



The Baptist Herald

Financial Peace University

If you are just starting out or retiring this may be a program for you. Most people struggle to make ends meet. They just have too much money left at the end of the month. If you have made mistakes and feel like your money vanishes each month, you are not alone. In fact, 70% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, regardless of income.

Financial Peace University is designed to teach you and your family how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, and build wealth. You'll meet with your class each week to watch

the video lesson and participate in discussion and accountability groups that will change your whole attitude about money!

Dave breaks through the common financial jargon and explains how money really works in a simple, easy-to-understand style. You'll actually have fun as you learn about saving, budgeting, investing, insurance and more!

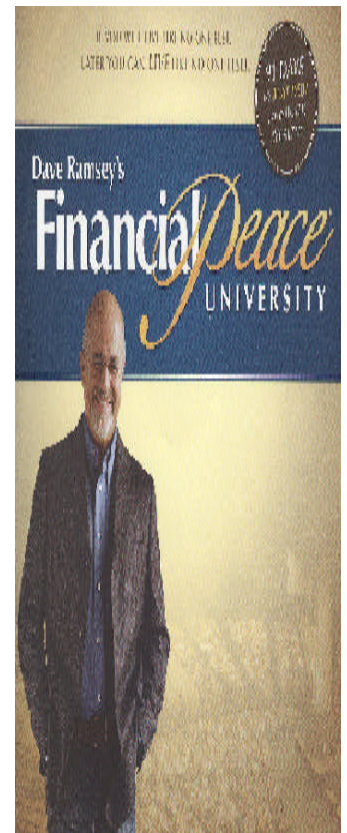
You will learn how to:

- Get Control of Your Money
- Tell Your Money What To Do
- Stop Struggling To Make Ends Meet
- Change Your Family's Future

Join us to preview the program to see if it is what you are looking for:

January 20th at 6:00 pm & January 24th at 12:00 pm

The 13 week class starts February 1st at 6:00



My only hope was that it was “just a hose”, which is always what I root for. I pulled out of the driveway and when I began turning the wheel I was unsure if I was steering or trying to ring the neck of a Big Horn Sheep. My wife knew that something was wrong by the ferocious scowl on my face; a look I reserve for Do-It-Yourself limb amputations, car trouble, or any suggestion that might require a trip to Wal-Mart. Since no shopping was even on the radar, and my arms and legs were all functioning she, with the perception of an experienced wife, knew that it had to be car trouble. We rode in silence for a while (after she realized that any question she asked would be answered by short barks in my best impression of a concentration camp guard, just without all the kindness and compassion typically associated with Nazis’) while I tried to convince myself that it was “just a hose”.

I don’t know anything about cars; actually that is a significant overstatement, I know quite a bit less than that. When people talk to me about car things I just smile, with a large foreign-exchange-student smile, and

nod my head up and down until they stop talking; then I attempt to cover my total confusion and stupidity with the only two car vocabulary words I know, Yes! Yes! One of the few things I do know about cars is that when they “No Go”, and you take them to a mechanic (who wonders why I am always wagging my head and grinning like a maniac), if the mechanic says the words “just a hose” that usually means that it will work soon and cost less than 100 dollars. So, as I scowled and drove I tried to invent reasons why it could, in fact, be “just a hose”.

The steering wheel turned fine as I drove 55 out to my folks, but as I slowed and pulled into the driveway the Big Horn was back, bucking and straining his neck, trying his best to run over my parent’s mailbox. I parked and the family and I ran through the rain into the house. I knew I had been in a bit of a “mood” on the way over and felt bad about it. There is nothing worse than having an evening of family time spoiled by a grouch worrying and stomping around barking and scowling at everyone. I decided that I would put the car trouble out of my mind, choosing to smile, and not bring the rest of them down; besides it was almost

certainly “just a hose”.

“Why do you have the horrible scowl on your face” my mom asked before I was even fully in the house, *“you look like you just cut your arm off; and why are you stomping?”* I assured her that I was perfectly fine. I don’t know why everyone always gets so worked up about these kinds of things. We spent a cheerful and enjoyable evening with my parents, and I almost totally forgot about the car trouble (despite certain family member’s silly and untrue accusations of “barking” and “snapping”) until it was time to drive home. My dad suggested that the problem could be caused by “the rain” (which was even cheaper than the “just a hose” explanation) and so, confident and full of hope, I loaded the family and started the car.

