

Dadeville First Baptist

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Pastor's Column

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Do you remember those words? How about these: “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” It’s pretty easy to cheer Jesus on and to shout “amen” when He is talking about someone else, but the problem is, He isn’t. He’s talking about you and me. We are the ones who don’t know what we are doing, and we are the ones with all the trespasses. And we are the ones who are supposed to be doing all of the forgiving. ALL of the forgiving. Let me put it this way. If it were not for God’s grace, all it would take to keep us out of heaven is one little lie. One lustful thought. One explosion of anger. That’s all. And, like it or not, that makes us no better than the individuals that shot up a sweet 16 birthday party. Let that sink in. Now, I want you to understand what I am saying here. God doesn’t have to forgive them unless they come to Him in repentance, but we aren’t given that luxury. Jesus taught us to pray for our forgiveness contingent on our being willing to forgive others. This is not a salvation issue, but we cannot expect the Father to forgive us when we are unwilling to forgive those who hurt us – even those who kill and wound our friends. It’s not easy, but nothing in this Christian life is. Let’s show the world the way of forgiveness.

In Christ alone,
Bro. Ben



**VBS June 5-9
9:00-12:00**

**Volunteers Needed
Contact Lauren Rawls
if you would like to help**

<https://fbcdadeville.myanswers.com/vbs2023/volunteer/>



Minister of Children & Families

This summer we are preparing to host the Keepers of the Kingdom VBS. This castle themed VBS serves a much bigger purpose than simply having a fun theme. “We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every day, they’re bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil. With this VBS, your kids will learn how they can be part of God’s kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today’s battle for truth.” Be part of this epic quest! Volunteer today!
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Minister of Music & Senior Adults

“Counting Our Blessings”

The first and greatest blessing is God’s grace which comes through Jesus Christ’s perfect (Sinless) life, death on the cross, burial, and glorious resurrection on the third day that saves all who will come to Him in faith. Good health, having enough to eat, shelter, and being able to give to the needs of others are all blessings from God. For me, the opportunity to serve as Minister of Music and Senior Adults at FBC Dadeville is truly a Blessing!

The Apostle Paul shares how blessed we are in I Corinthians 2:9, “But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him.” But then Paul adds in verse 10 that we can know these things through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, “But God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

In the story of creation, the Bible speaks of God blessing man, the animals, the Sabbath Day, and He blessed Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc. Matthew and Luke give us the Beatitudes. James tells us, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17).

God Bless You! Charlie



Minister of Youth & Discipleship

Many people may know Hudson Taylor. He was the founding missionary of China Inland Mission. Taylor was a man of prayer. He learned the value of prayer early in life when he refused to ask for his day’s wages. Taylor would pray and ask the Lord to provide for him. There were many stories where Taylor would pray, and his supervisor would at that moment remember to pay him.

Hudson Taylor was also concerned for the poor. He wanted to reach further into China with the gospel where many of the poor lived. He would dress like the people, and he made sure that church buildings were built in the Chinese style. Though many people ridiculed him for his assimilation with the poor Chinese people, his ideas would become standard engagement practice for future missionaries around the world.

Taylor was also a firm believer in God’s plan for the Jewish people. Each year he would give a tithe from his ministry, China Inland Mission, to a Jewish ministry in London. He would leave his money with a note that said, “to the Jew first.” His friend, who was the leader over the Jewish ministry, would send his tithe with a note that said, “and also to the Gentiles.” They continued this practice for many years.

Hudson Taylor was a great hero of the faith. The missionary life was hard, but he persevered. Through his example, many have answered the call of God to take the gospel to the nations. Find a biography on Hudson Taylor and maybe his story will have an impact on you.



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May Birthday List available in the office.