance.....	50
<b>Total in Bible Study .....</b>	<b>493</b>
<b>Budget Needs .....</b>	<b>\$20,221.52</b>
<b>Budget Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$19,398.00</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Budget Needs .....</b>	<b>\$101,107.60</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Budget Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$85,192.00</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$64,423.00</b>
<b>Phase 2 Building Project Receipts.....</b>	<b>\$1,383,336.00</b>

## SERVING IN THE NURSERY FOR 2-5-12

### COORDINATOR: Melissa Hardison

#### 9:00 AM Worship

Dennis/Carol Giddens, Janet Hodges, Dana Niblett

*Child Care Monitor: Kahn Wahl*

#### 11:00 AM Worship Service

**Babies:** Kathy/Sara Kathryn Lewis, Anna Strickland

1 yr.: Matt/Paula Jones, Lewis/Summer Sheffield

2-3 yr.: Terry/Janet Niblett, Richard Jones

*Child Care Monitor: Chris Hardison*

#### 6:00 PM Worship Service

Gerry Kirkley, Liz Giddens,

Gwen Burch, Isaac/Darla Faulk

## FOR THE WEEK OF Feb. 5-11, 2012

### SUNDAY, February 5

- 9:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 4:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Rm. 204
- 4:15 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM Preschool/Children's Choirs
- 5:00 PM Adult Prayer Mtg./Room F117
- 5:00 PM Youth DT
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship

### TUESDAY, February 7

- 5:30 PM Adult Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Sons of Jubal Concert/Douglas, GA

### WEDNESDAY, February 8

- 10:00 AM Getaway Bible Study
- 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study/FBC Conf. Rm.
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Rm. 208
- 6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:15-6:45 PM Youth Prayer Time
- 6:30-8:00 PM Children's Programs
- 6:45 PM Youth "The Pump"
- 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

**FBC LIBRARY HOURS:**  
**9 AM-5 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
**Located in Church Office**

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