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FROM YOUR PASTOR

In 1948, Dale Carnegie published the book, "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living." He said that he wrote it because he "was one of the unhappiest lads in New York". He said he had made himself sick with worry because he hated his place in life. It is an excellent book on the subject of worry. But long before Dale Carnegie ever had a worrisome thought in his life, Jesus addressed the subject of worry in the Sermon on the Mount, when He spoke the words of Matthew 6:25-34. Please take the time to read this passage.

The scars of worry are carved into our bodies by sores we call ulcers. It is etched into our faces by lines we call wrinkles. It is pictured on our lips by the shape we call a frown. It can be heard in footsteps pacing back and forth across a floor late at night. Sometimes it is muffled by the silence being experienced by someone lying in bed staring at the ceiling unable to go to sleep.

Some call it tension. Others call it anxiety. Jesus calls it worry. Worry is a universal malady people have in spite of position or possessions.

How would you like to be young, in your mid 30's, wealthy, with more money than you know what to do with, and have a great position, like being the chairman of a national insurance company?

This man said, "I have been a chronic worrier all my life. I'd sit at my desk worrying about a problem in my business, and then I would begin to worry about going bankrupt. That would lead to worrying about how I was going to support myself, about what I would do in my old age. It would just spiral up. If I didn't have business problems I'd find something else to worry about. I was spending half my day worrying, and half the night too. I was losing so much sleep that I was tired all the time, and my productivity was falling off."

Here was a person who you would think would be free from worry, but instead was a slave to worry. Worry and anxiety pose a very real mental and spiritual health issue in America.

"Don't Worry" doesn't mean don't plan. Jesus spent his whole ministry planning for when He would be crucified, resurrected and ascend back to Heaven. He prepared His disciples for this. Jesus said, **"For which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn't first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?"** In other words, "Don't build the high-rise until you've done the paperwork." It's not a sin to have life insurance or plan for retirement. We should plan for the future.

"Don't Worry" doesn't mean don't be concerned. Bobby McFerrin sang "Don't Worry, Be Happy." You may remember the song. But there are things you need to be concerned about. You should be concerned about a child playing in the street. There's a big difference between being care-free and care-less. Concern is attached to the present. Worry is attached to the future. We can take action on the present, the future is out of our hands.

Worry ignores the nature of God. He has given us so many promises that tell us that worry is unnecessary. Consider these verses: **Philippians 4:6-7, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God that passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and your minds through Jesus Christ."** 1 Peter 5:7, **"Cast all your cares (anxieties) upon the Lord, because He cares for you."** Philippians 4:19, **"My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."** Isaiah 26:3, **"You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee."** These are precious promises, among many others, from God.

Jesus says in **Matthew 6:33- 34, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."**

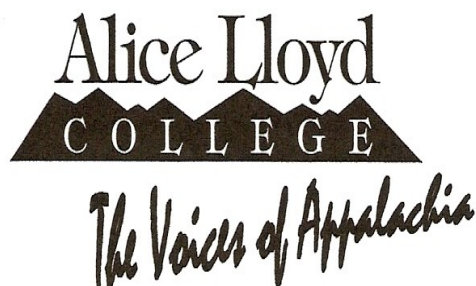
God is saying, "If you take care of My business then I'll take care of yours." God says, "If you just look after My business, you just put my kingdom first, you be faithful to Me, you obey Me, you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and then all these things shall be added unto you."

In the month of May, we will continue our series of messages about people you need to know about in the New Testament, we will honor our mothers on Mother's Day, begin our Baby Bottle Offerings for Hope, we will continue our "Chosen" video series on Sunday evenings with fellowship meals, and Bro. Mike Manning will be speaking on Sunday, May 28. You will not want to miss a single service or worship opportunity, or you'll miss something very important. God bless you and your families. See you Sunday. Pastor



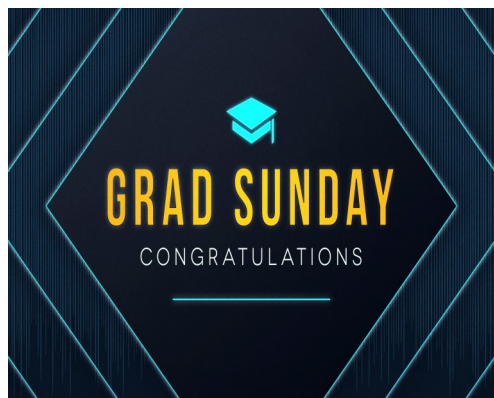
Guest Choir Coming in May.

The Voices of Appalachia from Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, KY will be in concert on Friday, May 12, at 7:00 pm. This is the group that I had the honor to direct before coming to First Baptist. A love offering will be taken at the concert.



