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The 5 Minutes that Can Transform Your Day

Would you actually believe me if I told you that a simple five minute activity, done daily and done well, could just about guarantee that today is going to be a great day? Maybe you doubt my claim or think I'm touting some gimmick, but I promise that's not so. It works! Doing this one simple thing has been a major catalyst of growth in my own life and been one of the secrets to almost all of my best days.

Intrigued? Want to know more? Okay, here it is. The five minutes that can transform your day are the five minutes it takes to create a simple "to-do" list. You were probably expecting something more "churchy" like spending five minutes reading the Bible or in prayer. Those are absolutely essential things for our day, but I don't want us to overlook the amazing benefits of the lowly "to-do" list. Allow me to explain the importance of this simple task by looking at a verse from Scripture.

For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' (Luke 14:28-30, ESV)

These verses remind me that every day I have the momentous opportunity to live passionately and vibrantly for Christ. It also teaches I had better prepare, to the best of my ability, the method and manner for how I will go about accomplishing that task. It's in that mindset that I approach creating a daily "to-do" list. I'm not just trying to write down the little things that need to be accomplished, but instead I'm planning out what I get to do in order to best live for Jesus. The investment of five minutes to create this simple list almost always provides a tremendous return on what I achieve and experience each day.

Maybe you've had a daily "to-do" list before but never experienced the same benefits and blessings. Let me share three essential rules that make the difference.

1. **My "to-do's" must be in line with God's purposes for my life.** In 1 Corinthians 10:31 it says that *"whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."* I have to ask myself as I write down each item whether or not it is something God has called me to do and is pleasing to Him. The first item I write on my list every time is DT - devotional time. I know that God desires me to spend time with Him and in His Word, so I make sure to plan for that before anything else. After planning that activity, I look for and consider other items that I know God is calling me to do.
2. **Each item must be directional.** Each task listed should help me get one step closer to specific goals that I have set and prayed over. This also means that I have to know where I'm heading. I have many small goals, but I always carry with me three or four main goals that I'm working toward. Each goal has been brought before God, committed to His will, and submitted to His authority and governance. These goals help me choose specific activities that move me in the right direction.
3. **My list must include items that add value to other people's lives.** The real value of the daily to-do list lies in finding ways to be a blessing to others. Although I sometimes do fail in this, my best days are the ones when my list is full of "blessing others" and that all of those are crossed off at the end of the day.

Two final thoughts - First, while the five minutes you spend creating a Godly "to-list" can be extremely beneficial, those are not the most important minutes of your day. Creating your list is simply a useful tool to help you actually do the things to which you've committed. Second, I truly believe that taking just five minutes to plan with purpose for the day ahead can produce great results. I have experienced it firsthand. So, why don't you take just five minutes to "count the cost" and plan out what you're going to do for God today? If you plan well, doing so with God's help, and follow through with a commitment to your calling, your head will hit the pillow tonight knowing the pleasure of God over a day well lived.

Blessings!
Pastor Greg

Regular Schedule:		Wednesday	
Sunday		7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
8:00 A.M.	Worship	6:00-6:45 P.M.	Session 1
9:15 A.M.	Bible Study		Ignite, Small Group(s) Study
10:30 A.M.	Worship	6:45-7:30 P.M.	Session 2
	Lighthouse Harbor		Ignite; Adult Choir; Prayer Meeting
	Torchbearers		
5:00 P.M.	Summer Musical - Drama		
6:00 P.M.	Worship		
Activities for June 13 through June 26			
Thursday		June 13	
7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track		
10:00 A.M.	Life PLUS Bible Study		
2:00 P.M.	Partners in Prayer (Library)		
4:30 P.M.	LifePLUS to the Muny		
Friday		June 14	
7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track		
8:30 P.M.	Outdoor Movie		
Saturday		June 15	
11:00 A.M.	Memorial Service for Willard Haynes		
1:00-3:00 P.M.	Dress Rehearsal for "Danny and the Shacks"		
Sunday		June 16	
Regular Schedule			
6:00 P.M.	"Danny and The Shacks" Performance		
Monday		June 17	
7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track		
1:00 P.M.	Children leave for camp		
1:30 P.M.	CARE "R" Team		
6:30 P.M.	Youth Mission Trip Pre-trip Meeting (student center)		
Tuesday		June 18	
7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track		

Wednesday		June 19	
Summer Schedule			
Thursday		June 20	
7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track		
10:00 A.M.	Life PLUS Bible Study		
Friday		June 21	
7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track		
Saturday		June 22	
Noon	Children return from camp		
Sunday		June 23	
Regular Schedule			
2:00 P.M.	Hallock Family Ministries Recital		
5:00 P.M.	Trustees Meeting		
	YATL Rally		
Monday		June 24	
7:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.	You Are the Light Family Mission Project		
1:30 P.M.	NO CARE group		
Tuesday		June 25	
7:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.	You Are the Light Family Mission Project		
Wednesday		June 26	
Summer Schedule			
7:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.	You Are the Light Family Mission Project		



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.

