Our Pastoral Team

Phillip Hamm
Senior Pastor

Scott Perkins
Music & Worship

David Shenning
Executive & Education

Todd Poppell
Connections & Students

Nic Bishop
Encounter Worship & Creative Arts

Kenny Tibbetts
Children & Families

FBC Quarterly Business Meeting
The Quarterly Business Meeting is TODAY at noon in the Worship Center.

Pastor Appreciation Month
This is Pastor Appreciation Month and the FBC personnel committee would like to extend the opportunity for everyone to recognize our six amazing pastors (Phillip, David, Scott, Todd, Nic and Kenny). We will celebrate and recognize these men on Sunday, October 27 during all three services.

We welcome notes of encouragement and appreciation, as well as, gift cards from your favorite places around the community. Please place gift cards in any of the secure Connection Card Boxes. Cards and notes can be dropped in designated baskets throughout the campus. Let’s show our thanks and appreciation to these special men and their families for the many ways they have blessed our church.

Little Black Dress
“Little Black Dress,” a Ladies Night Out dinner event, is Friday, Nov 8 at 6 pm in the gym. The relationship between the Little Black Dress and the spiritual basics of our lives will be the evening’s focus. The dress code is casual, the Little Black Dress is optional. Childcare is available for birth-5th graders. RSVP to the church office (941-722-7795) for childcare is required by noon on Monday, Nov 4. Tickets are $5 and seating is limited.

Operation Christmas Child
It is that time of year when we get to share Christ’s love with a child around the world. Shoe boxes are available today while they last. Filled shoe boxes are due back Sunday, November 17.

Beyond These Walls
Please pray for the Anthony Rudolph family who are planting a Bible-believing church in Lima, Ohio. The family was recently visiting in the area, saw our church, and stopped to ask for prayer.

Medical Assistance Needed
Medical personnel are needed on Sundays during worship services as part of a medical response team. If you have medical training and would like to volunteer on a Sunday rotation, please contact Joy Williams in the church office at 941.722.7795.

Children’s Christmas Choir
K-5th graders are needed for the children’s choir in the upcoming FBC Christmas Musical, Love Came for Me.

There will be three performances (Dec 13, 14 & 15) and children’s rehearsals will take place on Wednesdays 5:30-6 pm beginning November 6 in the Kid’s Worship Room.

There’s no need to register. Just show up on November 6 at 5:30 pm ready to rehearse.

Fall Festival
Save the date! This year’s Fall Festival will be at Sutton Park on Thursday, Oct 31 from 6-8 pm. Bounce houses, games and treats will be available for children of all ages to enjoy. Join us and bring a friend—or two—or more.

Wrapped candy donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at any candy collection basket on Sundays or in the Welcome Center during the week.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Julee Williams for more info at 941-722-0810 or JR.Williams@fbcpalmetto.com.
Sermon Notes – Counter Culture

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Discussion Questions – 1 Corinthians 5-6

Give a few examples of something being used for the wrong purpose. What was the outcome?

What is your definition of sexual sin? How is it different, or similar to, that of our culture? How is it different, or similar to, that of the Bible?

What issue was Paul responding to in the Corinthian Church? (v 5:1) What was his response?

How had the church responded to this issue? How is this similar or different from your experiences with Christians?

What did Paul mean when he said ‘a little leaven leavens the whole lump’ in verse 6? What is the chain reaction sexual sin causes in the lives of people/church? What keeps us from recognizing the far-reaching effects?

Read 6:9-10 Discuss the difference between habitual sin and one-time mistakes. Discuss the seriousness of habitual sin. What does it reveal?

How is sexual sin different from other sins? (v 6:18)

Why does Paul say we must flee sexual immorality? What are the consequences if we don’t?

How does verse 6:11 give us hope?

