



**Volume 8, Issue 2
February Newsletter of Petal First Baptist**

Dear <<First Name>>,

WOW! INCREDIBLE! AMAZING! Our kick off to the church wide emphasis of Worth It has started the new year and decade off with a bang! We have seen a LifeGroup record set and maybe an FBC record average! **We saw 324 people here for LG in January.** That means we had **120 families/single adults** who are going through Financial Peace University on Sunday morning, Sunday, Wednesday, or Thursday nights. Our **Goal was 100 families/single adults**, so we have blown past that goal! After receiving the anonymous financial snapshots from just 60 families, we discovered almost \$2.5 million of debt. We are excited to see what the Lord is going to do in the next few weeks, months and even years as people find freedom from debt. We've already heard from people: I paid off a credit card, I paid off my car, I paid off this loan. That's so exciting to hear - people being set free to be able to control the resources that God has given them and being able to become generous with those resources! We will continue this journey this coming Sunday with week 4 of Financial Peace University and week 5 of our Worth It message series, and this week's message is entitled You are Worth It! I hope you will join us at 10:30 a.m. for worship. We've seen the third highest worship attendance in the history of Petal FBC and we are excited to see what February holds as we walk thru Worth It together! I promise you it will be worth it!

Also, during this series we are sharing over the next couple of weeks what we are calling worth it moments - connected to last week's message of They Are Worth It! These will feature some ways that you can plug-in, connect, serve and even go here and to the ends of the earth. One of the ways that we will know people are getting it is by the number of people who start investing their lives into those things that are worth it! I hope you'll be here to see how, but let me share with you just a few. You can sign up to be a part of a team going to Haiti

this summer or to Southeast Asia this summer or fall, or going to Jonestown, MS in the Delta to serve, or helping here with 1st Bridge (our local mission efforts) or adopting a Petal baseball player/family, or signing up to serve in Kidz Extreme this summer and many other ways that we believe are worth it!!

I can hardly wait to see each of you this coming Sunday at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, 9 a.m. for LifeGroups and 10:30 for Worship. Let's come ready to see what the Lord is going to do in the life of Petal FBC in 2020 and beyond!

In Christ Alone,

Brad

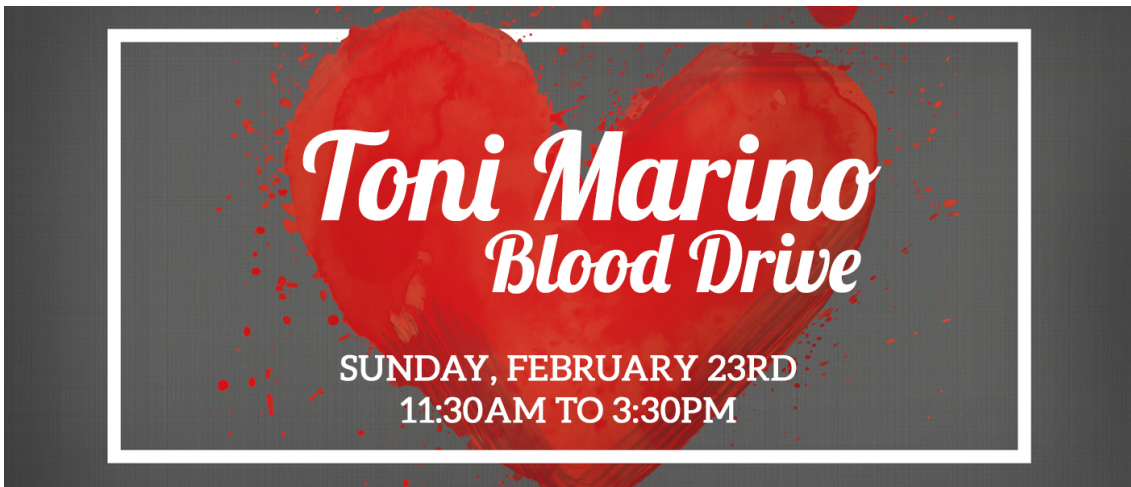


FPU CONTINUES! We are taking our entire Church through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, including our students and children, in LifeGroups and Pastor Brad is preaching a series entitled Worth It. There are also groups that meet Wednesday & Thursday nights at 6 p.m. This promises to be a life-changing and altering series, and an opportunity for many to take their life back! The cost is \$90 per family and will cover everything. We guarantee you that it will be worth it! **Sign up TODAY at church or online at www.petalfbc.com/worthit - it's not too late!**

Dave Ramsey's
Financial *Peace*
UNIVERSITY



Join us for a free breakfast **THIS SUNDAY** at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a come and go continental style breakfast, so come before you head to LifeGroups. We hope to see you there!



Our bi-annual blood drive is **Sunday, February 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** This blood drive is done in memory of Toni Marino, a member of our church who battled leukemia bravely and passed away in December 2016. There is always a need for blood, so please sign up to give the gift of life. You can sign up online at <https://www.bloodheroes.com> (code is fbcpetal) or there is a sign up sheet in the church foyer.



