



**FROM THE PASTOR:**

I was reading a book as I flew to California last week. And there was a line in the book that has been rattling around inside of me since then.

The book asked the question, "What am I doing in my life right now that requires faith?"

I have been asking that question and others to myself ever since. What am I doing? What pieces of my life are there, because I am a follower of Christ? How would my life look different if I didn't have faith that Jesus is who he claimed to be?

What about you?

If the only things we can mention are going to church on Sunday, then I'm afraid we have missed the point. God has called us to an "abundant life." He hopes for us mighty things. He dreams things for us that are far greater than we can dream for ourselves. What are we doing that indicates we have faith in the dreams God has for our lives?

Some of you have been giving money to the church in new ways. I'm so proud of where our giving has been over the last few months. You took the challenge seriously to begin tithing or greater. We looked at God's challenge to "put him to the test." Many of you have. I hope you're seeing that God answers his promises. I do know that from the church's side, you make it much easier for us to do the ministries we believe God is leading us towards when you are continuing to give faithfully.

Others of you have taken on new roles or ministries. Some of you are pondering a new place you could serve. (The Nominating Committee is looking for folks like you right now. If you would like to serve in some area in the church let us know.)

In what other ways does your life prove your faith?

How is our church acting in ways that require faith? Are we stretching our budget because we believe God will provide? Are we trying new ministry options even though we aren't sure how to pull them off? Are we giving to the community because we have faith God will use us?

I hope we continue to be a church that lives out our faith. This building is a beautiful example of you stepping out in faith. Now will our faith continue? Do we trust that God will help us complete this project? Do we believe that God has more in store? And will we follow him there?

I hope you will pray about how you can live more faithfully and how our church can live more faithfully!!

**BUSINESS MEETING  
SUNDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
6:30 P.M.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY**

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**PRIME-TIMERS LUNCHEON**

Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 Noon

Anyone 55 or older join us for good food and fellowship.



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**FBC/COMMUNITY WORK DAY**

Saturday, May 1, 2010  
9:00 a.m.

MEET AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD  
Everyone is welcome to come out and help!!  
Lunch will be provided by FBC

Cookies and Brownies will be appreciated

If you have some work that you need help with, please call the church office.

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**ACTEENS**

will be helping with the FBC/COMMUNITY WORK DAY

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**YOUTH**

Will be helping with the FBC/COMMUNITY WORK DAY

and  
Hosting a  
Youth Serve Our Parents Banquet  
Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.

with

Special Recognition of Our Graduating Seniors

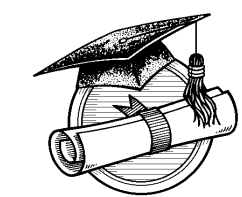
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**MEDIA NEWS**

Francine Rivers began her literary career as a romance novelist. Although raised in a religious home, Francine did not truly encounter Christ until later in life, when she was already a wife, mother of three, and an established romance novelist. Shortly after becoming a born-again Christian in 1986, Francine wrote *Redeeming Love* as her statement of faith. Her retelling of the biblical story of Gomer and Hosea set during the time of California Gold Rush is now considered by many to be a classic work of Christian fiction. *Redeeming Love* continues to be a top-selling title and it has held a spot on the Christian bestseller list for nearly a decade. Since *Redeeming Love*, Francine has published numerous Christian novels. Francine and her husband, Rick, live in Northern California and enjoy the time spent with their three grown children and every opportunity to spoil their five grandchildren. She uses her writing to draw closer to the Lord, and believes that through her work she might worship and praise Jesus for all He has done and is doing in her life. I hope you enjoy reading her books from the library. Happy reading!

