

Reconstruction Report

God's goodness to us at First Baptist Church continues! As we reflect on the progress with the reconstruction work, we see some of His specific love and provision:

- Roofing (100%)
- Cabinetry (100%)
- New signs (100%)
- Security System: Zone 1 and 2 (100%)
- Waste water plant (100%)
- Elevator (100%)
- New water coolers (100%)
- New parking lot lights (100%)
- Pond fencing (100%)
- Lightning protection system (99%)
- Fire protection system (99%)
- Overall Sanctuary Work (98%)
- Flooring (98%)
- Renovation of old FBCS Playground (95%)
- Air-conditioning repairs (95%)
- Painting and sheetrock work (95%)
- Landscaping (95%)
- Miscellaneous carpentry work (95%)
- General electrical and lighting (80%)
- New WEE Care playground (60%)
- New double-doors (25%)

Major Projects that have been deferred:

- Renovation of storage facility
- Rear parking lot repair/upgrade work
- Replacement generator (old generator is dead)
- Replacement A/C Chiller
- Organ Repair/Replacement
- Waterfall for pond aeration

The FBC / FBCS campus is functioning pretty normally now. The bulk of the reconstruction and renovation work is done, but we are completely out of funds to start anything else...and we will struggle somewhat to pay remaining bills. We had set a fund-raising goal of CI\$350,000 of which we actually raised \$229,714 (a shortfall of \$120,286). Certain projects noted above have had to be deferred, but we still need to raise \$45,000 as soon as possible to finish the on-going work. Please give your normal tithes and offerings BEFORE making a specific gift to the reconstruction work, but if you have been considering giving to complete this work, now is really the time. Alternately, if you are a decent painter, solid handyman or an avid gardener who would be willing to donate 2-4 hours on a Saturday or some evening after work (especially between 5th - 29th September), this would be such a blessing as we no longer have a gardener and our handyman will be on leave in September.

If you want more info about anything mentioned above, please contact Will Ryan on 925-5183 or via email at wryan@fbc.org.ky



Mission Statement

The mission of First Baptist Christian School is to provide academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment, which meets the educational and spiritual needs of each individual; and to develop confident, disciplined, caring, responsible citizens, and life-long learners who exemplify grace, knowledge, integrity, and godliness.

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The school is a ministry of the First Baptist Church, and enjoys one of the most modern facilities on island. First Baptist Christian School has an international staff comprised of fully trained and accredited Christian educators, with extensive experience in child rearing and development, including Discovery and Accelerated Reader programs as well as After School Care.

The First Baptist Christian School and WEE Care Centre provide quality education from pre-school to grade eight with spaces still available for the upcoming 2006-07 school year. We invite you to drop by and have a tour of our facilities or contact us at 945-7906 or email fbc@fbcs.edu.ky website: www.fbcs.edu.ky

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SEPTEMBER 2006

SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 3
10:30 am
 Thabiti Anyabwile
 "Will I Survive God's Wrath?"
Psalm 90

Sunday, September 10
10:30 am
 Thabiti Anyabwile
 "Acquisitions"
Eph. 1:1-14

Sunday, September 17
10:30 am
 Thabiti Anyabwile
 "Promotions"
Eph. 1:15-23

Sunday, September 24
10:30 am
 Duncan Nicol
 "What Is the Blessed Life?"
Psalm 1

This Month at First Baptist Church of Grand Cayman

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Mark your calendars! Beginning Wednesday September 13th, Pastor Thabiti will lead a study on the book of Galatians. Mid-week bible study is open to all! We meet each Wednesday night in the sanctuary from 6:15 - 7:15pm.



YOUTH PROGRAM

(Age Group: 12 to 17 years) Youth night starts back on Friday September 8th, 7pm- 9pm. Plan for an exciting new year. All are welcome to come enjoy and grow in their faith in the Lord. Small group youth Bible study will start September 13th at 6:15pm. We will be studying 'Knowing and Doing the Will of God' by Henry Blackaby.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Children's Church starts again on Sunday September 10th. Children will be dismissed during the Morning Service.

