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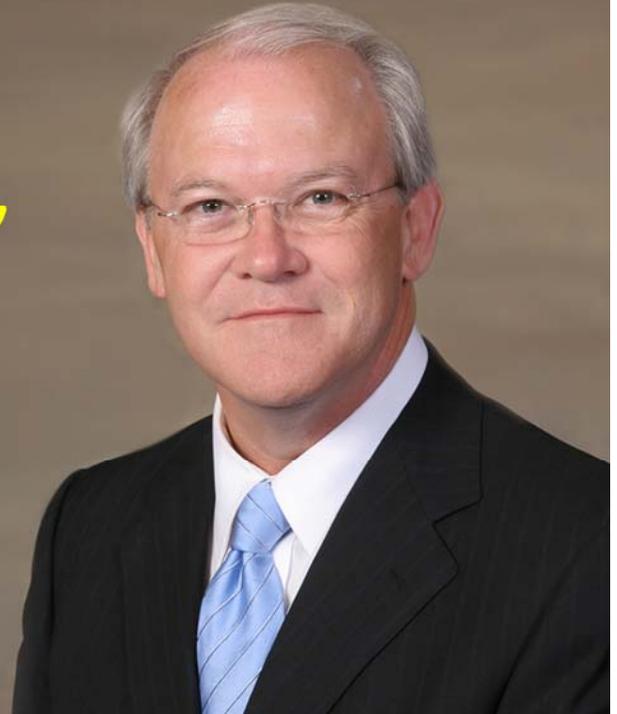
FEB 28/29

Share Light Day

with

Dr. Frank Page

President and CEO
Southern Baptist Convention
Executive Committee



New Message Series Starts March 6/7



The \$47,000 Hog...

DIRECTIONS
by
Dr. Clay Smith
Lead Pastor

My cousin Tamara grew up with me. She and her brother Dane were my companions when we worked cows, explored the woods, and stayed at their grandmother's house (my Aunt Iris).

Tamara never married, stayed in Wauchula, FL, and became a school teacher. Along the way she served as a Foster Mom. One boy captured her heart, Heath. Tamara adopted Heath and loved him deeply.

Tamara had a spirit that gave and loved. She taught Kindergarten and everyone loved "Miss Hendry." She didn't have an enemy in the world.

Last week, Tamara wasn't feeling well at school. She got Heath out of his classroom and went home. Shortly after arriving home, she suffered a heart attack and passed away, while Heath called 911.

Last week was also the county fair. As I have explained before, the cultural event in Hardee County, FL, each year is the livestock auction. For those unfamiliar with the rituals of 4-H and FFA (Future Farmers of America), kids raise a hog or a steer which is then auctioned off.

The bidding is spirited – there is a satisfaction in settling an old grudge by running up the bid on another man. Plus, the kids get to make some money for college. For hogs, the bid is usually around \$4 to \$6 per pound. On a 270 pound animal, it adds up.

Heath is in 4-H. He had been feeding a hog, anticipating the auction. His mother died in his presence on Wednesday. The livestock auction was to be the next day. All of Heath's family knew that Tamara would want him to be there for the auction, so Heath went.

This is what I love about community. As word spread through the community about Tamara, friends and kin decided to do something to show Heath their support. Phone calls were made, suggestions were offered, and the community decided to rally around a young man who needed support.

When it came time for Heath's hog to be auctioned, the auctioneer brought him out into the ring and explained the circumstances (which everyone already knew). The bidding began a little high, at \$5. Then it went up. And up. And up again. Twenty dollars flew by, then thirty. Fifty was left in the dust. Seventy, eighty, a hundred dollars per pound was bid.

As the bid went higher, tears started to form. The bid went past \$120, then past \$150. A minute and half after the auction began, the bid was at \$170 per pound, and the auctioneer cried "Sold!" The crowd erupted in cheers.

To help you with the math, Heath's hog weighed 276 pounds. That's 276 lbs. x \$170 = \$47,000.

I was told there wasn't a dry eye in the arena. I know who were there: people who are used to a cow stepping on their foot and shrugging it off; people who never shed a tear when a beloved dog died; people who get on with the hard work of life, never complaining. But this night was different. This night a community came together to say in a very tangible way, "Young man, we are so sorry about your Mother. We loved her and we love you. We can't replace her, but we can help you."

