



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Needing to be Rescued from Myself

The last few weeks have not been easy ones. In truth, I've been feeling pretty low-down, rotten, and ashamed. I guess I should explain why I've been feeling this way. Back in January, I took over the teaching responsibility for one of our Sunday school departments and while I've had quite an enjoyable time discipling some of our church members who are at the same stages of life as I am, our most recent study has really hit home in a very hard way. For the past month, we have been going chapter by chapter through a book entitled *Parenting* by best-selling author and renowned speaker, Paul David Tripp.

Now, if you've never read anything by Mr. Tripp, stop what you're doing right now and go get one of his books. It really doesn't matter which one; they are all awesome. But be forewarned: you will get your toes stepped on - stepped on hard, over and over again. Tripp does a masterful job at presenting gospel truths with a strong dose of Holy Spirit conviction. You will be reminded of extremely important truths and have a newfound appreciation of God's grace, but the process isn't always easy. Which brings me back to the subject matter that I've been focusing on lately. The book our class has been discussing has caused me to confront the lack of grace I often show my own boys and how easy it has become to parent by the mantra of "do as I say and not as I do."

One of the overarching themes of our study has been the need to be rescued from ourselves. Our self-centeredness needs to be confronted by God and replaced with the grace-filled teachings of Jesus. This transaction must take place over and over again, day by day, for we are continually drawn back to an attitude of self-worship. Let me quickly share with you a humorous illustration from our book in which Tripp reveals how even he continues to fight the battle.

*I make the best cinnamon rolls in the universe. Sorry, there's just no doubt about it. It's one of the things I like to do on our family vacations. And when I make them, I know what's going to happen. That gorgeous smell will pull my children out of bed and down the hallway. They will bow at my feet and say, "Our life is good because we have a father who makes cinnamon rolls!" So it's early in the morning, I am the only one up, and I am making the rolls, thinking about the delight to follow. Finally they're in the oven, and the house is beginning to be enveloped in the beautiful smell. I position myself on a chair that looks down the hallway, anticipating the worship that is to come. One of my sons appears and instead of praising my existence, he says these shocking words: "Dad, can I make something else for breakfast?" I want to say, "Are you an idiot? Of course you can't make something else! Why in the world would you?" But I hold my tongue as he explains that his wife (interloper in the family that she is) doesn't like to eat sweet things for breakfast, so he's going to make some scrambled eggs. Eggs! Eggs! Beaten up former embryos! I know I shouldn't be angry, but I am. I know this isn't personal, but to me it is! Now we're at the breakfast table, and my son's wife positions herself right in front of that big pile of cinnamon-oozing wonderfulness. I know she will break down and take one, but she doesn't. Every bite of those eggs bothers me. I know scrambled eggs are soft, but I think I can hear her chewing and it drives me crazy. I can't believe she's rejected my transcendent rolls for her eggs!*¹

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Regular Schedule:	
Sunday	Wednesday
8:00 A.M. Worship	7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track
9:15 A.M. Bible Study	6:00-6:45 P.M. Session 1
10:30 A.M. Worship	Ignite, Small Group(s) Study
Lighthouse Harbor	6:45-7:30 P.M. Session 2
Torchbearers	Ignite; Adult Choir; Prayer Meeting
5:00 P.M. Summer Musical - Drama	
6:00 P.M. Worship	
Activities for May 30 through June 12	
Thursday	May 30
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
9:00 A.M. Seed Sew-ers	
10:00 A.M. Life PLUS Bible Study	
Friday	May 31
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
6:30 P.M. GLOW Canvas Painting Party	
Saturday	June 1
2:00-4:00 P.M. Graduation Party (conference center)	
Sunday	June 2
Regular Schedule	
11:30 A.M. Parent Camp Meeting (student center)	
2:00-4:00 P.M. Gvero Graduation Fellowship (conference center)	
4:30 P.M. Youth Mission Trip Leadership Meeting	
5:00 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting	
5:00-5:50 P.M. Children's Summer Musical (drama)	
7:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting	
Monday	June 3
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE "C" Team	
6:30 P.M. Youth Mission Trip Pre-trip Meeting (student center)	
Tuesday	June 4
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
5:30 P.M. Recreation Team Meeting	

Wednesday	June 5
Summer Schedule	
5:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Meal	
5:30-7:00 P.M. Summer Musical Rehearsal (all)	
Thursday	June 6
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
8:30 A.M. LIFE Plus Planning Meeting	
10:00 A.M. Life PLUS Bible Study	
Friday	June 7
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
6:00 P.M. Adult 5 Fellowship	
Saturday	June 8
10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Blood Drive (gym)	
Sunday	June 9
Regular Schedule	
4:30 P.M. VBS Leadership Meeting	
5:00-5:50 P.M. Summer Musical Rehearsal (drama)	
6:00 P.M. Quarterly Business Meeting	
Monday	June 10
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE "A" Team	
5:00-6:30 P.M. Children's Summer Musical Rehearsal (drama)	
6:30 P.M. Youth Mission Trip Pre-trip Meeting (student center)	
Tuesday	June 11
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
Wednesday	June 12
Summer Schedule	
5:00 P.M. Summer Musical Rehearsal (drama)	
6:00-7:00 P.M. Summer Musical Rehearsal (all)	

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Did you see what happened? He went from a desire to bless his loved ones to a desire to be worshiped and adored by his loved ones. Even something as simple as cinnamon rolls can bring out our battle with the sin of pride. I'll state it again - we need to be rescued from ourselves!! Thankfully, a wonderful thing happens once we come to this place of brokenness and submission; we remember that Christ has come and done exactly what we needed and couldn't do for ourselves - He has rescued us from our sin.

