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### THE CONNECTING WIRE

The Men's Ministry e-mail newsletter of **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH KETTERING**  
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**THE CONNECTING WIRE** is the opt-in newsletter for the men of **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH KETTERING**. It's a periodic service that helps connect you with God and with other men at **FBK**. If you'd like its delivery to your email address stopped, scroll down and follow the instructions at the end of this message. Also let me know if you change your email address and want to keep subscribing to **THE CONNECTING WIRE**.

"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

#### CONSIDER

“Peace is the deliberate adjustment of my life to the will of God.” Unknown

#### NIV BIBLE TOPS LIST BY EVANGELICAL LEADERS

The New International Version of the Bible is by far the most preferred translation of the Scripture, according to a new survey of US evangelical leaders. More than 65% of the participating leaders name the NIV as their preferred Bible in a survey conducted by the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) in light of the NIV's 30th anniversary this year.... Read this in full at

[http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080411/31904\\_NIV\\_Bible\\_Tops\\_List\\_by\\_Evangelical\\_Leaders.htm](http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080411/31904_NIV_Bible_Tops_List_by_Evangelical_Leaders.htm)

Also see

<http://www.niv.info>

#### EMOTIONS

“The Bible is not a book of abstract, technical information. It is a book about relationships, primarily relationships between God and people. Emotions play a big role in relationships. This is frequently overlooked in biblical interpretation. As part of your careful reading, when you observe the text be sure to underscore words and phrases that have emotional overtones, that is, words that convey feeling and emotion. Also be sure to note terms such as "father, mother, child, daughter, son," and so on. These usually have underlying emotional

connotations as well.” from Journey into God's Word: Your Guide to Understanding and Applying the Bible by J. Scott Duvall & J. Daniel Hays

#### AUTHORITATIVE

“The young church first embraced the written records from Paul's careful explication of Jesus' teaching. Paul's letters to individual churches were copied and exchanged among all church communities. Not long after his death in AD 66 or 67 every new center of the Church had a set of the most recognized letters of Paul. In the same way, manuscripts with the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, circulated and were copied by the churches and were quickly accepted as authoritative. By the end of the second century nearly 90% of what came to be known as the New Testament was accepted by Christians as apostolic and divinely inspired, and hence authoritative. Discussions surrounding the remaining books continued in the third and fourth centuries alongside the debates that led to the formulation of the ancient creeds of the Church -- the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian.” From The Faith: What Christians Believe, Why They Believe It, and Why It Matters by Charles Colson and Harold Fickett

#### EVANGELICAL POLITICS: THREE GENERATIONS

A passionate dialogue is unfolding among evangelical leaders and communities on the place of religion in politics and public life. In a packed conference room at the 2008 National Pastors Convention, radio journalist Krista Tippett conducted a live conversation with 3 generations of formative evangelicals, including former advisor to President Nixon and Prison Fellowship founder Chuck Colson, megachurch pastor Greg Boyd, and social activist and new monastic Shane Claiborne. Hear their lively discussion about the role of Christians in politics and the struggle to balance evangelical values with modern social realities.... Read this in full at <http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/>

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 1

<http://www.ndptf.org>

#### SPIRITUAL FRIENDS

by John Ortberg

“A friendship, like falling asleep, is something you cannot enter into by sheer willpower. I can open myself up to it. I can pray for it. But friendship happens, when it happens, as a gift. It comes like rain or sunshine or Cinnabons; a delight and joy and bonus that makes the world a better place. I think, maybe, that when you come right down to it, friendship is pretty much what the church is about. And the human race, for that matter".... Read this in full at <http://www.christianitytoday.com/leaders/newsletter/2008/cln80414.html>

#### VIRGINIA TECH LESSON: EXPERIENCE GOD AS GOOD WHEN LIFE ISN'T

April 16 marked the 1st anniversary of the Virginia Tech massacre. When tragedy strikes your life, even the best theological answers don't help. You know intellectually that God is good, and that He's with you in the midst of this fallen world. But knowing that doesn't take away the pain you feel. The answers to life's hardest questions become personal only when you experience God's goodness for yourself. Matt Rogers' new book, *When Answers Aren't Enough: Experiencing God as Good When Life Isn't*, offers practical applications....