I began to drive forward and when I reached the Christmas tree shed, I made a quick turn to try to come back toward the house. As I tried to pull around I immediately learned 2 very important facts. The first was that steering problem was definitely not “just a wet belt”, as I dragged down on the wheel in an attempt to execute the turn. The second piece of informa-

tion was that, while the rain had not caused the power steering to go out, it had turned the field just past the gravel parking area into a muddy, sucking lake of soft earth. And if someone happened to be trying to turn their car around in the gravel but could not turn the wheel very well, there was a small chance that the car might end up stuck the swamp.

I sat there, axel deep in the new ruts I had just dug in my dad's field. The kids had stopped shouting out suggestions, for which I thanked them in my kindest and most fatherly bark. My wife tried her best to support me in my hour of trial by laughing hysterically from the passenger seat, which was probably less helpful than she realized. I had given up driving back and forth (since the only direction I was going was down) and decided to get out of the car to assess the situation (as an added bonus this meant I couldn't hear helpful suggestions or supportive spousal chuckling). I stepped out into an ankle-deep puddle of muddy water and stared hopelessly at my sunken vehicle trying to remember, how this had all

happened and why I had decided to wear my good shoes. Dad, having seen my dilemma, stomped out of the house. He looked glad to have the opportunity to get out of bed and go stand in the rain; and began to ask helpful questions like why I had driven off the gravel into his waterlogged field. I calmly explained the situation and we started to discuss possible solutions, neither of us showing any signs of stress or frustration (although the casual observer might have mistaken our polite conversation for barking and snapping). I was interested to see how Dad's attitude about car trouble reminded me of someone else, that same calm and optimistic perspective, the cheery and worriless demeanor, which I effortlessly imitated.

I wonder if my ability to handle difficult vehicular situations is genetic or is a learned behavior. So often I will do something or say something (or sing some random phrase) and then suddenly realize that I am turning into my father. Then I look down the chain and see in my son some of my sins, demonstrated. I have heard

stories of my dad's dad, his temper and inability to control it, and I can see the challenges that my father took on in order to grow patience in me. I marvel at the character that grows through the generations and also at the sin. We always joke that everything that I do wrong is my dad's fault, but it becomes less funny when I see my anger or impatience on display in the lives of my kids. I wish I could impart to my kids only good character and not bad, but their lives (and mine) show this to be wishful thinking. So much of what I have learned from my parents, by God's grace, has been so positive and helpful, and I pray that my kids will someday say the same thing. *Be imitators of God then, as dearly loved children.* This year, as you seek to emulate your heavenly father, recognize that you will be building character for generations to come, either blessings or curses (probably both) so, live as children of light. (Incidentally, I got the van out the next day, after the ground had dried up, I took it to the mechanic who took care of the problem in a few hours; it was "just a hose".)

Jeff Strickland—

❖ Pastor Jeff's Book Club

Informational/Call Out Meeting is January 7th @ 6pm in the Fellowship Hall—You do not have to have read any books before this meeting!! This meeting will hopefully answer any questions you might have about the club, introduce the books, and set a monthly meeting schedule. Please plan on being there if you are interested in being a part of the club!

Books For The Year

- The Reason for God
- Perelandra
- The Cross of Christ
- The Pursuit of God
- To the Golden Shore
- What is a Healthy Church Member?
- Book of Martyrs
- Attributes of God
- Knowing God
- Pilgrim's Progress
- Let the Nations Be Glad
- Screwtape Letters



❖ *"Answering the Younger Generation—A Night of Q&A"*—The next generation seems to be asking different questions and facing unique struggles in their dealing with the truth of Christianity, leaving many parents and grandparents with the difficult task of understanding and answering these challenges to the faith. With coffee, hot chocolate, and tasty treats being served, we will discuss some of these issues in a question and answer format with Pastors Isaac and Jeff.

- January 17th @ 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Sign Up at the Welcome Center—Also please place any questions in the designated shoe-box located next to the Sign Up!

❖ *New Discipleship Opportunity @ FBC*—This year we will be starting a new discipleship opportunity called "*GROWING*":

- "*GROWING*" will include:
 - Four Saturday Morning Seminars (once a quarter)—that will usually include three teaching sessions and lunch
 - These seminars will seek to be times of concentrated and in-depth teaching and discussion on relevant and pressing areas of interest @ FBC
- *GROWING—Series #1* will be January 30th from 9am—1pm
 - Topics and Signup details coming soon!!