Kids' Choir starts again on Wednesday September 13th at 6:15 p.m.

The Wild Truth Bible Study for Junior Highers also starts on Wednesday September 13th at 6:15 p.m.

Evaluations and registration for the **Upward Basketball** league will be held on Saturday, 14th October for all ages from 1-3 pm and Monday, 16th October for all ages from 6-8 pm. The league itself starts in January 2007.



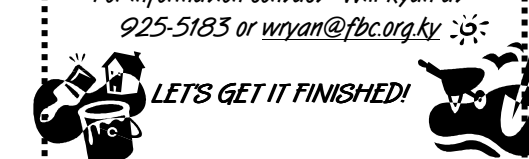
FBC Work Day
Saturday, September 16
8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Come out and help:

- Sieve sand
- Take down shutters
- Weed, water, prune & plant
- Paint
- Fix & build

Lunch & cold drinks provided

For information contact Will Ryan at 925-5183 or wryan@fbc.org.ky



LET'S GET IT FINISHED!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday October 15th, 2006
Ministry Fair
 Learn about various ministries of the church. Pray and see where God is leading you to minister and serve the body of Christ at FBC.

What is the Biblical Value and Meaning of your Church Membership?

Beginning in October, The Elders will lead a series of Sunday School classes bringing all the adult classes together. Everyone is asked to attend - whether you've been a member for many years or if you're considering becoming a member. This will be a time for studying God's word about the church, renewing our commitment to the church, getting to know new members, and casting vision for the years ahead.

Pastor's Perspective by Thabiti Anyabwile

Do you know why July 17, 2007 is important?

Take a guess. Go ahead... guess.

On July 17, 1977, twenty-one people gathered in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Neely for the first service of First Baptist Church of Grand Cayman. July 17, 2007 is the thirtieth anniversary of First Baptist Church!

It is awesome to think of the goodness and faithfulness of God who has preserved the witness of Jesus Christ in this place for three decades! Since that meeting the church has had four pastors, of which I am the fourth. I know churches that have had four pastors in four years! God has been good to establish consistency and stability in the shepherding of His people in this place.

The first meeting of the church included 21 people—all of them natives of Cayman Brac with the exception of the Neelys. Consider the goodness of God in growing the Sunday morning gatherings to the several hundred that now meet at FBC. And consider His goodness in making FBC a little more like heaven by now bringing people from over 20 nations and ethnic groups! Revelation 5:9-10 reads:

And they sang a new song, saying: "You [Jesus] are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for you were slain, and *have redeemed us to God by*

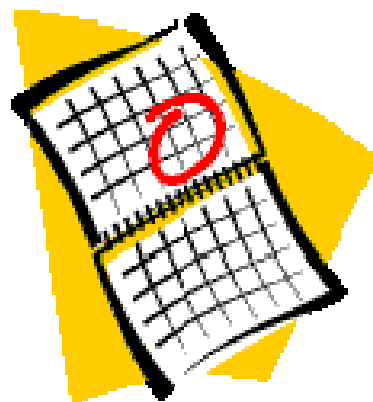
Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

Thirty years later, FBC is increasingly more like this vision of the universal Church that John saw in Revelation 5. Praise the Lord!

And thirty years later, while there are many small groups that still meet in people's homes for study and fellowship, the Lord has placed the church in this beautiful facility for ministry on Crewe Road. Each block in this building is a testimony to the faithfulness of God to the saints here at FBC. For the Lord has built this building—and in fact, after Hurricane Ivan, the Lord has rebuilt this building. How good the Lord is!

My family and I are thrilled to be a part of the family here at FBC. We are excited to join the work of the Lord going on in this place.

July 17, 2007 is really just a few months away. I think we should even now begin praying and planning for how we will celebrate and praise God for three decades of ministry in this place, three decades of seeing souls saved, three decades of preaching and prayer, three decades of missions, three decades of marriages and births, and three decades of experiencing and sharing God's love together!