Student Lunch After Church.

The Student Ministry will be eating lunch together at Chef Lee, Dutch treat. Meet in the Foyer after morning worship on Sunday, April 30.



Graduate Recognition Sunday.

On Sunday, May 21, during the morning worship, we will give special recognition to those who are graduating high school this year.

Gary Drummond, Watson Chapel
Mackenzie Howell, Sumner (WA)
Blake Morgan, Star City

VBS 2023 Has Been Cancelled!

I am sad to announce that our VBS, that was originally scheduled for June 12-15, has been cancelled.

As I have said many times, "volunteers are the mainstay of VBS" and this year we did not have enough to make the VBS 2023 team work. Therefore, the Volunteer Training Luncheon for Saturday, April 29, is also cancelled.



Thank you to all of you who have labored to make our VBS a success in years past. Rest assured, VBS will return again! In the meantime, let us continue to pray that the Lord would work powerfully among us and allow other opportunities to reach the young families around us.



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Deacon of the Week

KENNY BONDS

May 7, 2023

TRAVIS CHISOM

May 14, 2023

JOE CLEMENT

May 21, 2023

TROY COLE

April 23, 2023

First Record

April 2, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$20,220.00
TV Receipts	\$555.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$6,236.10
TOTAL	\$27,111.10

April 9, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$8,177.00
TV Receipts	\$400.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$125.00
Other	\$2,195.41
TOTAL	\$10,897.41

April 16, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$17,768.00
TV Receipts	\$560.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$37,172.93
TOTAL	\$55,575.93

April 23, 2023

Budget Needs	\$11,508.31
Budget Receipts	\$6,245.00
TV Receipts	\$245.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$115.00
Other	\$125.00
TOTAL	\$6,730.00

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Mary Fox, who passed away in Fort Smith.

The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, May 7 at 4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 pm.

Sunday, May 21, 2023
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

CHURCH CLOSING

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day

**Evening Service at
Trinity Village**

Sunday, May 28, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall



**Pickleball is
coming soon!**

Pickleball is coming to the FBC gym soon.

Keep your eyes and ears tuned in for announcements when it will start.

Thank You

To Friends and Family at FBC,
Wes and I wanted to say "Thank you" for your recent gift—thank you all so very much!

You are constantly so generous with us. I'm beginning to feel like our "thank yous" might seem a bit redundant! But we want you to know how very much we appreciate your support and generosity. Thank you!

In Him, Kim and Wes Clement

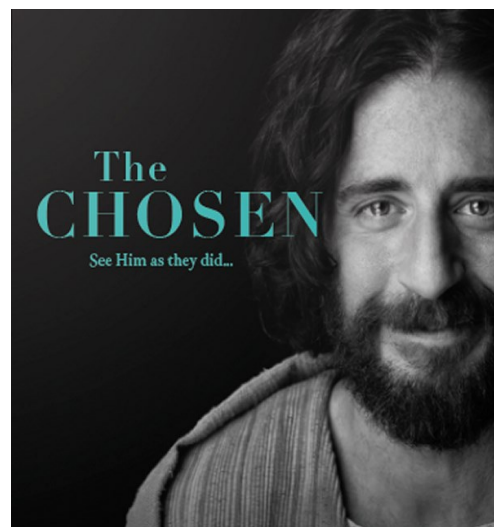
Video Series, Season 3

Sunday Nights

May 7 and 21

5:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

Please bring a snack food to share in fellowship

**Trinity Village Sunday School is Back**

On May 7, Trinity Village Sunday School will be gathering in the Assisted Living residence from 10:00—10:30 am. All are welcome to attend. The teachers are Jan Lovell, Rana McClain, Joe Nealey, and Mac Norton. If you would like to help teach or possibly be a substitute teacher, contact Jane Stone at 870.692.4705 or Cindy Crowder at 501.944.1235. Please be in prayer for the Trinity Village Sunday School Class.



*Fill A
Bottle*

to save a life
known by GOD

Hope of the Delta
Baby Bottle
Offering

May 14—June 18,
2023

Regular Schedule for Weekly Services

SUNDAY:

6:00 am	TV Broadcast on KARZ 42 (one week delay)
9:00 am	TV Broadcast on FOX 16 (one week delay)
9:00 am	Prayer room open
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Morning Worship Service

MONDAY:

6:00 pm	Sanctuary Handbells Rehearsal
6:30 pm	Bible Study Fellowship

TUESDAY

6:00 pm	Griefshare (schedules to be announced)
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WEDNESDAY:

12:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Deacons 2023

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News from the Pews

Do you have news, weddings, grandchildren, graduations, retirements announcements for your church family? Please let the office know and we will get it out there in this space.

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