❖ Theology Breakfast—Final Round

- The Final Round of Theology Breakfast will include teaching on the doctrines of the End Times and the Church
 - Specific Topics will include:
 - the Rapture
 - Millennium
 - New Earth
 - Baptism
 - Church Government
 - Lord's Supper
 - Spiritual Gifts, and much more!
 - Sign Up at the Welcome Center!!

From the Keys of Linda Wilson

I thought you would like to read some history behind one of our most cherished Christmas carols. I have edited the article for space and it is available in full at www.silentnight.web.za/history

SILENT NIGHT: The Song Heard 'Round The World

by Bill Egan, Christmas Historian

180 years ago the carol "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht" was heard for the first time in a village church in Oberndorf, Austria. The congregation at that Midnight Mass in St. Nicholas Church listened as the voices of the assistant pastor, Fr. Joseph Mohr, and the choir director, Franz Xaver Gruber, rang through the church to the accompaniment of Fr. Mohr's guitar.

The German words for the original six stanzas of the carol we know as "Silent Night" were written by Joseph Mohr in 1816, when he was a young priest assigned to a pilgrimage church in Mariapfarr, Austria. His grandfather lived nearby, and it is easy to imagine that he could have come up with the words while walking thorough the countryside on a visit to his elderly relative. The fact is, we have no idea if any particular event inspired Joseph Mohr to pen his poetic version of the birth of the Christchild. The world is

fortunate, however, that he didn't leave it behind when he was transferred to Oberndorf the following year (1817).

On December 24, 1818 Joseph Mohr journeyed to the home of musician-schoolteacher Franz Gruber who lived in an apartment over the schoolhouse in nearby Arnsdorf. He showed his friend the poem and asked him to add a melody and guitar accompaniment so that it could be sung at Midnight Mass. His reason for wanting the new carol is unknown. Some speculate that the organ would not work; others feel that the assistant pastor, who dearly loved guitar music, merely wanted a new carol for Christmas.

Later that evening, as the two men, backed by the choir, stood in front of the main altar in St. Nicholas Church and sang "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" for the first time, they could hardly imagine the impact their composition would have on the world.

Two traveling families of folk singers from the Ziller Valley, similar to the Trapp Family Singers of "The Sound of Music" fame, incorporated the song into their repertoire.

According to the Leipziger Tageblatt, the Strassers sang the song in a concert in Leipzig in December 1832. It was during this period, several musical notes were changed, and the carol evolved into the melody we know today. On another occasion, according to an historical plaque, the Rainer Family sang the Christmas carol before an audience which included Emperor Franz I and Tsar Alexander I. In the year 1839, the Rainers performed "Stille Nacht" for the first time in America, at the Alexander Hamilton Monument outside Trinity Church in New York City.

By the time the song had become famous throughout Europe, Joseph Mohr had died and the composer was unknown. Although Franz Gruber wrote to music authorities in Berlin stating that he was the composer, the melody had been assumed to be the work of Haydn, Mozart or Beethoven at various times and these thoughts persisted even into the twentieth century. The controversy was put to rest four years ago when a long-lost arrangement of "Stille Nacht" in the hand of Joseph Mohr was authenticated. In the upper right hand corner of the arrangement,

Silent Night—continued

Mohr wrote, "Melodie von Fr. Xav. Gruber."

During his lifetime, Franz Xaver Gruber produced a number of orchestral arrangements of his composition. The original guitar arrangement is missing, but five other Gruber manuscripts of the carol exist. The manuscript by Joseph Mohr (ca. 1820) is for guitar accompaniment and is probably the closest to the arrangement and melody sung at Midnight Mass in 1818.

Fr. Joseph Mohr's final resting place is a tiny Alpine ski resort, Wagrain. He was born into poverty in Salzburg in 1792 and died penniless in Wagrain in 1848, where he had been assigned as pastor

of the church. He had donated all his earnings to be used for eldercare and the education of the children in the area. His memorial from the townspeople is the Joseph Mohr School located a dozen yards from his grave. The overseer of St. Johann's, in a report to the bishop, described Mohr as "a reliable friend of mankind, toward the poor, a gentle, helping father."