<http://www.crosswalk.com/root/11572520/page0/>

Also see Matt Rogers' interview on The 700 Club

[http://www.cbn.com/media/index.aspx?s=%2fvod%2fSUE99\\_MattRogers\\_041508&title=Virginia+Tech+Tragedy%3a+The+Year-Long+Journey](http://www.cbn.com/media/index.aspx?s=%2fvod%2fSUE99_MattRogers_041508&title=Virginia+Tech+Tragedy%3a+The+Year-Long+Journey)

#### LEADERSHIP TIP (BUSINESS, FAMILY, LIFE)

“Success is going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.” Winston Churchill

#### VERSE TO PONDER

"I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you....that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, [and] that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:1,3-4

#### CONSIDER

“It is easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.” Alfred Adler

#### MUST RELIGIOUS LEADERS BE HUMAN? CASPIAN'S FRIENDS POP UP FROM NARNIA

For millions of fans of *The Chronicles of Narnia* -- and other spiritual fantasies written by C. S. Lewis and his friends (including J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*) -- the role of religious leadership may spring from characters who aren't even human. For example, the heroic little mouse Reepicheep in *Prince Caspian* (you'll meet him when the latest Narnia film debuts in theaters May 16).... Read this in full at

<http://www.readthespirit.com/explore/2008/04/144-must-religi.html>

#### RELIGIOUS TEACHING STRAIGHT TO YOUR IPOD

Evangelists have long used the airwaves to get their messages out to a mass audience. But now, podcast technology is opening the doors to a wider variety of religious teaching than ever before, available on demand and delivered automatically to the computers of a growing number of Americans hungry for spirituality.... Read this in full at

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2008-04-08-ipod-sermons\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/religion/2008-04-08-ipod-sermons_N.htm)

IF DOGS WERE THE TEACHERS, YOU WOULD LEARN STUFF LIKE:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Let fresh air and the wind in your face be pure ecstasy.

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water, and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

No matter how often you're scolded, never hold a grudge! Run right back and make friends.

Delight in the joy of a long walk.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.

Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

#### LEARNING FROM TR

In a recent issue of his TIPS newsletter, Phillip Humbert talks about learning from the lives of successful people, and cites Theodore Roosevelt as an example. He talks about "models of people who passionately pursue every ounce of talent, opportunity, and potential they have. They do things differently. They have habits, attitudes, and behaviors that create the results they desire. Here's a hint: Copy THESE people!

"So, what have I observed about TR? Here are just a few things:

1. Enormous self-discipline. As a skinny, sickly child who nearly died many times, when his father told him he must build his body, he launched himself into an exercise routine that would shame most Olympic athletes. Later, his work and writing schedule amazed even his publishers. His ability to master the intricacies of politics confounded his adversaries. The man knew how to focus.

2. Applied energy. Whether he was herding cattle, running for election, or playing with his children, people marveled at his ability to get things done. He may have had more energy than most of us, but what struck me was his ability to solve problems. He got up early, he worked hard, he loved what he was doing and his passion drove him forward. Winners have the same 24-hour day, but they use their time and energy differently. They get more and better results.

3. Quick, practical intelligence. TR had the ability to see through the confusion of daily life and find real solutions. When faced with family challenges or political opponents, or the thousands of details that confuse and confound most of us, he would pause, consider his primary objective, and cut through the clutter. To use a modern cliché, he 'kept his eyes on the prize.' For him, there was always a solution and he was determined to find it.

4. Gusto and love of life. Call it what you will, TR's sheer enthusiasm often carried the day. His most common expression was a rollicking, hugely exaggerated shout of 'DEEEEElighted!' He loved people. He loved challenges and problems. He loved to laugh, and he loved his work. He loved life and was not shy about it. People enjoyed being around him (even when they opposed him), and his passion and joy opened doors that would not have been available to others.

Obviously, we shouldn't try to be anyone but ourselves. Each of us is unique, and our highest and best is to be precisely and fully who we are. But we can and do learn from others. Unfortunately too often we learn 'accidentally,' and bad habits too easily find room in our lives. But we can also learn intentionally from the most successful and inspiring people we can find. Choose your models wisely. Your life depends on it."

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## CHRIST

The Many Names of CHRIST

To the ARTIST He is the One Altogether Lovely.

To the ARCHITECT He is the Chief Corner Stone.

To the BAKER He is the Living Bread.

To the BANKER He is the Hidden Treasure.

