

FEBRUARY 2017

“The Mission of God in a World Gone Mad!”

Our 31st Missions Conference March 3-5, 2017



Rodney H. Orr

Our speaker, Dr. Rodney H. Orr is Department Chair and Associate Professor of World Missions and Intercultural Studies Dallas Theological Seminary. He earned a BS, Purdue University, 1977; ThM, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1990; PhD, University of Edinburgh, 1998.

Dr. Orr spent his formative years in Ethiopia and Germany. He served with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) for 34 years, 17 of which were overseas. Dr. Orr taught at the Nairobi International School of Theology in Kenya and, serving as executive director, helped build Africa Leadership and Management Academy (ALMA), a graduate school in Zimbabwe. While stateside, his ministry focused on Yale University and United Nations diplomats in New York City.

Dr. Orr and his wife, Cortina, have a son who attends Syracuse University and a daughter who is a medical student in Antigua.

FBC Mission Statement

Our mission is to glorify God by helping people know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ

FBC Vision Statement

Our vision is to present Christ to Decatur, Madison and the world in a contemporary and creative way through equipped and mobilized believers who make disciples.



Look Who's Coming!

Patrick Bone - Asia
Clint Barthel - Auburn
Kent & Marion Fuller - Belize
Tyler & Allison Fuqua - Peru
Brent & Lindsay Gosnell - US
Glenn & Sharlene Grubb - US
Chris & Dana Holloway - Ghana
Loreen Ittermann - Moldova

Tommy & Heather Kyle - US
John & Jan Lohrenz - Spain (Retiring)
G & M- Middle East
Bill & Linda Parker - US
Vitaly & Christina Pokidko - Moldova
BV - Middle East
Braddock & Cortani Wilson - US
Scott & Ruth Yingling - US



The Local Missions Team is very excited about the recent kick-off of the new Go! Grant program, and look forward to hearing your ideas for new ministry opportunities. We encourage you to go to the church website at FBC.org, click on RESOURCES and then select GO! GRANT. You will see a brief explanation of the purpose of the program, and a link to a grant application. If you would like to receive a grant for a ministry that meets the stated criteria, simply submit an application, and someone from the Go! Grant committee will contact you to help walk you through the process. If you would like additional information before submitting an application, please email scottsegars@yahoo.com.

We look forward to helping you GO.

2017 Mission Trip Opportunities to



Uganda - African Renewal (June & Fall) Ty Batchelor - ty.batchelor@stacktest.com

Taiwan - Joseph Swanson (4-6 People) Earlene Baker - earl@fbc.org

Youth Trip to Italy - Barroni -June 23-July 3 - Matthew Dubach - matt@fbc.org

Youth Trip to Haiti - June 17-23 - Sher'ri Metzgar - sherri@fc.org

Moldova - last week of June - Scott Dubach - sdubach@charter.net

Ghana - Holloway - 2nd week of July - Steven Smith - ssmith122176@gmail.com

Peru - Not Forgotten - June 3-11 C.J. Jacobs - byrdjacobs@gmail.com

British Columbia - Campbell - August - Justin Knighten - knightenjs@gmail.com

North Carolina - JAARS-Grubb - Summer



Looking Ahead

.....▶ *with Steve*

Steve Bateman

You shall not murder. The sixth commandment, found in Exodus 20:13, has a surprising number of applications that are relevant for our day. In our Sunday Evening Bible Study in January, we analyzed four common slogans we hear every day in the news and evaluated them by the Word of God. Here's a quick summary:

All Lives Matter. All human beings are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26,27). The sixth commandment negatively condemns the violent act of murdering a human being and the corruption of the human heart that conceives and carries out the homicide (Ex. 20:13; Gen. 4:1-13; Jas. 4:1,2; Mt. 5:21,22).

Black Lives Matter. Because all lives matter, black lives matter. No one who knows and loves the Bible can justify racism (Gen. 1:27; Gen. 5:1-3; Acts 10:11; 17:26; Eph. 2:14-16; Nu. 12:1). Because racism nurtures the corruption of heart that leads to murder (anger, insults, envy, hatred, division) and diminishes the value of human life, racism is a violation of the sixth commandment (1 John 3:15). Because of the historic and present systemic racism suffered by African-Americans, it is appropriate to emphasize to our culture that black lives matter too.

Unborn Lives Matter. Unborn babies are human lives, made in the image of God (Ps. 139:14-16). They are, therefore, protected under the sixth commandment even if they are not protected under the Constitution of the United States. In the Bible, the word for an unborn baby is exactly the same as a born baby (Lk. 1:41,44;2:12,16). In it's ongoing moral rebellion, our culture demands the pleasures of sex without the consequences. No matter the opinions of the Supreme Court or the American people, God's word is clear that abortion is a violation of the sixth commandment.