Perhaps this is part of the miracle of "Silent Night." The words flowed from the imagination of a modest curate. The music was composed by a musician who was not known outside his village. There was no celebrity to sing at its world premiere. Yet its powerful message of heavenly

peace has crossed all borders and language barriers, conquering the hearts of people everywhere.

(Christmas historian Bill Egan, a retired Navy photojournalist and resident of Flagler Beach, Florida, is a staff writer for Year 'Round Christmas Magazine and provides Christmas research for Charles Osgood of "The Osgood File" on the CBS Radio Network. Gabriele Wolf of ANTO Media Relations says that Bill Egan is the foremost "Silent Night" scholar in the U.S. and the Daytona Beach News-Journal says that he is one of the world's leading experts on the origins of the carol.)



Attention High School Seniors & College Students

ABW Ministries of Indiana gives \$500 scholarships to undergraduate students who are active members of the American Baptist Churches. All scholarships are for one year only and students are only eligible to receive the scholarship one time.

Over the years there have been many from Crawfordsville First Baptist who have been awarded this honor. Scholarship

applications, including three reference letters, a letter from the pastor & transcripts must be post-marked by February 15.

Scholarship

The Board of CE would like to invite any high school senior or undergraduate student to apply for the Scholarship Fund. Primary consideration will be given to those who intend to pursue Christian service within the American Baptist Convention. Students may re-apply each year. Applications are on file in the Church Office. Applications must be submitted to the Board of CE by February 2nd.

Guiding Light

Dear Church Family,

Happy New Year! We are very excited to start a new year with you. Our financial situation has greatly improved over the past year. We are current on our bills and starting to make church payments, Praise the Lord! We will be working very hard this coming year on repaying the debt that we owe. Thank you for being so patient and working with us.



We have raised tuition starting January 1st. We are still getting food vouchers every month. They average between \$900 and \$950 per month. My staff is doing a great job with all the paperwork that goes along with that program.

Many people have worked very hard on completing the staff and parent handbooks. Thanks to all who put in so many hours! These handbooks will be distributed soon.

Thanks to Bonnie Terry and Barb Allen for giving so generously of your time-the staff and I thank you. If anyone else wants to come out and help feel free to call anytime.

Happy New Year!
Julie and the Guiding Light Staff

Passion Groups

All Ladies of First Baptist Church are invited

As we start the New Year it is our hope that we will truly develop a Passion for Christ and His Word. To help us get to know each other and form groups for mentoring and prayer support we have started three different small, In-Home Groups.

The groups will meet the third Monday of each month. However, within the groups there may be times this will change.

We will keep you updated as to the meeting times each month, in the newsletter and bulletin.

Monday, January 18, 2010

“Raising Responsive Children”

A Bible study for moms. God’s goal is not to change your children so they’ll do what you want; it’s to change you, so you’ll do what He wants! Focusing on a mother’s responsibilities including prayer, discipline and charac-

ter development. Any woman interested is invited to attend. This study is led by Nancy Kline at her home at 2459 West Del Mar Drive, 362-2821 at 7:00.

“Becoming the Woman God Created Me To Be”

will meet at the home of Jerri Conner, 609 Penn Drive, 362-6919 at 7:00.

The group which meets at the home of Terri Duncan will not meet in January. This group will resume in February.

Care Packages

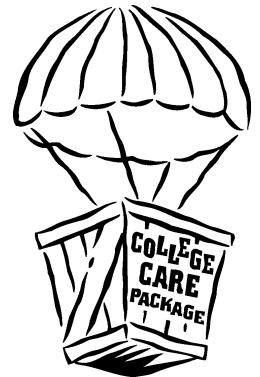
In February, First Baptist Church will once again be remembering our College Students and service Personnel with our traditional gifts of cookies and candy. If you are willing to donate homemade cookies and candy, please fill out the following form and put it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. It is very helpful if you individually wrap the cookies and candy.

Please have these to the church kitchen by Tuesday afternoon, February 2nd.

College Students & Service Personnel

I will donate _____ dozen cookies or candy

Name: _____



GOODIE BOX FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & SERVICE PERSONNEL

Cookies and candy will be packaged for our college students and service personnel on Tuesday, February 2nd. If you have a family member who will be in college the second semester or someone in the military who can receive cookies, please submit their name (s) and complete address by January 24th. Only those names submitted will receive a box. Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate, turn it in to the church office, or email it to the church office at: fbc@firstbaptist-cville.org.

