



# INSIGHT



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## First Baptist Church, Gilroy

Our vision is to put Christ first by:  
Sharing. Loving. Growing, Serving & Giving

August 2009

### Developing Marriages that Last for a Lifetime

One of the greatest joys of being a pastor is that I often preside over weddings. Weddings bring joy. People are happy and hopeful. If only we could capture those feelings in a bottle and hold on to them for a lifetime! We know that some of the newness wears off over time, but marriage remains for many a rewarding and beautiful relationship. I know people who have been married well over fifty years that still dolt on their spouses and act like teenagers in love.

But tragically, not all marriages maintain even an acceptable level of joy. In the worst cases, joy is replaced by bitterness and hurt. More than half of all marriages in our country end in divorce. Where did the love go in these cases? The answer may not be “where did the love *go*?” but rather “when did the love stop *coming*?”

Marriage is an investment. The more you put into it, the greater opportunity for a return on that investment. FBC will be providing two opportunities to invest in your marriage.

First of all, we will host *Fireproof Your Marriage* starting on September 20. This is a 6 week study held based on the movie by the same title that will challenge you and your spouse to love better, to love first and to love for a lifetime. This small group study that is founded on Biblical principles for strong, God-centered, lifelong marriages will be held on Sunday evenings. We invite you and your spouse to join us in this exciting opportunity to learn how to make our marriages the strongest that they can be.

Secondly, FBC is joining *the Love Dare* challenge. *The Love Dare* is a book that is a 40-day challenge for husbands and wives to understand and practice unconditional love to each other. Each of the 40 days brings a “dare” that each spouse must try to accomplish that will bless and benefit their spouse. These dares start with something as simple as *not saying anything negative to your spouse today*.

You know that your marriage is the most important relationship that you will ever be in. Why not make it a top priority in your life for these six weeks in September and October and see what God can do for you!

### Fireproof Your Marriage

#### Sunday Evening Series Starting September 20

Each couple will need to purchase the Participant's guide and the Love Dare book.

Cost of workbooks: \$8 each

Couples can decide to share the books or get their own.

Sign up in Foyer or call the church office to let us know how many books you would like to have.

### What Pains Your Heart?

In Romans 9:2, Paul states that there is an unceasing anguish in his heart for the lostness of his kinsmen who do not know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. He understood the real consequences of them not being under the grace of Jesus' sacrifice. This caused Him pain and, more importantly, this motivated him to action. Paul gave his life to the singular goal of raising up the Risen Savior so that all men may know Him. We do not seem to have the same sort of anguish in our hearts for the Lost around us. Do we not really believe in the power of the gospel message or do we doubt what horrors await those who do not know Christ when they leave this world? Are we timid? *Continued on Page*

Whatever the obstacle, let us realize two things that we learn from Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8: (1) Christ has commanded us to go and tell the Gospel message to everyone, and (2) He has given us His Spirit to be able to accomplish His command. What remains is for us to be obedient and to be prepared, both of which requires us being filled with the Holy Spirit.

But first let me ask, "What pains your heart?" Paul *was obliged* to share the good news because of his concern for those around him. May we have the same concern! May we pray daily that God will burden us for the lostness that surrounds us! Beginning in August, we will be focusing attention on evangelistic outreach un-girded by prayer. We will be partnering with Southern Baptists around America in the GPS (God's Plan is Sharing) Campaign. I call all of us to begin asking the Lord to give us the harvests that are around us. Jesus told His disciples that the field were "white for harvest" (John 4:35). Let us be ready for the Lord to send us into the field of labor so that others may come to know Him and spend eternity in heaven.

*Pastor Tim Howe*

## SERVING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

### **Hosting Ministry Team**

8/2, 16, 30 Lisa Velasco, Kellie Bourke, Yann Turcotte, Gloria Ayala, Tom & Maya Goostree  
8/9, 23, 30 Lisa Bruce, June Gorman, Jose & Nanette Torres

### **Nursery**

8/2 Terra Cloutier, Nicole Gomez, Jana Fuljer  
8/9 Brian & Kellie Bourke, Stephanie Martinez  
8/16 Kim Howe, Sara Stewart, Mercy Mandujano  
8/23 Judy Farmer, Maya Goostree, Pat Wade  
8/30 Joy Gragg, Estella Hoey, Gloria Ayala

### **Children's Church Teachers**

8/2 Haran & Joy Schoming  
8/9 Lesia & Joy Gragg  
8/16 Jozef & Jana Fuljer  
8/23 Kim Howe & Estella Hopkins  
8/30 Kim Howe & Estella Hopkins

### **Deacons of the Week**

8/2 Tino Menchaca & Joe Rhett  
8/9 Ron Gorman & Scott Jackson  
8/16 Joe Gorman & Haran Schoming  
8/23 Dan Ordaz & Bob Kuntz  
8/30 Doug Mitzner & Tino Menchaca

### **Ushers for August —Team 1**

Bob Kuntz, Joe Gorman, Joe Rhett, Dan Ordaz,  
Tom Rutledge, Ken Brock

## **CHURCH LUNCHEON at HOMETOWN BUFFET on Sunday, August 9**

*Meet for lunch after the worship service.  
7950 Arroyo Circle*

SENIOR EVENT

## **PICNIC AT MT. MADONNA PARK THURSDAY, AUGUST 20**



Meet in church parking  
lot at 11:00am

*Bring a dish to share.*

## **Ice Cream Social**



**Saturday, August 8 at 6:30pm**  
Join us in the Courtyard 😊

Bring homemade or store bought  
ice cream to share.

