Bobby Dagnel: Lenten Luncheon Guest

Our Lenten Luncheon speaker for Thursday, March 1st, is Rev. Bobby Dagnel, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lubbock. Dagnel began his ministry at First Baptist in August, 2002. Born in Tyler, Texas, Bobby completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Texas in Tyler, majoring in Business Management. His Master’s of Divinity degree is from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and he is finalizing his doctoral project regarding bioethical issues related to organ donation at George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University. Dagnel serves on the Board of Regents at Baylor as well as the Board of Advisors for the Center For Ministry Effectiveness. He has also had the privilege of serving as the guest Chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives in September of 2004. Pastor Dagnel and his wife, Patti, have two children, Courtney and Hunter. In reference to his call to ministry, Bobby writes, “I consider myself a prime example of the fact that God rarely calls the extraordinary, but most often the plain and ordinary to fulfill His purposes. God is not interested in our marketability but our availability.”

Please plan now to come next Thursday at noon to welcome Bobby Dagnel as he comes to share a word with us on our Lenten journey together. Our Lenten service will begin in Grand Hall at noon, followed by homemade soup and sandwiches in Worship Hall. Bring a friend!

Upcoming Lenten Luncheon Proclaimers:
March 22: Tracy Dunn-Noland, Chaplain at Covenant Health System
March 29: Renée Phillips, Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church

Hardy Clemons & Charlie Johnson Slated

While Senior Pastor Ryon Price is traveling to Israel from March 8-20th with our Second B group, we will be blessed to welcome two former Second B senior pastors, Hardy Clemons and Charlie Johnson, to our pulpit.

Hardy will preach on March 11th in both services. He was pastor of Second B for 21 years and now lives in San Antonio. He retired in January, 2000, after 11 years as senior pastor of the historic First Baptist Church of Greenville, SC, and now serves as an Interim Preacher, Mentoring Pastor, Minister-at-Large and Author.

Hardy’s wife Ardelle passed away after a lengthy illness last year.

Charlie Johnson will be our proclaimer on March 18th. Charlie serves on the pastoral team of Bread Fellowship, Fort Worth, Texas, and as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Desdemona, Texas. He served in interim pastoral ministry with the First Baptist Church of Brownwood (2009-2010), the Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth (2008-2009) and the Immanuel Baptist Church of Nashville (2007-2008). Charlie and his wife Jana have three children and two grandchildren.
Lent & Holy Week Calendar:

Palm Sunday  
Sunday, April 1
8:30, 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 5
7:00 p.m. Grand Hall

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 6
7:00 p.m. Worship Hall

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 8
8:30, 10:45 a.m.

The Children's Mission Project
Family Workday
9:00-12:00
at the Food Bank
March 3rd

Welcome Our New Members!

Adam, Nicole & Madeline Corn

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a Christian organization that trains people (lay and professional) to provide one-on-one spiritual support for hurting people seeking that support from inside and outside the congregation. Stephen Ministers are paired with care receivers through an intentional process that is totally confidential. Stephen Ministers use a compass of attributes: trustworthiness, compassion, faithfulness, and personal skill.

Second B has had an active Stephen Ministry for over a decade now, and our trained Stephen Ministers are always available to offer you Christian companionship as you travel the darkest valleys of your life.

If you are interested in being referred to a Stephen Minister for help or finding out more about our Stephen Ministry, contact Stephanie Nash (783-0202) or Dellinda Ebeling (777-0435).

Ryon's Reflections

I promised a second installment on Phyllis Tickle and “The Great Emergence.” I do have some thoughts on what “Emergence Christianity” might look like at Second B, and I am going to share those more broadly here next week. But since this Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent I want to offer some reflections on how Emergence Christianity is rediscovering ancient spiritual practices like the liturgical seasons.

In his letter to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul was writing to new Gentile Christian converts who were being taught by some unknown Jewish Christians (yes, Jewish Christians!) that they should follow the Jewish laws, rituals, and feast days as part of following the way of the Messiah Jesus. Paul saw this as a limitation being placed upon the Gospel, and if you know anything about Paul you know he did believe in limitations on God’s good news. He wrote, “Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to beings that by nature are not gods. Now, however, that you have come to know God . . . how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits? How can you want to be enslaved to them again? You are observing special days, and months, and seasons, and years. I am afraid that my work for you may have been wasted” (Galatians 4:8-10).

The Church for its part has mostly taken what Paul had to say on matters like these with a grain of salt. A liturgical calendar was created which did set aside certain seasons and days as unique. Advent was a time of preparation for the coming of the Christ at Christmas. Lent was seen as a season of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter. The Church has therefore followed a certain rhythmic liturgical calendar of one sort or another for almost all of its history.

With the appearance of Martin Luther’s doctrine of Sola Scriptura, this all changed. The invention of the printing press in the 15th century put the Bible in the hands of the masses and they began to read and interpret it for themselves. Emboldened by Luther, many concluded that the Roman Church had mislaid them in all manners of things — including the Church calendar. So out went Advent and Lent in a lot of Protestant churches — including all Baptist churches. And our Puritan forebears even went one step further. They did away with Christmas and Easter. For 22 years in Boston there was actually a law banning the celebration of Christmas. To borrow a line from C.S. Lewis, it was “always winter, but never Christmas.”

But now “The Great Emergence” is happening. We no longer live in small religious enclaves like the ones our Puritan forebears created in Massachusetts. We Protestants have Catholic neighbors, bosses, sons-in-law, and even a former president. And we are beginning to see that just because it is Catholic does not necessarily mean it is suspect. So most Baptists can now admit that Easter and Christmas are church holidays we received from the Catholic liturgical calendar! (“Honey, did you know that?”) And Baptists like Second B have even gone so far as to recognize the place for special seasons like Advent and Lent, where we take time to reflect and observe through spiritual disciplines like prayer, fasting, and service.