Being brought low may not be fun, but being lifted back up by God is a joyous experience beyond description. Today, time take to allow the rescuing love of Christ to wipe away past mistakes and lead you into a new and better way of living.

For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Romans 7:22-25a, ESV)

Blessings!
Pastor Greg

Summer TEAM Games

Beginning this Wednesday, May 29, our youth group will enter into a TEAM competition that will last all summer. Challenges will take place during regular Ignite time on Wednesday nights and points will be given to each TEAM for weekly challenges, attendance, and inviting new people. Come this Wednesday to join a TEAM!

Mission Trip Pre Meetings

All students and adults going on the mission trip are expected to be at the following pre-trip meetings:

1. Monday, June 3 at 6:30 P.M.
2. Monday, June 10 at 6:30 P.M.
3. Monday, June 17 at 6:30 P.M.



High School:
Abbi Hallock,
Allyson Helms,
Abby Jent, Ethan
LaBreyere, Ben

Peppers, Emily Pulliam, Sam Skuta

College:
Kim Slinkard

FBC Guest Central

Beginning in June, First Baptist will open "Guest Central" in the Welcome Center. Guest Central will be a special table visitors can get information on events, building directions, and other church information. Following each Sunday morning service guests can also take a "connect card" with their contact information to Guest Central in exchange for a gift bag containing a FBC coffee mug, sweets and brochures on church ministries. The connect cards are located at each pew to replace our existing guest cards and connect books. We are in the process of scheduling volunteers for guest central, on Sunday mornings, on a rotating basis, at:

- 7:45 - 9:00 A.M.
- 9:00 - 10:15 A.M.
- 10:15 - 11:45 A.M.

You can sign up to volunteer for guest central by calling the church office 573-756-4654, by contacting Gordon at gordon@farmingtonfbc.org, or text at 573-631-5788. Please consider being a part of this important ministry opportunity - helping guests to feel welcome and appreciated when they "step out" to visit our church.

VBS Prayer Emphasis

Thank God for providing all we need to abound in His good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

On June 9 we will have available a calendar with a prayer emphasis listed each day leading up to VBS 2019. Please pick up your copy, in the foyer or the church office, and pray for the children, the leaders and the community.

"Danny and the Shacks"

Children's Summer Musical

Rehearsal for our summer children's musical have begun. The remaining rehearsal schedule is:

- June 2 ~ 5:00-5:50 P.M. ~ Drama
- June 5 ~ 5:30 P.M. ~ All
- June 9 ~ 5:00-5:50 P.M. ~ Drama
- June 10 ~ 5:00-6:30 P.M. ~ Drama
- June 12 ~ 5:00-6:00 P.M. ~ Drama
6:00 -7:00 P.M. ~ All
- June 15 ~ TBA ~ Dress Rehearsal
- June 16 ~ 6:00 P.M. Performance

Background Screening

In accordance with the policies of the church **all people** working with preschoolers, children and students must have a background check on file with the church office. These must be updated every three years.

You may do this in two different ways. If your current employer requires you to have a background check you may bring a copy of that to the office to keep on file.

The second option is to give the church your consent to run a background check. FBCF has partnered with *Protect My Ministries*. Beginning the week of June 3, if you work in the areas listed above and we have a current email address you may receive an email – from the church – giving consent to run a background check. Just click on the link and follow the prompts. If you do not currently have access please come by the church office and sign a consent form.

We must have these completed or on file by June 30.

Committee Member Chair

Following the business meeting on June 9 please join us for a brief meeting as we get ready for budget discussions.



**American
Red Cross**
Blood Drive

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. in the gym. All donors will receive a \$5.00 Amazon Gift Card.

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, texts, emails, visits and food provided after our dads passing. Your loving thoughts and prayers were, and still are, very much appreciated. A special shout out to the benevolent crew who assisted the Gen3vieve Baptist Church with the luncheon after the funeral service.

The Kocher Family

Thank you to all who donated towards our youth and children summer trips at the Wall of Gifts! Thank you for paying it forward to the next generations of our church. Your donation means so much!

Prayer List:

Marie Gibbs, Kimberly Alexander, Jan Skinner (cousin of Jessie Stephens)

Christian Sympathy:

- To Pansy Pruitt and family in the death of her nephew, Rick Smoot.
- To Mike Pulliam and family in the death of his grandmother, Nellie Pulliam.

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Our Church Studying: 240

Financial Statistics for:

May 19, 2019

Budget Requirements (wkly)	\$ 18,591.00
Budget Receipts (5-19-19)	10,851.00
Requirement (wk 33)	613,503.00
Receipts (wk 33)	614,504.54
STB-BTS (from Oct)	42,457.00