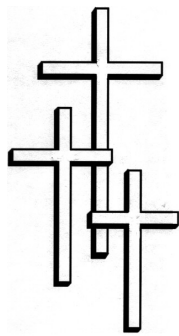


The Pathfinder

In all thy ways acknowledge Him
and He shall direct thy paths.
Proverbs 3:6



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From Your Pastor

To the Family and Friends
of First Baptist Church:

As I sit, writing at my desk, I am struck with the thoughts of Christ's return. There are many within the body of Christ, who understand the circumstances of His return somewhat differently. Yet, all believers would agree that Christ return is both certain and imminent. So often, we take comfort in John 14:1-3, as Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." (NKJV) Did you know this verse is not simply to be understood in the context of a funeral service? The living body of Christ should also take great comfort by the words spoken by Christ. He has not forgotten those who have trusted in Him, and He has promised to return to call home the Bride of Christ to Himself.

John 14 recalls the illustration of a first-century Jewish tradition. When a man and a woman became engaged, the husband began immediately to build onto his home, or to prepare a place at his parents' home for him and his bride to live. The bride did not set a date for the wedding because she did not know when her new home would be ready. The wedding would occur immediately, whenever the new home was complete. Not knowing how long the remodeling or construction would take, the bride quickly prepared herself, made appropriate plans, and remained alert and ready for word that her new home was ready and that the wedding would occur. The point is that she lived in an attitude of expectancy and readiness. How is our attitude of expectation? Are our lives in order? Have we taken time to share the gospel with those we love? Take the month of February as a God-given opportunity to love someone so much that you feel compelled to share Christ's love with them. And remember that when we wonder just how much Christ loved us, that He spread open His arms toward us, with nails driven through, declaring that He loved us that much.

In Christ,
Pastor Hardy



*In letters of crimson, God wrote His love
On a hillside so long, long ago.
For you and for me, Jesus died
And love's greatest story was told*

*I love you, I love you,
That's what Calvary said.
I love you, I love you,
I love you, written in red.*

Gordon Jensen



Georgia Baptist Women are hosting a Spring Inspirational Event at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA on April 27 and 28, with Ann Graham Lotz and Henry Blackaby's son and daughter-in-law, Tom and

Kim Blackaby as the featured worship leaders and Cindy Johnson providing the music. Some of our Women on Mission plan to attend and invite any ladies in the church and/or community to come along. The price is reasonable and we plan to carpool from the church. For more information, please call the church office, Betty Smith @ 625-7208 or Charla Cole @ 625-3532. You can also learn more on line at www.gabaptistwomenspringevent.com.



February is WMU and WOM Focus Month. Watch for a schedule of events and opportunities for service in order to "Live Sent, You are a Letter".

Live Sent: You Are A Letter is a book by Jason Dukes, published by New Hope Publishers, a division of WMU.



YOUTH EVENTS

Feb. 5: After-Church Fellowship, 7 PM

Feb. 12: Youth Council Meeting, 4 PM

Feb. 19: D-Now Registration Deadline
After-Church Fellowship, 7 PM



It's Coming!

March 16-18

Deadline to register is Feb. 19!

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Senior Adults' Day Out

Monday, February 13
10 AM

