

Adult Discipleship Training at 5:45 p.m.*Fearless* by Max Lucado

Facilitated by Dr. Jeff Clark

We fear being sued, finishing last, going broke, the mole on the back, and the sound of the clock as it ticks us closer to the grave. Every season seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. And it feels dreadful. Fear sucks the life out of the soul, curls us into an embryonic state, and drains us dry of contentment. Wouldn't it be great to escape it? What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? According to Jesus, this is possible. The one statement he made more than any other was this: "Don't be afraid." In this book, Max Lucado invites you to consider Jesus' invitation to courage. Fear will always knock on your door. Just don't invite it in for dinner. And for heaven's sake, don't offer it a bed for the night. The promise of Christ and the contention of the pages in the book are simple: we can fear less tomorrow than we do today.

**Sunday Night Activities
Resume Sunday, Sept. 12**

4:15 pm—Youth Handbell Choir
 5:00 pm—Snack Supper
 5:20 pm—Youth Choir
 5:30 pm—Awana
 5:45 pm—Discipleship Training
 6:00 pm—Ekklesia Middle
 School
 7:00 pm—Ekklesia High School

Wednesday Night Meal Sign-Up

If you were on the permanent list last year, you must confirm your reservation to remain on the list. If you were not previously on the list, you must make a reservation by emailing Joan Womble at joanwomble@windstream.net or call the church office (please list children's ages as well as whether the reservation is for the permanent list or weekly list) by Friday. The cost of the meal: \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children 12 years and under, with a \$12.00 family limit. You will be responsible for the meal cost if you do not cancel by the reservation deadline.

Menu for September 15: Baked Chicken Breast, Green Beans, Corn, Bread, and Dessert. **Children's Menu:** Chicken Tenders. **Volunteers to assist with the meal are Jane Blackburn and the Covenant Sunday School Class.**

Our Deacon Family Ministry Needs Help!

This year, our deacons will be forming Deacon Family Ministry Teams. We have over 500 families in our church, and to effectively minister to them, a team approach is needed. Deacons are seeking members of the church to serve on these Family Ministry Teams with a deacon. It is the hope that we can assign at least one church member (two would be even better!) to a deacon to form these teams. Think of all the good these teams could do! Teams will work together to form their own plan of outreach. Communication with our families through cards, emails, phone calls, hospital visits or home visits can be achieved with greater consistency and meaning with a team approach. One organizational meeting would be requested of the team members with the entire deacon/team member group. A commitment of one year's service would be asked of these team members.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this new family ministry approach for our church. Sign up sheets will be in Sunday School rooms and the church office starting Sept. 12. Please call Anne Beal (774-6607) or Jim Turner (776-1061) with questions. Thank you.

Reflections

The following was shared with me in an email.

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?" I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. The first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

All of us have days when we feel sorry for ourselves or regret the situation that we may find ourselves in. Furthermore, we all know persons going through hard times. We need to practice encouragement and kindness—so much so that we make our lives and the lives of those around us better. That is what Jesus would have us do!

Grace, Jeff

FLC News

September is the beginning of many new activities. I can remember when my daughter, Aime, was going to preschool for the very first time. She was not very excited about going, in spite of her new backpack, and new shoes. Anticipating her anxiety, I excitedly talked about how much fun she would have and how nice her new teachers would be. I emphasized all the new things she would learn at her school, and how many new friends she would make. When the day finally arrived, off we went, with her reluctantly hanging onto my leg. When we approached the preschool door, she began to cry and would not let go of my leg! I encouraged her to try her new school, and gently pushed her toward her teacher. When I picked her up later that morning, she informed me that she had tried "school" and was never going back again. Needless to say, she adjusted rather well to school and continued many years all the way through vet school and residency! In our daily lives, I think God gently "pushes" us toward new things that He knows will help us grow in our faith. I would like to say a special thank you to all of you who, after listening to God, are doing something "new" this fall in FBC: teaching a Sunday School class, or helping with the nursery, or GA's/RA's, choirs, youth, Awana, or one of the many other activities that are beginning this week! We are praying for you!

Speaking of new things, we will be helping with the Bread of Life Ministry on September 18. Can you help cook, serve, or deliver meals to shut ins from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.? Call Cindy if you will help.

Thank you to the Seekers Class for covering the FBC this week, and to the Cornerstone Class for their coverage the week of September 13.

In Christ, Cindy

P.S. Do you know someone who needs a little help? We have medical supplies available (walkers, hospital bed, foam wedge for bed, canes) for use. Call the FLC at 776-6137.

WMU September Mission Project

The WMU is collecting school supplies for needy elementary children during the month of September. Bins to collect donations are located in front of the chapel, Green Street, and second floor Educational Building.

Mission Opportunity

Ladies, looking for a mission opportunity? Come be a part of First Baptist Group #10 Monday, September 13, at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Judy Thomas (210 Cotten Road). For more information, call Amanda Powers at 776-7754.

✠ **Worship at First Baptist** ✠
September 12, 2010

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	Sermon by Dr. Jeff Clark “Why Does God Want Us in Church?” “It’s All About Community”	Luke 15:1-10
	Children’s Sermon	Heather Long
8:45 a.m.	<i>“Just a Closer Walk/In the Garden”</i>	arr. Joseph Martin
	Hymns and Hers Choir	
11:00 a.m.	<i>“Shine on Us”</i>	arr. Bruce Greer
	Chancel Choir	

Mike’s Musings

Hey, Senior Adults...looking forward to a great day together at Old Salem next Thursday! We will leave at 7:45 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Special thanks to Jim Turner for being our driver.