One-Year Bible Reading Plan

WEEK 43

Day 211
Titus 1-3
Prov 9:1–12

Day 212
Philemon
Prov 9:13–18

Day 213
Esther 1-4
Prov 10:1–15

Day 214
Esther 6-8
Prov 10:16–32

Day 215
John 1
Prov 11:1–8


**Monday**  
*By Kenny Tibbetts*

**Scripture**

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.”  
Romans 8:5-7

**Prelude**

Sex is difficult to talk about. Sex is one of those subjects that has the power to make a room full of people instantly shift in their seats in discomfort and nervousness. This is probably why the Church has done such a poor job in discussing sex even though the Bible has an awful lot to say about it. Sex and sexuality are a part of life we simply cannot avoid. So together, let us embrace the discomfort and examine what God’s word has to tell us about sex.

**Pause**

1. Where is somewhere you feel peace in your own life?

2. Have you considered whether your mind is set on flesh or on the Spirit? A great test to answer this question is to ask yourself if you have peace.

3. How does gratifying our sexual desires, even just in our minds, lead to a lack of peace?

**Pursue**

Take a few moments and memorize Romans 8:6:  
“For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.”

**Pray**

Ask God to set your mind on the things of the Spirit. Ask God to free you from sexual temptation and a mind set on the flesh. Praise God for offering us life and peace in Him.
Tuesday – Earthly Picture, Heavenly Relationship

By George Volpe

“But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.”

Ephesians 5:3

Becoming part of the family of God was the greatest moment of my life. I learned that Jesus always loved me. He rescued me. What a blessing! But I was not fully aware of all that happened to me that day. Life changed.

Three years later I married my wife. Life changed again. And again, I was not fully aware of what happened to me on that day. Two became one. A new relationship was established, and with it came love, understanding, companionship, and much more. Sexuality. Intimacy. Sharing with one another in ways we could not share with any other. This is what God intended for a man and a woman. Notice: one man and one woman equals one marriage relationship. This is not a “preference” thing. This is a God thing. Man cannot change the moral foundations of God’s creation. It is and always will be the union of a man and a woman, period. Any other definition is counterfeit.

Why is God so utterly adamant in protecting the context in which His creatures can experience the sexuality which He has created in them? Marriage is a highly valued relationship that God created to bless us and picture our relationship with Him. Anything which perverts the sanctity of marriage distorts the picture of worship that God values so highly. Only a loving and sacrificial marriage captures the fidelity with which Christ pursues His Church and the reciprocal love which the Church possesses for Him. As unfaithfulness must have no place in our relationship with Christ, so it must have no place in our relationship with our spouse. Infidelity, adultery, homosexuality, fornication and other forms of sexual immorality portray something false about Christ and His marriage to His bride.

The devil is using a broken world to deface what God has lovingly crafted from the beginning. The world elevates self-gratification and devalues relationships. The world says, “Do whatever you want,” which really translates to “let your lust run wild.” Ignore the warnings. Support the rebellious spirit. But the aimless attempts at selfish satisfaction always fail, and you end up empty and wanting.

Concentrating on yourself and what makes you feel good is a trap. Momentary satisfaction can never replace a relationship blessed by God. He made us that way. Putting yourself first is always a dead end. Living for self is a consuming cancer that corrupts your spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical life. And as a side benefit, it hurts others as well.

A confused and hurting world desperately needs Jesus. Our sacrificial love for one another shines a light of hope in the hearts of people all around us.

Read Ephesians 5.
Wednesday

By Kenny Tibbetts

Scripture

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.” Matthew 5:27-30

Pause

1. How do Jesus’ words in this passage contradict the notion that sexual immorality is “no big deal?”

2. What do you need to tear out of your life in order to keep you from sinning?

3. How does Jesus elevate the standard for conduct in this passage?

Pursue

Take a moment to invite a friend to one of our Sunday services to hear more about how God made us for more than living in lockstep with the world around us.