Blue Lives Matter. The Thin Blue Line is that line of uniformed (usually blue) and plainclothes officers who separate chaos from order in society. The Line is ordained by God as a gift of common grace to all human lives, including Christian lives, non-Christian lives, black lives, and unborn lives (Mt. 5:45; Gen. 9:5,6; Ju. 17:6; Ecc. 8:11; 1 Peter 2:13,14; Ro. 13:1-7). When these officers go to work, they prevent people from breaking the sixth commandment. In obedience to Scripture, we pray for God's protection for Detective Mike Burlison, Detective Timothy Jackson, Officer Josh Sloan, and Federal Wildlife Officer, Jason Vehrs, who are in the First Bible Church family and courageous members of the Thin Blue Line.

These four weeks have just been the beginning of an ongoing conversation that needs to happen in our community. As we look ahead, let's ask the Lord to use our church to bring, protect, and sustain life for his glory.

Introducing...
New Members



Peter and Heather Siewert



8th Annual Fundraiser benefits The Neighborhood Christian Center's Children & Youth Programs

Location: Sykes Place on Bank 726 Bank Street

Date & Time: Thursday, March 2nd, 5:30-7:30 PM

Tickets \$30

Silent Auction for a variety of art items by local artists

This year the funds generated will be designated for new & current curriculum within our Education and Discipleship Programs. Thank you for your faithful support.

Need more information: call the Neighborhood Christian Center (256.351.7633 or 256.616.3144) or email decaturncc1994@gmail.com

Discover FBC

Discover FBC is a four-week class for anyone interested in learning more about First Bible Church. This class will help you better understand the beliefs, philosophy, and direction of our church, as well as meeting others in the same process.

Decatur – Sundays, February 5th – 26th 2017

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Adult Room 222

Madison – Sundays, February 5th – 26th 2017

9:15-10:30 a.m. Room near Children's Checkin

Middle school and high school students are encouraged to attend

Discover FBC with their parents. For more information or to register,
contact Earlene Baker at earl@fbc.org.



Explore: Daily Bible readings to help you read, understand, and apply the extraordinary truths of God's Word

Many find it challenging to develop a pattern for spending regular time in the Bible and prayer. **Explore** is a daily guide to help you develop this important habit. You can order a copy of the introductory version at: <https://www.thegoodbook.com/daily-devotional-reading/explore/> where you can also purchase a yearly subscription.

For more information, contact Vance Helms at vance@fbc.org.



**Our 2017 Ladies Bible Studies will be starting back soon!
If you haven't registered yet, there's still time.**

Links for each class are below:

Hosea: Unfailing Love Changes Everything by Jennifer Rothschild:

Hosea, an old-testament prophet, preached his own life message using his marriage as the sermon illustration. Be amazed by the love of Hosea for his wayward spouse—and more amazed by the unfailing love of God for His wayward people, and for all people. Hosea showers us with hope—hints and portents pointing to the coming of the promised Messiah.

Decatur Campus

Tuesday Nights (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm) starting February 7
<https://fbcdhsval.infellowship.com/Forms/347677>

Wednesday Morning (9:30 am - 11:00 am) starts February 8
<https://fbcdhsval.infellowship.com/Forms/347679>

Madison Campus

Tuesday Nights (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm) starts February 7
<https://fbcdhsval.infellowship.com/Forms/347676>

Thursday Mornings (10:00 am - 11:30 am) starts February 9
<https://fbcdhsval.infellowship.com/Forms/347665>

Precept: Revelation, Part 1 by Kay Arthur

Chapters 1-3 of Revelation contain God's messages to the seven churches of Asia. See how His messages recorded by John so long ago still speak to the church today.

Decatur Campus Only:

Wednesday Mornings (9:30 am-11:30 am) starts, February 8
<https://fbcdhsval.infellowship.com/Forms/347686>

Bible Journaling

Decatur Campus

Wednesday, February 8 (5:30 pm - 6:30 pm) (new students come at 5:00 pm)

Are you ready to GO!?



Below are a few opportunities to GO within W3 - Women Walking Worthy - that are coming up in February!

Decatur Campus

Wednesday, February 1

GO! Opportunity — Service Project — Make birthday gifts for Presbyterian Towers residents. Meet in the tiled area near the Kitchen from 5:00-6:00 pm to make simple paint/burlap cross art to give to the residents at our luncheon on February 7.