So what then do we do with the Apostle Paul? I suspect “Emergence Christianity” will take Paul much like the Church has historically taken him — with a grain of salt. We will heed his warnings not to be enslaved to the merely religious. In other words, we need not be slavish about the way we practice Lent. But we will not be bound to the wooden dogmatism of Paul’s words when it comes to slaves obeying their masters or women obeying men or special days, months, or seasons.

For as the wisdom of Ecclesiastes says, “To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose.”

— Ryon

Ash Wednesday 2012
Second Thoughts

- The Labyrinth Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday throughout the season of Lent, guided by Richard Rohr’s book *Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent*. This study is geared for those interested in daily scripture reading, reflection, and meditation, as well as group sharing and discussion on a weekly basis. Through *Wondrous Encounters*, Father Richard invites us to self-disclosure and transformation during one of the most significant seasons of the liturgical year. The group will continue to meet on Tuesday through April 10 with the exception of March 13 (Spring Break).
- The *Visions Class of Second B* is reactivating the used eyeglasses ministry. Please drop off your old glasses at the front office distribution box. Our donations benefit those who need vision correction but cannot afford an exam to purchase glasses. The Lubbock Lion’s Club fits and distributes glasses to those in need.
- *Dress A Girl Around the World* is a program to help clothe the children of poverty who might have only the simple dress you make. If you have already joined this ministry and have a dress made, you can bring your dress in Wednesdays from 2:30 to 5:15 and at 6:30 p.m. to Room 126, the Quilting Room. Call Durelle for more information or check out the website at http://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com/ to find out more.

New Class: “Healthy Relationships”

Dr. Cindy Phelps, LCSW, will teach a new class on building healthy relationships on Wednesday, February 29th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Room 133 (Visions’ Classroom). This class will address core strategies in developing healthy relationships and be helpful for all stages and ages of life and all types of relationships.

Dr. Phelps will provide guidance on the challenges of developing and maintaining any good relationship. The class will discuss specific relationship behaviors that are known to contribute to strong and healthy relationships, as well as behaviors that weaken and diminish partnerships. Everyone is invited to this class to learn about building a healthier relationship with those you love.

Dr. Phelps comes to us as part of our continuing partnership with Family Guidance and Outreach, a Lubbock non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Deacon Ministry

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Come Learn Something New this Spring!

- Ryon Price will teach *Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God’s Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe* by Daniel Erlander. (15 weeks) Room 129
- “Photography as Art” taught by Kerry Campbell (4 weeks) Conference Center
- Wednesday, February 29 Cindy Phelps, “Healthy Relationships” Room 133
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Group - Worship Hall
- Exercise Class led by Second B’er Adam Richards Room 210
- Beginning Wednesday, March 21 Sam Norman will teach *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps* by Richard Rohr. (8 sessions) Room 131
- Location changed: Wilma Edward’s “Through the Eyes of a Step/Foster Child” will be held on Tuesday, March 27th, at Family Guidance Center at #5 Briercroft center.

Please call 747-5577 to register.
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This Week’s Calendar

Wednesday, February 29, 2012
$7.00 - Creamy Chicken Enchiladas, Fire Roasted Corn, Tossed Spring Mix Salad & Dessert
$4.00 - Mini Corn Dogs, Mac ‘n Cheese & Dessert

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Wednesday, February 29
12:00 p.m. Men’s Lunch at Cast Iron Grill, 1711 Ave. K
2:30 p.m. 2nd B Quilters
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal, Worship Hall

Tuesday, February 28
6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast @ The Red Zone, 3602 Slide Rd
8:30 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Grand Hall
5:30 p.m. Labyrinth Discussion Group, Room 132

Monday, February 27
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Center
5:45 p.m. Leadership Team Meeting, Conference Center

Sunday, February 26 First Sunday of Lent
8:30 a.m. Early Worship, Worship Hall
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Late Worship, Worship Hall
12:00 p.m. Visions Luncheon, Shrimp Galley, 4109 82nd
5:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band Practice, YouthZone
5:30 p.m. Handchime Choir, Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Bells Gloria, Choir Room
  Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University, Conf. Ctr.
  Children’s Bible Drill, Temple Room
  Snack Supper & Devotional, YouthZone
6:30 p.m. 6-8th Grade, Cool Stuff, MidZone
  9-12th Grade, Hangout, YouthZone

Thursday, March 1
10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study, Conference Center
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon, Grand Hall
6:30 p.m. Daily Walk Class Supper, Rudy’s BBQ, 4930 S. Loop 289

Friday, March 2
6:30 p.m. Kids Night Out, Children’s Wing
Children’s Bible Drill Lock-In

Saturday, March 3
9:00 -12:00 p.m.  Family Workday @ South Plains Food Bank

6:00 p.m. Announcements & Prayer Time, Worship Hall
Nursery Opens, Rooms 105, 106 & 108
Preschool Music & Missions,
Room 104 (3,4,5 yr olds)
Children’s Choir, Room 202 (Temple Room)
6:30 p.m. Windows Classes (See schedule inside)
  Prayer Shawl, Worship Hall
  Missions WOW, Room 206
  MidZone Explorers, MidZone
  2Bxtreme, YouthZone
7:00 p.m. Second Voices Rehearsal, Choir Room
8:15 p.m. College Bible Study, YouthZone