Pray

Pray today for those struggling with sexual immorality. Sexual immorality obfuscates the will of God in our lives and easily entangles so many believers who earnestly desire Jesus in their lives. Pray that today they would choose Jesus over the gratification of their flesh.
Thursday - A Passion for Purity vs. Passive Prayers

By John Piper, desiringGod

When you are enticed sexually, do you fight with your mind to say no to the image and then mightily labor to fill your mind with counter-images that kill off the seductive image? Too many people think they have struggled with temptation when they have prayed for deliverance and hoped the desire would go away. That is too passive. Gouging out your eye may be a metaphor, but it means something very violent. The brain is a "muscle" to be flexed for purity, and in the Christian it is supercharged with the Spirit of Christ.

What this means is that we must not give a sexual image or impulse more than five seconds before we mount a violent counterattack with the mind. I mean that! Five seconds. In the first two seconds we shout, "NO! Get out of my head!" In the next two seconds we cry out: "O God, in the name of Jesus, help me. Save me now. I am yours." Good beginning. But then the real battle begins. This is a mind war. The absolute necessity is to get the image and the impulse out of our mind. How? Get a counter-image into the mind. Fight. Push. Strike. Don't ease up. It must be an image that is so powerful that the other image cannot survive.

For example, have you ever in the first five seconds of temptation, demanded of your mind that it look steadfastly at the crucified form of Jesus Christ? Picture this. You have just seen a peek-a-boo blouse inviting further fantasy. You have five seconds. "No! Get out of my mind! God help me!" Now, immediately, demand of your mind - you can do this by the Spirit (Romans 8:13).

Demand of your mind to fix its gaze on Christ on the cross. Use all your fantasizing power to see his lacerated back. Thirty-nine lashes left little flesh intact. He heaves with his breath up and down against the rough vertical beam of the cross. Each breath puts splinters into the lacerations. The Lord gasps. From time to time he screams out with intolerable pain. He tries to pull away from the wood and the massive spokes through his wrist rip into the nerve endings and he screams again with agony and pushes up with his feet to give some relief to his wrists. But the bones and nerves in his pierced feet crush against each other with anguish and he screams again. There is no relief. His throat is raw from screaming and thirst. He loses his breath and thinks he is suffocating, and suddenly his body involuntarily gasps for air and all the injuries unite in pain. In torment, he forgets about the crown of two-inch thorns and throws his head back in desperation, only to hit one of the thorns perpendicular against the cross beam and drive it half an inch into his skull. His voice reaches a soprano pitch of pain and sobs break over his pain-wracked body as every cry brings more and more pain.

Now, I am not thinking about the blouse anymore. I am at Calvary. These two images are not compatible. If you will use the muscle of your brain to pursue - violently pursue - images of Christ crucified with the same creative energy that you use to pursue sexual fantasies, you will kill them. But it must start in the first five seconds - and not give up.

Read the entire article at www.desiringgod.org/articles/a-passion-for-purity-vs-passive-prayers.
Friday
By Kenny Tibbetts

Scripture
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”
Matthew 5:8

Pause
1. Taking Jesus’ words at face value, what do you think He means here?

2. What do you think it means to be “pure in heart?”

3. Do you desire to see God? Do you desire to see God more than you desire the things in your life that pollute your heart?

Pursue
Take a few moments to memorize Matthew 5:8:
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

Pray
Pray for purity of heart. Pray God would remove from your life all of those things that would pollute your heart and make it difficult, or impossible, for you to see God.
Raphael Samuel, a 27-year-old from India says he’s suing his parents because he doesn’t think they had the right to force him to be born without his consent. He adheres to a philosophy called anti-natalism which says having children is morally wrong. Raphael says procreation is akin to kidnapping and slavery. Therefore, he is suing his parents for the cost associated with living until the average age of death. He believes they should be required to financially support him the rest of his life.

Raphael, I’ve got a feeling that’s going to happen anyway.