We now have plans in place for a trip to Fort Caswell in December for their Christmas by the Sea Senior Adult Conference. The conference is a unique blend of worship, study, and fun, including tickets to see the Christmas show at the Alabama Theatre in North Myrtle Beach. Our dates are December 6-8. The cost of the trip is \$180, which includes everything except lunch going and coming. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by September 19 to reserve a spot. I have to admit that I almost messed up and waited too late to inquire about this event, which fills up quite early. We have room for 30 on our bus and were able to reserve that many spots in the conference, so...get those deposits in!

By the time you get this, our Children’s Choirs will already be rolling and Youth Handbells and Choir will begin Sunday. Please pray for our leaders as they minister in these areas. What a blessing to be given the opportunity to lead and guide these young lives.

Sunday School Nursery Workers Needed

First Baptist Church has been blessed with many new babies in the last few months....with more to come! We are in need of nursery workers during the Sunday School hour.

Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer to help.

Extended Hour Workers

September 12th workers are: Paul and Amanda Dickens, Bill and Audrey Stone, George and Angie Raley, Mary Wilson, and Halie Davison. **Nursery Security Usher: Greg Spivey.**

In Appreciation

Thanks so very much to everyone for the cards, love, and prayers for my recovery of the heart attack. I am doing so much better and am stronger. God is so wonderful.

Myrtle Ray Glass

Sunday, Sept. 12 (FLC open by reservation only)

8:45 am Worship in the Chapel
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary
 12:00 pm Sixth Graders/Family Luncheon, F. Hall
 4:15 pm Youth Handbells, Music Suite
 5:00 pm Snack Supper, Fellowship Hall
 5:20 pm Youth Choir, Music Suite
 5:30 pm Awana
 5:45 pm Adult Discipleship Training
 6:00 pm Ekklesia Middle School
 7:00 pm Ekklesia High School
 Deacons’ Meeting, Fellowship Hall

**Monday, Sept. 13 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm;
 5:30-8:00 pm)**

9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC
 11:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor
 5:45 pm Zumba Class, FLC
 6:00 pm Chapel Voices, Music Suite
 7:00 pm Ju“bell”ation Ringers, Music Suite
 Group #6, Peggy Lanier’s
 7:15 pm Group #10, Judy Thomas’

**Tuesday, Sept. 14 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm;
 5:30-8:00 pm)**

6:30 am Youth Breakfast, Dairy Bar
 9:00 am Prayer Ministry Team, Parlor
 9:30 am *Different Strokes* Art Group, Craft Room
 10:30 am Hymns and Hers Choir, Chapel
 12:30 pm Line Dancing Class, FLC
 1:30 pm Bloodmobile, Fellowship Hall
 Group #8, Library
 6:30 pm Christian Yoga Class, FLC
 7:00 pm Scouts, FLC

Wed., Sept. 15 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm)

8:30 am Jobseekers, Fellowship Hall
 9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC
 1:00 pm Beginning Line Dancing Class, FLC
 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal, F. Hall
 5:45 pm Children’s Choirs
 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting, Chapel
 Acteens, Youth RA’s
 6:30 pm SonShine Group
 Mission Friends, GA’s, RA’s
 6:45 pm Trinity Singers, Music Suite
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Music Suite

**Thursday, Sept. 16 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm;
 5:30-8:00 pm)**

7:45 am Triple L departs for Old Salem
 8:15 am Aerobics, FLC
 9:30 am Ladies Bible Ministry, Parlor
 5:45 pm Zumba Class, FLC
 7:00 pm Scout Roundup, Fellowship Hall

Friday, Sept. 17 (FLC open 7:00-11:00 am)

9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC
 10:00 am Line Dancing Class, FLC
 Fifth Quarter, FLC

Sat., Sept. 18 (FLC open by reservation only)

Heather Youth News

September 12—Sixth grade youth orientation lunch after service. We will have pizza and a session with rules and expectations of fun since you are now an official FBC YOUTH!!

September 24-26, Myrtle Beach, SC—There are ten spaces left for MYRTLE BEACH. The price is \$75 for youth and \$50 for adults price includes two nights hotel stay, meals, t-shirt, worship, sand sculpture, organized beach games, a block party with DJ, Bible Study, putt-putt tournament, and lots of free time on the beach!!

Meet at the church at 4:13 p.m. to leave the parking lot at 4:37 p.m.!! OR after the football game, and return Sunday afternoon.

Theme for the conference is *Selflessness*” (Matthew 16:25). A detailed schedule is in the office. Come on to the sand, surf, worship, and fun.

**Fifth Quarter—
September 10th and 17th**

**The Breadbasket
Sponsors**

**The Fletcher Rosser Annual Memorial Day BBQ
Pork BBQ—\$8.00 Per Plate
Friday, September 24, 2010
St. Luke United Methodist Church
2916 Wicker Street
11:00 am-2:00 pm OR 5:00-7:00 pm
Free delivery of 10 or more plates from
11:00 am-2:00 pm
Call: 775-3525, 774-9611, or 775-1693**

In the Hospital
Central Carolina: Virginia Suggs
Moore Reg., Pinehurst: Clyde Rhyne

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

Weekly Budget Requirement	19,173.00
Budget Received	18,189.04
Building/Capital Improvement.....	302.00
Other	4,725.00
Total	23,216.04