Friday, February 3

“Common Thread” Decatur Campus, Coffee Commons 9:30-11:00 am

Tuesday, February 7

GO! Opportunity — Presbyterian Towers Luncheon 12:00

You can serve in two ways - cook a dish for the lunch or come and help us serve at Presbyterian Towers to celebrate those residents who have birthdays from January-March. Contact Sonya Hodge at sonyahodge@aol.com for information.

Madison Campus

Monday, February 6

Card Ministry — come for fellowship and creativity at the Madison FBC office 6:30-8 pm. All women are invited to help assemble hand-made cards from kits that we will have prepared for you. We will send these cards of encouragement to our Madison church family as need is made known. Feel free to bring a friend who might not be connected in regular gathering/growth/service at another church. If you have questions and/or want to come out contact Trish Switzer (772-418-7155 or switz86@aol.com).

Tuesday, February 7

Titus 2 Discipleship — True Woman 101” begins at Madison Office 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

“Forged” Prayer Ministry

Every Wednesday at the Madison Office, Suite A - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

FBC Student Ministry

February 2017 Madison



Jared & Rachel Pittman

serve as our Student Ministry Directors at our Madison campus. They have a heart to see our students grow in their knowledge of God's Word and be equipped to know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ!

Reach Jared at
Jared@fbc.org
or Rachel at
Rachel@fbc.org

Upcoming Events

DNOW!

The 17th-19th we will be getting the entire FBC youth group together for our DNOW.

Registrations are open!

Pick up a registration form in the youth room or print one off online.

#realwalk

We have had very good discussions in our #realwalk topic study. If you have not been able to join us, please stop by on Wednesday nights as we continue to grow together!

Regularly Scheduled Events

Sundays - Large and Small Group times from 9:30-10:30am in the Landing of James Clemens High School

Wednesdays - Bible Study from 6:30-8:00pm at our Madison office.
20 Main Street

FIRST BIBLE *student ministry*

FEB 2017
Decatur Campus

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

9:15-10:30AM
community groups
5:15-6:30 PM
middle school

Wednesdays

6:00-6:45 PM
ms worship
6:45-7:15 PM
dinner
7:15-8:00PM
hs worship

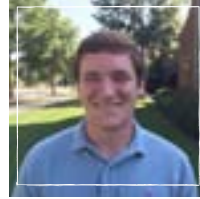
FEBRUARY EVENTS

1,22
Wednesday Nights
5,12,19,26
Sunday Mornings
5,12,26
Sunday Nights
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NCC Service Project
17-19
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*Directors of
Student Ministry*



MATT DUBACH



JEREMY GILBERT

*Discipleship
Coordinator*



ABBI CAMBRON



FOLLOW OUR STUDENT MINISTRY
ON INSTAGRAM AND TWITTER



Join us Sunday mornings for community groups during first hour. We will continue our Redemptive History series in the large group time where we will go through the entire Bible this year!

Sign up for DNOW coming this February 17th-19th! You can find registration forms upstairs in the Student Wing or on the church website. The cost is \$60.

Our summer camp dates are set! High school students will attend Snowbird on June 5-10. Middle school students will attend Crossings on July 14-18. More info to come.

Be sure to follow us on our social media avenues! We are on Instagram and Twitter as @firstbiblesm. Make sure you like our new Facebook page, "First Bible Student Ministry."



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Decatur Campus 6:30 am
at the church

Madison Campus 6:30 am
at FBC Office, 20 Main St.
Madison

Newest Addition

Victor William Tucker
January 16, 2017
Parents:
Jon and Jamna Tucker

Shepherd Aiden Bone
January 17, 2017
Parents:
Patrick & Lyndsey

Eliza Pace Temple
January 22, 2017
Parents:
Forrest & Cathorine Temple

Sympathy

Pray for the following family:

Ronne Harvell
(his mother,
Jaqueline Beck Harvell)

)
Kim Hill
(her father, **Larry Joe Jones**)

Damon Tumbleson
(his father,
Robert Lee Tumbleson)

FEBRUARY

- Feb 3 Common Thread 3:00 pm
- Feb 4 Morning of Prayer
- Feb 9 Mission Committee Mtg
5:30 pm
- Feb 10 MOPS 9:00 am
- Feb 12 Deacons Meet 3:00 pm
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 17-19 DNOW
- Feb 20 President's Day
- Feb 21 Elders Meet 5:30 pm
- Feb 24 MOPS 9:00 am

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- Coming**
- Mar 2 Soup for Souls
 - Mar 3-5 Missions Conference

Deacons of the Month in February



David Jones
Decatur Campus



Ben Vaughan
Madison Campus