On the surface this Sunday’s message is going to appear to be about lawsuits. But at the root it’s about our willingness to be wronged. Are we willing to allow people to take advantage of us? Or does our sense of justice require us to even the playing field? It’s a sticky question.


Prepare for Worship
As you prepare your heart for worship Sunday morning read Psalm 24.

Pray for the World: Saudi Arabia
The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia occupies most of the Arabian Peninsula, which is almost entirely desert, but contains 25% of the world’s known oil reserves. A mere 5% are Christian in this country of 26 million people dominated by Muslim beliefs.

Saudi Arabia is the birthplace and stronghold of Islam. From Mecca, Islam holds sway over billions and permeates many cultures. Pray the Lord would shake this center of spiritual influence and make His Lordship known. If a spiritual breakthrough glorifying Jesus Christ would happen, it would transform Islam and those subject to it.

All Muslims must pray toward Mecca five times daily. Yearly, over two million make the Hajj, or pilgrimage, to Mecca, required of all Muslims once as one of the five pillars of Islam. This is the culmination of many people’s religious life. Pray that many, as they go seeking God, might encounter the living Christ. Praise God that He is revealing Himself to increasing numbers of hajis through dreams and visions. (operation world)
Deacons of the Week:
Stephen Rogalin & Bill Rogers

This Week:
Sunday, Oct 20
12:00 pm Quarterly Business Meeting
Monday, Oct 21
9:30 am Mind, Body & Soul Ladies Study
Tuesday, Oct 22
1:00 pm Stitches for Missions
Wednesday, Oct 23
5:00 pm Family Supper: Beef Stew
6:00 pm AWANA Clubs
6:00 pm MidWeek Prayer
6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Orchestra Rehearsal

Sunday, Oct 27
Pastor Appreciation

Upcoming Events:
Oct 30: Children & Student Activities & Prayer Meeting are cancelled in preparation for Fall Festival
Oct 31: Fall Festival at Sutton Park
Nov 5: Deacon’s Meeting
Nov 6: Carpenters for Christ Meeting
Nov 8: Ladies Night Out
Nov 11: Veteran’s Day/No Public School

Weekly at FBC
Sundays:
8:00 am Bible Studies
8:30 am Worship Rehearsal
9:00 am Coffee in The Square
9:15 am Celebration Service
9:15 am Encounter Service
9:15 am Kids Sunday School
9:15 am Bible Studies
10:30 am Coffee in The Square
10:45 am Celebration Service
10:45 am Preschool Worship (3 & 4 yrs)
10:45 am Kids Worship (K-5)
10:45 am Bible Studies
Monday–Friday:
7:30 am WEE World
2:30 pm King’s Kids
8:30 am Church Office
Wednesdays:
5:00 pm Family Supper
6:00 pm AWANA Clubs
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm Bible Studies
6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Orchestra Rehearsal
7:31 pm Encounter Band Rehearsal

Children’s Volunteers
Preschool Worship: Liberty Hague, Kane & Jessica Hannaford, Andrew & Rachel Marshall, Sandy Pope, DiVanderNoord, Kate VanderNoord
Baby Rooms: Alice McClary, Aimee McClellan, Judy Kellar, Anna Pavon, Pam Rosenthal
Kid’s Worship: Sadie & Mark Palmer

Week 4 Oct 27
FALL FESTIVAL

Baskets are set up around the church for wrapped candy donations.

Oct 31

Inflatables  Games  Candy Lane  Train Rides & much more!

Volunteers are Needed - Contact Julee Williams to volunteer at 941-722-0810 or email her at JR.Williams@fbcpalmetto.com.

6-8 pm at Sutton Park

Friday, Nov 8
6 pm in the gym
(doors open at 5:40 pm)

Prizes & Giveaways
Live Music by the Encounter Band
Fashion & Lifestyle Tips
Dinner & Guest Speaker

$5 Tickets are available in the Welcome Center after each service

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