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During the first month of "Gospel Restoration" we have been looking primarily at these two verses of Scripture.

"We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another."
2 Corinthians 3:18

"In their case the god of this world has blinded the mind of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."
2 Corinthians 4:4

We speak about becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. "Becoming" indicates that we are not yet "fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ." This is a process, and any process necessitates change. Paul says we are being transformed into the image of Christ from one degree of glory to another; it's a process. This transformation, becoming more like Jesus, doesn't happen instantaneously or automatically. In verse 18 Paul reveals the means by which we are transformed: "beholding the glory of the Lord." If we want to be transformed; if we want to become more and more like Jesus; we must behold the glory of the Lord.

The question becomes, "Where do we see the glory of the Lord?" Paul provides the answer in chapter 4, verse 4. We see the "glory of Christ" in "the light of the gospel." Now, if it's "the light of the gospel" that reveals the "glory of Christ", and if it's in "beholding the glory of the Lord" that we are "being transformed" into the image of Christ, then I would say it's important for us to saturate our lives with the gospel!

How do we do that? In His Word, God reveals several "means of grace" by which we see the gospel which reflects the glory of the Lord. Over the past two Sundays, I've shared four of God's "means of grace."

- We behold God's glory in the Word preached.
- We behold God's glory in baptism.
- We behold God's glory in the Lord's Supper.
- We behold God's glory in fellowship with other believers.

Here's another question for you. What's the common factor for each of these? Here's the answer. All of these "means of grace" are most clearly seen and experienced in the church. Each time the church gathers, whether for corporate worship or in small groups, the truths of the gospel are to be spoken, experienced, and lived. In what we do and who we are as a community of believers, God shows His glory and we are transformed. It's impossible for anyone to become a "fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ" apart from the local church.

If you would like to hear more on how the glory of God is seen and experienced through the Word being preached, baptism, the Lord's Supper, and fellowship, I would encourage you to call the church office and request a copy of these messages.

This Sunday we will continue our series "Gospel Restoration."

Oooooops! Last Sunday we were to vote on three men to serve as Deacons at FBC. If you were present you know that did not happen. We will vote this Sunday, **February 1**.

To date, 72 people have completed their **2015 Personal Disciple Making Plan**. I am grateful for each of these individuals who have made personal commitments to SHARE the Word, SHOW the Word, TEACH the Word, and SERVE the World in 2015!

Those making commitments represent **31%** of our average attendance during the month of January. If you have yet to complete your **2015 Personal Disciple Making Plan**, stop by the Church Office for your copy. Take it home, pray over it, make your commitments and return it to the Church Office. God is going to do incredible things as we SHARE the Word, SHOW the Word, TEACH the Word and SERVE the World together in 2015!

Dr. Sam

First Baptist Church News & Events

Worship Notes

It was good to be in worship this last Sunday, thankful I'm allowed to miss a few Sundays, but truly love my job and my church. I'm also thankful for my friend Dave McClung who fills in when I need him to. I love him, even if he does get in a few jokes at my expense. Super Winter retreat was great! I love leading students in worship, especially when they get what it's all about. On Monday, students gave testimonies of how God moved in their lives. What a blessing to hear testimonies of salvation and rededication. That makes all the hours of preparation and work pay off. It won't be long and we will resume choir and Handbell rehearsal; Easter will be here before you know it. I hope to see you all in worship Sunday, come expecting God to move.

"In my life Lord, be glorified!"

Scott

Reaching Unengaged Unreached People Groups Event:

The IMB says that 3,027 people groups in the world are unengaged -- meaning there is no church planting strategy by any evangelicals among these 3,027 groups. In this one-day event, learn how your church can be involved in reaching out to a "UUPG." IMB Missionary "Kevin" will be our trainer. Three dates and locations for you to choose from in Spring 2015

- February 19 – Jonesboro**
- March 5 – Little Rock**
- April 16 - Fayetteville**

Medical Missions One Day Event –

All medical professionals and interested persons are invited to the Medical Missions One Day event at the Baptist Building on **Saturday, April 11, 2015, 9am to 4pm**. Dr. Rebekah Naylor and other IMB/BGR folks will be on hand for this excellent equipping event. The event is \$10 per person and lunch is provided.

See www.absc.org/uttermost for details and registration information.