Does a Sundae or Banana Split  
sound good?

Just bring some favorite toppings to  
share and we will provide the  
whipped cream and bananas.

***See you there!***

## VBS NEWS

Children attendance = 180  
Received Christ = 14

### Food Pantry Items Received:

Boys 156 / Girls 178



### Cash Gifts:

Boys \$516.20 = 206.5 ESL books

Girls \$330.83 = 132.5 ESL books

ESL books will be used by Kristin in South Asia

# SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

For our neighboring schools:

Rod Kelley Elementary School and  
Mt. Madonna Continuation High School

For the next several Sundays we would like to collect the following supplies:

Watercolor Sets, Kleenex, Journals, Washable Marker Sets, Pencils, Highlighters, Colored Pencils, Student Scissors, Erasers, Lined notebook, paper Crayons(36-count box), Glue Sticks, Pencil Sharpeners, Paper Towels, Pocket Folders (No Brads), Black Dry-Erase Markers, Baby Wipes



Drop off box will be in Foyer each Sunday for the month of August. Or you can bring the items to the church office on Monday through Thursdays.

## Church Services on Charter Cable TV

### **Gilroy—On Channel 20**

Monday - 12:00 Noon

Tuesday - 3:00pm

Wednesday - 5:00pm

Saturday - 7:00am and 10:00am

Sunday - 11:00am

### **Morgan Hill—On Channel 19**

Saturday - 7:00pm

Sundays - 8:00am, Noon and 7:00pm

## YOUTH GROUP:

Jr. High—High School

### Bible Study

Every Sunday at 9:30am

### Youth Night

Every Wednesday evenings from  
6:30pm to 8:00pm.



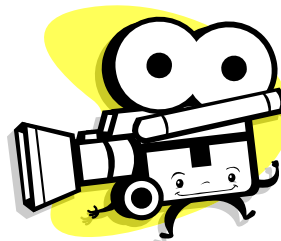
1st Wednesday of the  
month is **Pizza Night**

### Youth Recycling

Drop off your recyclables  
every Wednesday at  
6:15pm or Saturday at  
8:30am. Bring to back  
parking lot next to Youth Trailer.  
Bring plastic, glass & aluminum.



## Kid's Movie Night



Wednesday,  
August 5

6:30 to 8:30

Meet in Social Hall

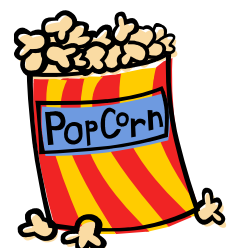
Featuring... Veggie Tales'  
"The Pirates Who Can't  
Do Anything"

Popcorn and Drinks

Ages Kindergarten to  
5th Grade

Free Event!

Tell your friends!



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**Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday:  
 8:30am to 4:00pm  
 Friday: Closed

**Senior Pastor:**

**Timothy Howe**  
 timhowe@fbcgilroy.org

**Worship Leader:**

**Jeannine McCoy**

**Office Administrator:**

**Laurie Clark**  
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**Church Treasurer:**

**Judy Farmer**  
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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**June 2009**

Average Bible Class Attendance 89  
 Average Worship Attendance 138  
 Yearly Budget Needs \$169,847.34  
 Giving To Date \$176,886.65  
 Weekly Budget Needs \$6,947.02  
 Average Weekly Giving \$6,037.69  
 Homeless Ministry \$10.00  
 Van Fund \$84.00  
 Benevolence \$50.00  
 Youth Mission Trip \$1,432.50  
 Lottie Moon \$55.00

**Sunday's Schedule:**

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
 Refreshments 10:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
 Children's Church 11:00 a.m.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**As of July 19, 2009**

Average Bible Class Attendance 76  
 Average Worship Attendance 145  
 Yearly Budget Needs \$189,445.11  
 Giving To Date \$196,422.62  
 Weekly Budget Needs \$6,947.02  
 Average Weekly Giving \$6,511.99  
 Van Fund \$84.00  
 Benevolence \$97.00  
 VBS \$852.31

**Wednesday Evening:**

Prayer Session at 6:30pm  
 Youth Night at 6:30pm  
 Children's Choir at 6:45pm  
 Bible Study 7:00pm (cancelled  
 on July 29)