**MAY IN A NUTSHELL**

- Sat., 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:00 a.m. .... FBC /Community Work Day  
MEET AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD
- 1:00 p.m. .... Lunch for FBC/Community Workers at FBC
- Sun., 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5:30 p.m. .... Church Council Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. .... Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. .... BUSINESS MEETING
- 7:30 p.m. .... Trustee Committee Meeting
- Tues., 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... Beth Moore Bible Study
- Wed., 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... Acteens
- 6:30 p.m. .... Bible Study
- Thurs., 6<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m. .... SJBA Senior Adult Event
- 7:00 p.m. .... National Day of Prayer Service
- Sun., 9<sup>th</sup> - ..... HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - NO EVENING SERVICE.....
- 4:00 p.m. .... Albany R-III Baccalaureate Service
- Mon., 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... Beth Moore Bible Study
- Wed., 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... Bible Study
- Thurs., 13<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 p.m. .... Birthday Party at Golden Living Center
- 6:30 p.m. .... "Youth Serve Our Parents" Banquet and  
Recognition of our Graduates
- 7:00 p.m. .... Prayer Meeting
- Sun., 16<sup>st</sup> - 2:00 p.m. .... Albany R-III Graduation  
..... NO EVENING SERVICE.....
- Mon., 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... Beth Moore Bible Study
- Tues., 18<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 p.m. .... Group IV Circle
- Wed., 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... Bible Study
- Sun., 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5:30 p.m. .... Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. .... Evening Worship Service
- Mon., 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... Beth Moore Bible Study
- Wed., 26<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... Bible Study
- Thurs., 27<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 Noon ..... Prime-Timers Luncheon
- 7:00 p.m. .... Prayer Meeting
- Sun., 30<sup>th</sup> - ..... MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - NO EVENING SERVICE.....
- Mon., 31<sup>st</sup> - ..... Memorial Day Holiday - Church Office Closed.....



**ALBANY R-III HIGH SCHOOL  
BACCAULAUREATE**

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 p.m.

**GRADUATION**  
Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 p.m.

Both events are at the High School

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**YOUTH CAMP**

June 14<sup>th</sup> - June 18<sup>th</sup>

Contact Rick Smith or Karen Gillespie for forms. Counselors and Cooks are also needed. Forms are due back to the church by Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Counselors and Cooks MUST have a background screening this year.

**APRIL, 2010**

Regular Budget Offering

04/04.....\$3893.52

04/11.....\$4017.16

04/18.....\$3962.64

04/25.....\$2392.06

Weekly Average.....\$3,566.34

Weekly Budget.....\$3,165.70

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**AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

Sunday School..... 104

Morning Worship..... 227

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**BUILDING FUND**

04/04..... \$ 770.00

04/11..... \$ 831.00

04/18.....\$1,177.00

04/25..... \$ 625.00

TOTAL .....\$3,403.00

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**CHURCH PHONE: 726-5626**

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Pastor's e-mail - [chad@fbcalbany.org](mailto:chad@fbcalbany.org)

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF ALBANY**

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**MAY, 2010**

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**OUR  
MEMBERS  
IN ACTION**

**FBC/COMMUNITY WORK DAY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**MEET AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD**

**WOMEN ON MISSION**

**MAY SCHEDULE**

KITCHEN DUTY AND CAKES FOR BIRTHDAY

PARTY AT GOLDEN LIVING CENTER -

GROUP IV CIRCLE

Mon., 3<sup>RD</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... M&M Circle, hostess, Virginia Stephenson

Thurs., 6<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 p.m. .... Birthday Party at Golden Living Center

Tues., 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... Lucy Wagner, hostess, Joyce Slayden

Tues., 18<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 p.m. .... Group IV Circle

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**DEACONS FOR MAY & JUNE**

**May:**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Kevin Harding

9<sup>th</sup> - Dean Gillespie

16<sup>th</sup> - Kent Holcomb

23<sup>rd</sup> - Mike Owsley

30<sup>th</sup> - Larry Allenbrand

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**June:**

6<sup>th</sup> - Jason Newman

13<sup>th</sup> - David Hansel

20<sup>th</sup> - Kevin Harding

27<sup>th</sup> - Dean Gillespie

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY WORKERS**

**May:**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Sidney Youngs/Barb Rainey

9<sup>th</sup> - Laura Stevens

16<sup>th</sup> - Claudine Elder

23<sup>rd</sup> - Karri Phillips

30<sup>th</sup> - Kelly Manring

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**June:**

6<sup>th</sup> - Julia Moore

13<sup>th</sup> - Lori Crawford

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

First Baptist Church

Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.

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**SJBA SENIOR ADULT EVENT**

Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon - Meat & drinks provided

Bring a covered dish

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**WORLD'S OF FUN**

**SON FEST CHRISTIAN DAY**

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

Christian artists Toby Mac, Hawk Nelson

and Tenth Avenue North will perform

If interested in going contact Rick Smith

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**TRIO BOOKS**

If you have a copy of the Trio Book, please return it to the

Church Library