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# CLARION



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## An Old Friend's Words for an Old Enemy

This article is being written on Wednesday, after giving you this thought or quote on Sunday. It fits this year's emphasis as a thought from the ancient voices that have formed us. We have some great mothers and fathers of the church back there! The writer of Hebrews called them a great cloud of witnesses! It may be that the more of them we know, the better we will be. Benedict is the witness today.

Benedict truly wanted disciples to be serious about their work. He created The Rule. The Rule was to direct the disciples in focusing their lives as students of Christ. In the Academy for Spiritual Formation, Benedict is one of the guides for the development of the flow and rhythm of the day through prayer, worship, study and solitude.

I do not know as much about Benedict as I would like, but the "spiritual confrontation" he shares is great. I am not sure it would be best to call this a prayer for it is not spoken to God. It certainly is spiritual, and it is certainly a confrontation. I share it again.

Be gone Satan!  
Tempt me not with your vanities!  
What you offer me is evil.  
Drink the poisoned cup yourself!

Jesus had to confront the spirit of evil. James directs us to do so. James says that if we will resist the Devil, he will flee! Job had to resist the simple, logical conclusions from friends. So many relationships with each other and with things would be different if we saw through the beautiful coverings of the vanity and evil that capture our first attention, attraction and resulting reaction.

Will you take this thought, spiritual confrontation, or prayer with you as you consider how slyly Satan can make you think something is ripe, when it is rotten; when you begin to think, as a song of a few years back indicated, "how can it be wrong when it feels so right?" Remember, that's Satan's job. He does it well. You need to do yours well also.

Our job is to confront the antagonist. You are strong enough to do this! Try it!

# Coming up in March!

## Toward a Growing Marriage Conference

First Baptist Church, Round Rock, Texas

March 20 - 21, 2009

This one day workshop will be led by Gary Chapman, author of The Five Love Languages. The workshop is Saturday, March 21, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. The workshop costs \$90 per couple, which includes lunch. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn, Round Rock, for the night of Friday, March 20. For the group rate of \$85 + tax, your reservations must be made by March 13. Breakfast is included in the cost of the room. Total cost for the workshop and hotel is \$186.05. For more information, contact [Matt@fbrichmond.net](mailto:Matt@fbrichmond.net).



### Mother's Day Out First Baptist Church, Richmond

Registration for  
September, 2009-May, 2010  
March 4, 2009 at 8:00 am  
Children Ages 9 Months - 4 years  
as of September, 2009.

One, two or three days per week available  
(Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)  
Pre-K available for 4 year old class.

Our Annual MDO Garage Sale is coming up on  
Saturday, March 28, 7:00 - 11:00 am! If you  
have donations, we will begin collecting in March.

## YOUTH CORNER

Sunday mornings	Youth University	9:00 am
Sunday Nights in March:		
8	Parent Meeting	6:00 pm
15	Open Gym	6:00 pm
22	Youth Party, Turners' Home	5:00 pm
29	Richmond Coffee Station, Book Discussion, <u>1984</u>	6:00 pm

Wednesday nights - Supernova 6:00 pm

**DISCIPLE NOW:** Here & Now, March 6-8, Cost: \$30  
Please plan to have your youth involved in this amazing weekend of worship, service and fun. Our speaker will be Pat Cammarata and worship will be led by the Stephen Miller Band. Host homes are still needed, so if you can sleep 8 teenagers on the floor and have a room for a college student leader we need you. You will only be supplying the house and breakfast on Saturday. Contact Matt if you would like to volunteer. Sign-up is in the foyer.

Crop Walk, Saturday, March 28, 8:00 am!



## Spring Break

### Kids Skate Party

Wednesday, March 18,

11 am - 2 pm

for Kids Kindergarten - 6th grade

Join us in the gym for skating,  
lunch and fun!

## MUSIC MINISTRY MATTERS

### The Music Ministry Welcomes Patricia Isham!

Patricia has joined our worship staff as Church Pianist. She has extensive experience as a church pianist and accompanist, and we are grateful to have her at First Baptist Church. Please pray for Patricia as she begins this new work, and if you haven't done so, take a moment to meet her today after the service.

### Seven Last Words

You are encouraged to join us in Sanctuary Choir as we prepare for our Palm Sunday morning presentation of Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Be part of a truly inspirational experience. We need you. Practice is 7:00 pm, on Wednesday nights and 4:15 pm on Sundays in March.

**Join us for our Wednesday Night Family Activities** - Supper, Children's Choirs, Parenting Roundtable and Prayer Meeting!



It's not too late to sign up for our "behind-the-scenes" tour of *The Birth of Christianity: A Jewish Story*, at the

Houston Museum of Natural Science on Saturday, April 4, from 9:00-11:00 am. If you have already signed up, your payment is due now. There is still room available if you would like to go. Sign up sheets are available in your classes and in the foyer.