"Danny and the Shacks"

Children's Summer Musical

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

June 15 ~ 1:00-3:00 P.M. ~ Dress Rehearsal
June 16 ~ 6:00 P.M. Performance

"Back to School Fair"

For the past several years First Baptist has been participating in the county wide "Back to School Fair" with a t-shirt drive. Because of lack of someone to organize the fair this year it will not be happening. We will not be collecting "T" shirts this year. For those who have brought by shirts already we will find a group to donate to or send to the local schools. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry over the years.

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.



Our TEAM Games have begun! Join us this Wednesday to get placed on a team to compete for the ultimate prize at the end of the summer. Challenges 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.

Mission Trip Pre Meetings

We still have one pre-mission trip meeting, Monday, June 17 at 6:30 P.M.

Make sure to do your homework before the next meeting!

CARE Team Ministry

First Baptist has a weekly ministry outreach to church family and other persons in our community called CARE. CARE stands for: Caring, Assisting, Reaching, and Encouraging. The group meets on Mondays from 1:30-2:30 P.M. in the old education building room 122. CARE team members write cards and make visits to people who are "home bound", recovering from illness or surgery (at home or in the hospital), or living in an assisted living or skilled nursing facilities. CARE needs more volunteers. This is an ideal ministry outlet for retired persons, deacons, or folks who have free time during the day. CARE visits can lead to other opportunities for assistance such as home repair help or connection with other community services including the LIFE Center and Farmington OAKS Senior Center. CARE has a monthly rotation so that volunteers can work one hour per month. Contact Gordon Epps at the church office 573-756-4654 or email gordon@farmingtonfbc.org if you can help in this important ministry.

Sports Crusaders Meals

We are in need of some families to provide a lunch or dinner meal for the 3-4 Sports Crusaders Coaches during the week of July 8-12. If you are able to help, contact Pastor Jason.

Outdoor Movie Night

Join us for our first outdoor movie night of the summer on Friday, June 14 at 8:30 P.M. Bring your own chair and the church will provide the popcorn.

Sports Crusaders Basketball Camp

Our 5th annual Basketball camp will take place the afternoons of VBS on July 8-12 from 1:00-4:00 P.M. Bring your children to VBS that morning and have them stay all day. The cost for camp is \$55 per child for all children who have completed grades 2 – 6.

"You are the Light" 2019

Guess What!! Actually, there is no guessing to it. Monday, June 24-28 is the week of "You are the Light," our annual local mission project at First Baptist Church. In order to make last minute preparations for the week we are going to meet at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 23 in the gymnasium. At this meeting we will make decisions on exactly what crew we want to help with, meet with the captains, discuss the weekly and daily schedules, pick up a "T" shirt, and answer any additional questions. The project will begin at 7:30 A.M. on Monday, June 24 in the gymnasium. If you would like a continental breakfast you need to be there around 7:00 A.M. By 8:00 A.M. we need to leave for work, be back at 11:30-12:30 for lunch and finish around 4:00 P.M. There is still time to sign up if you want to join us. Just complete the green volunteer form and got it to the church office.

God has blessed us each year with this mission project. Continue to pray for our success in showing the love of the Lord through our efforts.

Prayer List:

Ronnie Grimes, Max Morris, Carol Grix, Bonnie Robinson, Archie Counts (brother of Barbara Ward and Carolyn Stocker)

Christian Sympathy:

- To the family of Pauline Black in the death of their loved one.
- To Brenda Sullivan and family in the death of her sister, Patsy Cureton.
- To Margaret Haynes and family in the death of her husband, Willard Haynes. (memorial service FBCF, Saturday, June 15 at 11:00 A.M.)

Financial Statistics for:

June 2, 2019

Budget Requirements (wkly)	\$ 18,591.00
Budget Receipts (6-2-19)	26,736.10
Requirement (wk 35)	650,686.00
Receipts (wk 35)	649,839.13
STB-BTS (from Oct)	44,375.00