To the BIOLOGIST He is the Life.

To the BUILDER He is the Sure Foundation.

To the CARPENTER He is the Door.

To the DOCTOR He is the Great Physician.

To the EDUCATOR He is the Great Teacher.  
To the ENGINEER He is the New and Living Way.  
To the FLORIST He is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.  
To the GEOLOGIST He is the Rock of Ages.  
To the HORTICULTURIST He is the True Vine.  
To the JUDGE He is the Righteous Judge, Judge of All Men.  
To the JEWELER He is the Pearl of Great Price.  
To the LAWYER He is the Counselor, the Lawgiver, the Advocate.  
To the NEWSPAPER He is the Good Tidings of Great Joy.  
To the OCULIST He is the Light of the Eyes.  
To the PHILANTHROPIST He is the Unspeakable Gift.  
To the PHILOSOPHER He is the Wisdom of God.  
To the PREACHER He is the Word of God.  
To the SCULPTOR He is the Living Stone.  
To the SERVANT He is the Good Master.  
To the STATESMAN He is the Desire of All Nations.  
To the STUDENT He is the Incarnate Truth.  
To the THEOLOGIAN He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith.  
To the TOILER He is the Giver of Rest.  
To the SINNER He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.  
To the CHRISTIAN He is the Son of the Living God, the Savior, the Redeemer and the Lord.

To me...HE is all of this and more;  
HE is my everything, my all in all;  
HE is more than LIFE to me,  
My soon coming King.  
What is He to you?  
(from Cybersalt newsletter)

#### CONSIDER

“Every one of us has in him a continent of undiscovered character. Blessed is he who acts the Columbus to his own soul.” Unknown

#### VERSE TO PONDER

"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law." Romans 13:8

#### THIS WEEK'S HYMN: CHRIST, WHO LEFT HIS HOME IN GLORY

Words & Music: Abram B. Kolb, 1896

Christ who left His home in glory,  
And upon the cross was slain,  
Now is ris'n! Oh, tell the story,

That the Savior lives again.

Refrain

Hail Him! Hail Him!

Tell the story!

Hail! all hail!

Jesus lives forevermore.

While the world in peace was sleeping,

Early on that Easter day,

Came the faithful women weeping,

But the stone was rolled away.

Refrain

Christ, our loving Mediator,

Now with God for you and me

Intercedes, and our Creator

Hears and answers every plea.

Refrain

>from CyberHymnal at

<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/c/w/l/cwlhHING.htm>

#### ON PRAYER

“Prayer is not merely an occasional impulse to which we respond when we are in trouble: prayer is a life attitude.” Walter A. Mueller

#### PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS TODAY

<http://christiansinCrisis.net/>

#### PRAY

-For our Church Staff;

-For God to provide workers who will commit to fill the many tasks before us as we continue to settle into this larger building and property.

-For our community and the outreach program.

-For the Intercessory Prayer Room Ministry

Note: Each Thursday 7-8 PM a special time of prayer in IPR

-For installation of sound panels in the Fellowship Hall

-For the *Be Real Crusade/Revival* with Evangelist Ken Freeman May 18-21 (Sun. – Wed.) Pray for God to move mightily!

-Please pray about meeting Sunday mornings from 6:30 to 7:30 with some of the other Men for prayer. It's a great way to start the Lord's Day!

[As you travel on business or vacation, let me know if you'd like the church guys to pray for your safety and spiritual effectiveness. I'll add your name to the list for the time you'll be away.]

### SHARE YOUR FAVORITE WEBSITES

Tell us what sites you find enjoyable and why.

YouTube: Star Spangled Banner by JibJab

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCptOTQHq4o>

All links to websites are provided as a service, and do not imply endorsement by our church.

(BTW: whenever the URLs in this newsletter are too long to turn into links on your e-mail program, just copy the entire URL (two lines or more) and paste it into a temporary email message. Then delete the return in the middle of it and copy it again. Then paste it into your web browser and hit enter.)

The best cure for shaking knees is to kneel on them.

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The mission of **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH KETTERING** is to honor God by equipping believers to reflect and communicate the love of Jesus in our community and beyond. The Men's Ministry Team offers a variety of activities for men to interact with other men on our journey of faith in Christ together. Large group, small group, and one-to-one events encourage relationship building and spiritual strengthening that result in maximizing the potential we all have in Christ.

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