Join us as we read through the New Testament together as a Church Family in 2020. Let's continue to dig into His Word and allow it transform our lives. See February's reading plan below.

- Monday, February 3rd: Matthew 24
 - Tuesday, February 4th: Matthew 25
 - Wednesday, February 5th: Matthew 26
 - Thursday, February 6th: Matthew 27
 - Friday, February 7th: Matthew 28
 - Monday, February 10th: Mark 1
 - Tuesday, February 11th: Mark 2
 - Wednesday, February 12th: Mark 3
 - Thursday, February 13th: Mark 4
 - Friday, February 14th: Mark 5
 - Monday, February 17th: Mark 6
 - Tuesday, February 18th: Mark 7
 - Wednesday, February 19th: Mark 8
 - Thursday, February 20th: Mark 9
 - Friday, February 21st: Mark 10
 - Monday, February 24th: Mark 11
 - Tuesday, February 25th: Mark 12
 - Wednesday, February 26th: Mark 13
 - Thursday, February 27th: Mark 14
 - Friday, February 28th: Mark 15
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Don't miss Petal High Baseball Sunday, February 9. Our church also has the opportunity to serve as encouragers for our Panther baseball team. This would involve sending cards to the players throughout the season, providing a "happy", such as their favorite drink, candy, gum, etc. **Encouragers with their families and baseball players are invited to stay for lunch after worship on Feb. 9 to meet before the season begins.** If you would like to serve as an encourager, please see **Karen Fordham to sign up by Wednesday, Feb. 5.**



Adults and older teens (40-50 total) are needed to mentor students, K-6th grades, through the **Panther Partners Mentor Program.** Applications are available in both lobbies or on the table in the Worship Center. Contact Brad or Rebecca for more details.

JUSTIN GRAVES



PETAL

SAVE THE DATE

DNOW

FEBRUARY 14-16

2020

THE MUSEUM



Petal DNow will be held February 14-16. Cost is \$40. It's going to be a life changing weekend for students. Be sure to sign up in the Student Area by February 5. Carterville Baptist will be hosting the event this year. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, February 5.



SET UP A BOOTH FOR \$20
601-545-3198



A garage sale for Haiti Missions will be held Saturday, February 29, starting at 7 a.m. The cost is \$20 to set up a booth. All proceeds will benefit teams going to Haiti. If you are interested in setting up a booth, complete a form found on the table in the church foyer. Come support our Haiti Mission Teams!



Outlive Your Life Phase 2 Update

Check out the progress in the pictures below! Thanks for your faithful and sacrificial giving to help make these much needed projects a reality! There is

more to come as we progress throughout the rest of this year!

These projects are underway or will be in early 2020:

- Parking lot lights upgraded and additional lights to LED **(IN PROGRESS)**
- Replacement parts for AC in mechanical building
- New Flooring in main hallways **(COMPLETED)**
- Renovation of preschool & children's area: new paint, decor, and flooring
- Worship Center lighting replacement/upgrade **(IN PROGRESS)**
- New Sign and & New Exterior & Interior Signage



Wednesdays @ Petal First Baptist



FAMILY FRIENDLY WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES start with supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by opportunities for the entire family at 6:15 p.m.: Zip for preschoolers, TeamKid for children, Intersect for 6th graders, Refuge for students, and Refuel for adults. Impact for college students meets at 7:45 p.m. We hope you'll join us!

THOUGH THE EARTH TREMBLES

FUGE CAMPS

DWELL

June 13-17 \$380
\$100 Deposit - Jan 19th

2020

THE GOD OF JACOB IS OUR STRONGHOLD

PARENTS: Be sure to get those deposits in for MFUGE and CentriKid. Students are going to Ridgecrest in North Carolina June 13-17 and children are headed to Pulaski, MS June 18-20. There are limited spots so get your non-refundable deposits in NOW!

CentriKid
camps

SIGN UP FOR
SUMMER CAMP AS WE
DISCOVER HOW TO

**WALK
AS JESUS
WALKED!**

**THE
DISCOVERY**

\$199 | June 18-20
\$60 Deposit - Jan 19th

1 JOHN 2:6



Breana Bell by Baptism
Teresa Davis by Letter
Dannie Davis by Letter
Jordan Hall by Baptism
Nicole Hall by Letter
Zach Hall by Letter
Brad & Donna Holloway by Letter
Hannah Holloway by Letter
Earl & Dawn Montague by Letter


Kynlee Hall by Letter
Lynn & Patty Phillips by Letter



Feb
OnCall
Deacons

Charley Morgan - 601-549-0016
Andy Simmons - 601-606-2994

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ONLINE
Giving

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Click the link to
access the
monthly church
calendar!



Petal
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Engaging people with the Hope of the
Gospel to see lives transformed*

The logo features the word 'Petal' in a large, blue, cursive font with a white outline, set against a background of a globe. Below it, 'FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH' is written in white block letters on a blue oval background. A blue vertical line is on the left. At the bottom, a tagline is written in italics.

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