Dear Church,

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work".
– 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Spring DEEPER classes start in two weeks!!! I believe God is calling each of us to take advantage of opportunities, presented to us to grow in His Word. There are four classes being offered:

1. The Journey, In Step With Gods Purpose, led by Dr. Sam.
 2. Marriage Today, led by Tammy & David Belcher.
 3. Names of God, led by Paula Stratton.
 4. Impact your World, led by Walter Hillman.
- Each of these classes starts at **6 pm**. and end at 7 pm. Beginning **Sunday, February 8th**.

Sign up is easy. Call the church office at 673-6952 and let Julie know what class you would like to participate in or sign your name on the registration sheets in the hallway. There are also classes available for children, Drop off for children nursery is 5:45 pm and pick up is 7:15 pm. Plenty of time to get to your class before it starts. While your children are participating in learning about Jesus and having fun you can relax and enjoy your class.

Ask God which class you would benefit from participating in and sign up today!!!

For more information on each class see the posters hanging in the church hallways.

See you in class,

Andrew Skinner

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Pastor on Call

<u>January 25-31</u>	<u>February 1-7</u>	<u>February 8-14</u>
Scott Quimby 501-454-2012	Andrew Skinner 870-830-6327	Dr. Sam Roberts 870-830-6877

Deacons on Call

January 25-31st
Carl Humphrey, Ward Smith
February 1-7
David Belcher, Walter Hillman
February 8-14
David Rodgers, Ward Smith

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

02/02 6:00 PM Mission Team Meeting
02/03 6:00 PM Club 1615 Meeting
02/08 12:00 PM 50 + Valentine Banquet
02/08 6:00 PM DEEPER classes start
02/09 6:00 PM Deacon's Meeting
02/10 6:00 PM Finance Meeting
02/21 6:00 PM Hunters' Feast

Men's Ministry is currently seeking donations of door prizes for Hunters' Feast. If you are able to help Please notify Scott 501-454-2012

February is almost here and you know what that means...FUSE IS ABOUT TO START!! We are extremely excited this year already and our student leaders are working overtime to get ready and make this happen. We would love for you to be apart of what's going on.

We are needing a couple more adults to help out with teams, as well as, some adults who would be willing to help bring snacks and such.

If you're interested please let me know ASAP. We are starting on **February 4th**.

Super Winter was a great success this year. We had over 350 students attend, as well as several who gave their lives to Christ; including one of our normal Flipside students. God is doing great things and I just want to say thanks for all your prayer and support in this ministry.

Talking about events, Super Summer sign up starts February 1st and the first 3 that sign up, get \$50 off of their total cost!!

Sign up at www.supersummerar.com.

Please continue to pray for us as we continue to grow.

We are reaching students with the gospel who have literally never heard about the mercy and grace that God offers us. Thanks so much.

Chris

Happy Birthday

January 28
Kathy Short

January 29
Dan Hardy
Scott Quimby
Hali Watkins

January 31
Emily Stratton

February 1
Tasha Martin

February 2
Cameron Jones
Gina Simpson
Leola Winfrey

February 3
Mackenzie Daugherty
Linda Edwards
Scott Tefteller
February 5
Zoe Rabeneck

February 7
Savannah Burns
Madsen Byers

February 9
Sloan Helms

February 10
Wendell Stratton

February 11
Gary Jones
Gray Morgan
Sue Wright

February 13
Courtney Kleinbeck

February 14
Andrea Fontenot
Kaylee Watson

Women Of The Word
All welcome
Topic: The Lord Our Provider
Every Tuesday
12:15-12:45

FBC Quilters
are back in session
Every **Tuesday 6 PM**

Supper Menu
Supper at 5 PM and
Prayer Meeting at 6 PM
Wednesday, February 4th
Pork Chops, Cream Potatoes & Gravy, green beans,
biscuit, cucumber/tomato salad, mandarin orange cake

Wednesday, February 11th
Hamburger and French Fries, Lemonade Pie

Weekly Activities
Sundays
9:00 a.m. _____ Sunday School Bible Study
10:15 a.m. _____ Morning Worship Service
5:30 pm _____ Club 1615
6:00 pm _____ DEEPER (February 8th)

Tuesdays
12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. _____ Women of The Word
6:00 p.m. _____ FBC Quilters

Wednesdays
5:00 p.m. _____ Fellowship Supper
5:45 p.m. _____ Children's Program
6:00 p.m. _____ Prayer Meeting
6:30 p.m. _____ FLIPSIDE 517 Youth Worship
6:00 pm-7:15 pm _____ DEEPER- The Battlefield of the Mind

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