And as the 30th anniversary approaches, let's be prayerful about 30 more years of ministry here. Let's not only look backwards but forwards also. In 30 years, I will be retirement age. How about you? What do we want the testimony of First Baptist Church to be when we have finished our course? Today, we are benefiting from the faith, planning and work of those 21 people who established this church. In what ways will the generations that follow us benefit from our faith, planning, and work?

I am excited about what the Lord holds for our future! I am excited about this milestone in the life of the church. And I am excited about how the Father will grow our love for Jesus and the church.

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" (I Cor. 2:9)

I pray the Lord will fill the next 30 years of our life as a church with mighty and unimaginable deeds for His glory!

Small Group Bible Study

I have heard that statistically we only ever get to know a few people well – maybe about thirty – in our own church body, and experience bears this out. And if we're honest, some of us may admit to knowing even fewer – primarily because we attend church on a Sunday morning, shake hands with a few people around us when we're asked to greet each other, and go home again...week after week.

This is not God's intent for the Church. Acts 2:42 tells us what the early believers did, and I believe we were meant to follow this model: "*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*"

True fellowship is very difficult within the context of a normal Sunday worship service; this is one of the reasons that being involved in a small group is so important. It also allows us to dig deeper together into God's word, to ask questions, share insights, and to help develop each other's character, "*as iron sharpens iron*" (Proverbs 27:17). Being part of a small group gives us a forum in which to pray for each other in a more personal way, and to be a circle of support and encouragement for each member. It is also a place where a person may come and just sit and listen without fear of being forced to say anything.

There are a number of small groups

available currently at FBC, and we encourage *everyone* to be part of one! There are men's, women's, couples, mixed and Filipino groups, and groups are available around the island. We are looking for persons willing to lead, to host and just simply to attend.

If you are a small group leader, or are interested in becoming one, you're invited to a short training/discussion with Pastor Thabiti on Sunday, September 10th at 5:00pm in the Music Suite (choir room) for him to hear how things have been going in the groups, how he can support this ministry, and to share some ideas/vision about future small group ministry.

Most small groups will kick off the week of September 10th, and each group will be deciding what they want to study this fall, so there will be plenty to choose from!

If you are not already part of a small group, please take time to fill out a small group sign up card. These are available in the pews or from the magazine table at the back and can be dropped in the offering plate or handed in to the church office between 8:00am and 4:00pm weekdays.

For more information, contact Deb Ryan at dryan@fbc.org.ky, 949-0692 (church) or 925-5182 (cell) or Denise Fenton at 547-9535 or denisefentonbc@hotmail.com



From Pastor Dave

Dear friends,

My name is Dave Jorge. I am the Pastor of Worship for the First Baptist Church of Grand Cayman. (Wow, it feels so good to finally be able to say that!). I have the awesome privilege to lead our Body in the corporate worship life of our church!

A new season in the Worship Ministry is upon us! I'd love to help you use your gifts and talents for God's glory in this wonderful ministry. There are many opportunities for you to help lead and facilitate our worship at FBC. Some of these opportunities include the Sanctuary Choir, Men's Choir, Children's Choirs, Youth Praise Band, worship band instrumentalists (piano, bass guitar, guitar, drums, percussion), woodwinds instruments, string instruments, brass instruments, vocal solos and ensembles, technical media (sound, lights, PowerPoint and video), decorations, ushers, greeters and many other groups and tasks.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents for God's glory. Many people are needed every week to facilitate our corporate worship of God and I'd love to see you be a part of this great ministry. If you'd like to join any of these groups or would like more information regarding any of these groups or opportunities please catch me after a service, or e mail me at djorge@fbc.org.ky or call me at the church 949-0692 ext 3604.

Looking forward to glorifying our Lord together with you,

Dave

**Sound, Lights and Power Point
Training Seminar
Tuesday September 12th - 6:00 p.m.
Upstairs in the Sanctuary
Sound Booth**