College & Military Goodie Box

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Name: _____

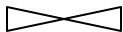
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Thank You from the Congregation

First Baptist Church,

We would like to thank Pastor Zull for his thoughtful prayers and service. Naomi Mitchell for her many visits and flowers. Ralph Anderson for his hospital visits. And a special thanks to the ladies for the food delivered to the house.

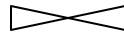
Bonnie Powers, Denny Curry, Mary Curry and Jan Cash and Families



Thank you for the beautiful arrangement you sent to the funeral home. We also thank you for the years of prayers and friendship to our family. Your thoughtfulness is very appreciated.

Jim Kincaid, John & Stephanie Watson, Ron & Valerie

Leonard, Renee Kincaid and family

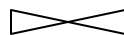


Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many cards we received for Calli's knee surgery and Pat's back surgery. Most of all thank you for the many prayers lifted up for us and Larrie as he cared for us.

A special thank you to Pastor Isaac for being with us for Pat's surgery and Pastor Jeff for being with us for Calli's surgery. Each of you are a blessing to our family.

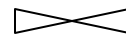
Pat & Calli Patton



First Baptist Family,

Both Natalie and I thank each of you for your show of support by sending us cards with expressions of your love for us and your words of encouragement in the ministry. May each of you be blessed this Christmas season as we celebrate that Jesus became the "miracle in the manger".

Brian & Natalie Holt



Thank you to all the people who volunteered to pick up the rocking chairs in Brown County for our nurseries. A big thank you to Meredith and Debbie Manges for picking up the chairs and their donation of an additional chair.

American Baptist Women – December 8th



Tuesday
January 5th

Hands & Hearts will meet at 5:30pm for a lite supper with a short business meeting to follow.

Following the meeting, the ladies will work on the "bear" project. We will be sewing small stuffed bears to

be put into the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Everyone welcome, no sewing skills required.

**Edna Martin Circle
will not meet in January.**

Welcome New Moms
The church as a room ready and waiting for you and your new baby. The room will offer privacy and a quiet place if either of you should need it.

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 5 Hands & Hearts 5:30
- 7 Pastor Jeff's Book Club 6:00
- 10 Annual Report Deadline
Cabinet Meeting 6:00
- 18 Passion Groups Meet
- 19 CACHE 6:00
- 20 Financial Peace University 6:00
- 21 CACHE 6:00
- 24 Financial Peace University 12:00
- 25 Assemble Newsletters 9:00
- 28 GLCCM 5:45

Our Sincere Sympathy and Prayers are Expressed to the Families in the lost of :

Sharon Kincaid
Eleanor Curry



Week 1:

Marie Reath
Cami McMurry
Bralynn Mefford

Week 2:

Curry Family
Sandi Watkins

Week 3:

Kincaid Family

Week 4:

Amy Wright
Nolen Hodges

January Birthdays

Anniversaries

1 Mary Deckard	10 Phil Bray	18 Trevor Cruz	1 Howard & Shirley Record
Bill Henderson	11 Robert Arthur	23 Rusty Coffing	3 Marcus & Jennifer Hutson
Charlotte Carver	Devin Kincaid	Tommy Edwards	4 Donald & Florence Gobel
2 Don Frederick	12 Corvin Pitcock	24 Barb VanArsdel	7 Gene & Margaret Rush
3 Julie Randles	Sharon Dellinger	Edlawn Warner	17 Ralph & Susie Anderson
4 Michael Dellinger	12 Paul Calder	Juan Cruz	19 Todd & Julie Randles
Michael Tobias	14 Juanita McCauley	Emily Warner	29 Rex & Margaret Plank
5 Deb Hampel	Dave Leonard	27 Autumn Stanbary	
Megan Brown	Joseph Gerold	Cathleen Robbins	
6 Jim Remley	15 Elinor Dolph	28 Michael Minks	
Vance Pyle	Ralph Anderson	29 Frank Moore	
Debbie Schavietello	16 Debbie Manges	Amy Williamson	
Rhonda Smith	17 Brittany Furr	30 James Kidd	
7 Chris Cox	Mahlon Nevitt	Rich Clouse	
Emily Shirar	Ricky Myers	31 Larry McCance	
8 Jerry Harshbarger	18 Kathryn Brown	Misha Anderson	
Bradly Clouse			