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First Baptist Church Newsletter

April 12, 2023

DEALING WITH TEMPTATION

The Christian life is not always easy. In fact, it is war! Unfortunately, it doesn't always look like war. Too often it appears on the surface like the tranquil picture of a fisherman casting his line into a cool serene lake - but Satan is the fisherman and we're the fish! He uses the bait of our own selfish desires to lure us into sin.

We don't have to give in. We can stand strong in the face of temptation. How do we defend ourselves against the schemes of the devil? In these six sessions, we will consider how to deal with temptation and sin. We'll discover how to stand our ground, avoid sin, live faithfully for God, and live lives that please Him.

Brian will begin this valuable six week study this Sunday in the downstairs classroom at 9:00 a.m.

I pray that, by the end of our study together, we will be able to identify the source of our sin, expose our idols, and learn how to be satisfied in God alone.

Together with you,

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When Jesus Called Me

My name is Julmisse Jeckier (or just Jah-Keer). I was born in Haiti on March 18, 1973 in the city of Jean Rabel located in the Northwest Department. Jean Rabel is far from the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince.

When I was fourteen years old, I attended a Christian conference in our area. After several days I felt the need to accept Jesus into my life. I heard the voice of Jesus call me and I answered by accepting him into my life.

From there it was something marvelous because my life changed for the better. I faithfully attended Sunday classes, which helped me learn and grow. Then I attended baptism classes and was baptized.

Step by step I grew up in Jesus. Eventually, I became a Sunday school superintendent, youth leader, and more. After completing my philosophical studies (the U.S. equivalent to high school), my pastor guided me to attend seminary. Four years later I graduated from seminary and returned to my church to serve other followers of Christ.

I feel so honored to be a follower of Jesus because the Lord has been very good to me. From the moment I accepted Jesus until today I have nothing to complain about. It's a joy to report that I was the first of my sisters and brothers to accept and follow Jesus. Now, by God's grace, all of my siblings have become believers too. I give Christ praise for any small ways He used me to help them come to the faith.

In 1999 I was taking classes in Port-au-Prince toward a Civil Engineering degree. At this time, I was called to lead a church as a junior pastor. Three years later I became the senior pastor of that same church. Gradually I also provided more and more leadership to other pastors.

So, I love Jesus because He changed my life. I heard his voice and answered his call. I have never regretted for a second my thirty-six years in his service. The best part of all is He gave me eternal life – I am safe forever.

Your brother in Christ,

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Christian Care
Gloria Reeves - Room 214A

Home
Rose McCormick
Bonnie Riddle

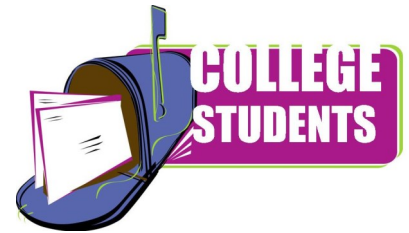


*Remember Our
Homebound Friends*

River Terrace
Karen West - Room 133
Carolyn McBride - Room 106

Auburn Village
Rick White

We like to encourage our college students as they are nearing finals week. If you would like to contribute toward a gift for the students, please give it to Howard or Jan Jones. They will make sure the students receive the gifts from their FBC family.



All men are invited to the men's Bible study which meets each Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the meeting room in the basement. They are currently studying the book of 2 Corinthians.

Thank you to everyone at First Baptist for the wonderful food and service.
~the family of Pee Wee West

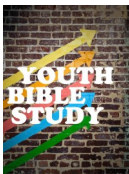


"to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Ephesians 3: 21

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:00 - 7:15 P.M.

Adventure Kids - for K through 5th grades. Bible stories, snacks, games, and other adventures.



Youth Bible Study - for 6th through 12th grades. Snacks, games, and working our way through the book of Acts.

Teachers - Sunday, April 16

Kids' Time
Joyce Evans
Marcia Liddy

LOL
Darcy Isch



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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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