# March 2009

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>March 1</p> <p>*Lent Begins*</p> <p>Al Clark</p> <p>Genie Parker</p> <p>7:45am Deacons Breakfast and Meeting</p> <p>4:15pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>4:30pm Missions Committee Mtg.</p> <p>5:00pm Youth-Movie Night</p> <p>5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal*</p> <p>6:00pm Know Why You Believe*</p> <p>7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study*</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30pm Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Amy Pena</p> <p>Sue Hand</p> <p>9:00am MDO</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm 10 Poems to Last a Lifetime (Richmond Coffee Station)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Robbie Balena</p> <p>8:00am MDO Public Registration</p> <p>9:00am MDO</p> <p>9:30am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Supper</p> <p>6:00pm Children's Choirs</p> <p>6:00pm Parenting Roundtable*</p> <p>6:00pm Prayer Meeting*</p> <p>6:00pm Youth - Supernova</p> <p>7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Rita Cooper</p> <p>9:00am MDO</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm Youth-Disciple Now</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Beth Bottoms</p> <p>Youth-Disciple Now</p> <p>9:30am WINGS-Women in Godly Service Craft Jam (Room 208)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Michele Boles</p> <p>8:00am Youth-Disciple Now</p> <p>4:15pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00pm Adult Bible Study Teachers Meeting</p> <p>5:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal*</p> <p>6:00pm Know Why You Believe*</p> <p>6:00pm Youth-Parent Night</p> <p>7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study*</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00am MDO</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm 10 Poems to Last a Lifetime (Richmond Coffee Station)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Kyle Glasscock</p> <p>Orville Wornat</p> <p>9:00am MDO</p> <p>9:30am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Supper</p> <p>6:00pm Business Meeting*</p> <p>6:00pm Children's Choirs</p> <p>6:00pm Parenting Roundtable*</p> <p>6:00pm Youth - Supernova</p> <p>7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am MDO</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Georgia Doggett</p>	
<p>15</p> <p>Emily Bills</p> <p>4:15pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal*</p> <p>6:00pm Know Why You Believe*</p> <p>6:00pm Youth-Open Gym</p> <p>7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study*</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30pm Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Alex Tyer</p> <p>Samantha Burns</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm 10 Poems to Last a Lifetime (Richmond Coffee Station)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Cody Burns</p> <p>Dustin Murray</p> <p>Lila Thompson</p> <p>9:30am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>11:00am Kid's Skating Party (Gym)</p> <p>6:00pm Prayer Meeting*</p> <p>7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Levi Clark</p> <p>Tammy Burns</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Marriage Retreat (Round Rock)</p> <p>Martha Hay</p> <p>Mason Edmondson</p> <p>Nancy Love</p> <p>9:30am WINGS-Craft Jam (Room 202)</p>	
<p>22</p> <p>4:15pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00pm Youth Party (Turners' Home)</p> <p>5:15pm Evangelism Committee (Conference Room)</p> <p>5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal*</p> <p>6:00pm Know Why You Believe*</p> <p>7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study*</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Al Gardner, Jr.</p> <p>6:30pm Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Taylor Kennedy</p> <p>9:00am MDO</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm 10 Poems to Last a Lifetime (Richmond Coffee Station)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Lloyd Rowland</p> <p>Selma Meadows</p> <p>9:00am MDO</p> <p>9:30am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Supper</p> <p>6:00pm Children's Choirs</p> <p>6:00pm Parenting Roundtable*</p> <p>6:00pm Prayer Meeting*</p> <p>6:00pm Youth - Supernova</p> <p>7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Christi Henderson</p> <p>Melissa Inman</p> <p>9:00am MDO</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Emily Hobbs</p> <p>Jamie Dvorak</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Cathy Gunderson</p> <p>David Barr</p> <p>7:00am MDO Garage Sale</p> <p>8:00am CROP Walk-Youth</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Karly Pavlicek</p> <p>Ron Smith</p> <p>Suzanne Massoth</p> <p>Tammy Haring</p> <p>8:00am Family Ministry Committee Meeting</p> <p>4:00pm Shut-in Lord's Supper</p> <p>4:15pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal*</p> <p>6:00pm Know Why You Believe*</p> <p>6:00pm Youth-Richmond Coffee Station</p> <p>7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study*</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Jessica Hickman</p> <p>Sara Hall</p> <p>6:30pm Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Jordan Hitt</p> <p>9:00am MDO</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm 10 Poems to Last a Lifetime (Richmond Coffee Station)</p>				

Sunday mornings:  
 9:00 am Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship\*  
 \*Childcare Provided