It really is better to give than to receive.

Tamara would approve.

Grace,

**QUARTERLY
CHURCH
CONFERENCE**

MARCH 2 @ 7:00PM
McManus Hall

Men's and women's teams will consist of adults over 16 who are regular ADBC attenders. The deadline to sign up is March 1.

Men - Call Matt Gristwood: 803.847.9423 (no text)
Women: Sign up in the lobby

Registration is free, but there is a fee for the t-shirt.

**CHURCH
LEAGUE
SOFTBALL**



While we were in the village of Alauca, Honduras, our team of 24 people were able to accomplish the following:

- Treat 1509 patients in the clinic
- Fill 8261 prescriptions
- See 175 dental patients and perform 326 tooth extractions
- Distribute 50 pairs of prescription glasses and 500 reading and 500 sun glasses
- Distribute 360 Bibles
- Distribute \$2,500 in rice and beans (which equates to about 500 lbs of each)
- Distributed 82 cases of shoes and clothing to over 1500 people
- And last but not least, welcome 48 people into the Kingdom as new Jesus followers as well as more than 25 rededicated members

Thank you to all that gave to the Alice Drive Baptist Church Open Door Offering! Your giving makes these trips possible.

GROW Character Class

March 6 • 9:45am - noon | 202B
Childcare Provided

Come discover how to grow in godly character. Learn how to develop the spiritual habits of Bible reading, prayer, giving, and fasting. Drop your kids off at their normal LIFE Groups - they can stay both hours.

GO Share Class

March 6 • 5:30-7:00m | McManus Hall
Childcare Provided

Everyone has a purpose, so we want to help you GO Share. In this class taught by Outreach Pastor Jock Hendricks, you will learn what your spiritual gifts are and how you can use them to serve the Lord.



2016/17 School Year Registration Opens March 1
Monday/Wednesday/Friday Weekday Preschool
for ages 6 months - 4 years



For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

— Matthew 6:21 —

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 28

Sunday Morning Services & LIFE Groups for all ages
 4:00p Outreach, Worship Center
 5:00p Deacons' Meeting, 104E/F

Monday, February 29

7:00p Monday Night Service
 LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade & adults

Tuesday, March 1

6:55a Men of Impact Bible Study, Worship Center
 10:00a Bad Girls of the Bible Class, 118
 6:30p Acts Part 2 Class, 208

Wednesday, March 2

2:00p The Praying Ladies, 119
 4:00p In-Depth Bible Study, 202A
 5:00p Fellowship Meal, Worship Center
 6:00p FISH Adult Discipleship Classes
 Awana (kids), Kids' Halls
 The Mix (Middle School), studio4.3
 7:00p Quarterly Church Conference, McManus Hall
 7:30p Worship Choir Rehearsal, 205
 The Mix (High School), studio4.3

Thursday, March 3

9:00a MOPS, Worship Center
 10:00a Thimble Thursday, 104A/B
 *Tech Talk Canceled
 *Vocal Team Rehearsal Canceled
 *Worship Team Rehearsal Canceled

Friday, March 4

Mission Team departs for Haiti

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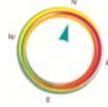
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DEACON NOMINATIONS

MARCH 6/7 & 13/14



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ATTENDANCE 2/21 & 2/22

8:30.....234
 9:45.....569
 11:00.....578
 Monday Night..... 182
Total..... 1,563

LIFE GROUPS 2/21 & 2/22

Adults.....446
 Students.....157
 Children.....211
 Preschool..... 280
Total..... 1,094

SERVANT LEADERS

Tina Sunderland—First Impressions	Harry Harris—HELPS
Missie Blair—First Impressions	Crystal Hicks—First Impressions
Patricia Jones—Photography	TJ Hicks—First Impressions
John Ellson—First Impressions	Brian Bowman—Operations

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL | March 2

Meatloaf w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, lima beans, cornbread, & dessert
 Kids' Menu: Hamburgers & French fries
\$5/adults, \$3/kids under 12, \$15 max/family

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**WORSHIP
 TIMES**

SUNDAYS

8:30am Traditional
 Childcare for 5 & under
9:45 & 11:00am Contemporary
 LIFE Groups for all ages

MONDAYS

7:00pm Contemporary
 LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade
 and adults