



CLASS 401: Discovering My Life Mission

(Led by Pastor Ted)

The 4-part class will be held on Wednesday nights

August 4, 11, 18 and 25

from 7-8:30 pm

in the Fellowship Hall

James Island Baptist Church Staff

Pastor: Tom Brown

Mission Pastor/Worship Leader: Ted Baker

Pastor of Students: Brent Gordon

Ministry Assistant: Neale Young

Part-time Ministry Assistant: Ellen Anderson

Perspectives

Pastor Tom

Some things are hard to understand

This past week we lost two of our dear church members, Maye Floyd and T-Lee Smith.

Life and death are just a part of our fallen nature. Only when we get to the glory of heaven will we be free of sin and death. The deaths of both of our friends were hard to understand. Maye had a successful surgery and was looking forward to being mobile again. She was a vibrant 89 years young. My last visit with her I saw her smiling face and the twinkle in her eye. She was a beloved member of JIBC and the Hannah-Ruth Class. We now transfer her permanent membership to the Lamb's Book of Life.

Our sister, T-Lee Smith's, death shocked us all. It is no secret that she took her own life. Let me address that here: First, I am grateful for all her friends who spoke truth into her life. If loving, caring support could have prevented her death, it would have never happened. She was plugged into people and small groups who dearly loved and appreciated her wonderful uniqueness. Those that knew her knew she was a "tortured soul" in many ways. Her fight with her bi-polar disease was commendable. She fought it, worked on it, struggled with it, sought professional help, etc. She was doing almost everything one could do. There is, perhaps, no explaining the chemical imbalances that would lead a person to such a point of desperation. We love her and will miss her greatly.

I am often asked, almost always asked, if suicide is an unforgivable sin. Jesus, in Mark 3 and Matthew 12 deals with the "unpardonable sin." It is in the context of dealing with evil and demons. Jesus teaches his followers that all sin can be forgiven except "blaspheming against the Holy Spirit." If you reject the calling of the Holy Spirit, if you say no to the calling, wooing, the invitation to accept God's grace...what else is there? That is unforgivable since you did not ask forgiveness. The reason many people think suicide is unforgivable is the belief that you can not ask for forgiveness once you are dead. T-Lee had already asked Jesus to forgive her of her "sin" ... the sinful nature, the part of us in rebellion against God. She had also asked God to forgive her of her "sins"... the individual hurts, habits and hang ups she, like all of us, have. Thankfully, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all ... say it ... ALL sin. That word *all* actually means all. Past, present and future. That includes the sins we remember, the ones we are aware of and the ones that may escape our awareness. I believe T-Lee will have to answer for her decision, the same way all of us will. I picture it as a sit-down with our Lord, His loving arm around her, wiping the tears from her eyes and removing the pain from her heart. And then she enters into the rest and reward of eternity.

There is a suicide hotline. Let someone know of your pain. You do not have to go through that sort of mental and physical anguish on your own. You can call 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433). You have brothers and sisters who will walk with you. You have unfinished work to do and you are important to the Kingdom of God.

We grieve this week for the loss of two of our dear sisters, Maye and T-Lee. As you mourn, may you be comforted by the Holy Comforter of God.

See you Sunday as we worship and do life together.

Pastor Tom

Weekly Updates

Deacons for the Month of July

Ronnie Cooper	795-8699
Dean Kelly	588-0241
Mark Livengood	762-2075

Extended Session Schedule July and August

July 25	Pastor Tom's class
August 1	Marge Bowen's class
August 8	Reggie Baggott's class
August 15	Preschool Dept. workers
August 22	Children Dept. workers
August 29	Youth Dept. workers

A Look At The Numbers...

Projected budget through June 2010:	\$285,246
Actual received through June 2010:	\$238,806
2010 weekly budget requirement:	\$10,971
This week's budget receipts: 7/11/10	\$6,970

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Maye Floyd who died on Saturday.

Also to the family and friends of T-Lee Smith.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both of these families.

Prayer Requests

Home/Hospital

- Willie and Frank Longshore
- Tony Burk
- Barby Pickett
- Bo Mathis (Scott's father)
- Peggy Atwater
- Frank O. Hunt
- Prudence Moore (Home)
- Debbie Myers
- Donna Wyman
- Neal Morrow
- Donna Sharp
- Diane Driggers
- Logan Heisey
- Bill Driggers
- Elizabeth Huey
- Frances Bates (Judy Dillon's mother)
- Bubba (A.P.) Presnell (Home)
- Bev Driggers
- Myrtle Maull
- Lisa Oberg
- Carole Baker
- Harper Drolet
- Ron Hanna
- Robin Clayton

Mission Prayer

- Rick Lingle – Mission trip to Africa
- Refuge Point Recovery – Pastor Ted
- Ryan and Kristin Parker – South Asia
- Chinese Fellowship
- All Stars Children's Worship
- Hispanic Church
- Nicole Wilcox de Wit - South Africa
- Charles and Judy Dillon – New Orleans
- John and Yi Ling Pittman – Asia
- Pastor Marius and Cristina Moisin—Bethany Baptist Church—Campulung, Romania

Military

Josh White, David Hunt, Andrew Iler, Trey Kluttz, Jefferson Weathersbee, Wade Suggs, Kevin Stirgus, Drew Monroe, Marcus Montez, Taisha McLaurin, Marty Sineath, Brad Jackson, Aaron Diezman, Addison Poole, Travis Kornahrens, Mauronda Wilder, Jack Blevins, Art Perez, Timothy Marlowe, Bryan James Walker, Scott Thomas, Staff Sgt. Edwin Brown, PFC James Garner, Adam Clack

Ongoing Events

Sundays

- 8:30a Blended Traditional Worship
9:45a Bible Study
10:00a Hispanic Church in Spanish
11:00a Contemporary Worship
Chinese Worship
All Stars
(Children's Worship)
5:00p Middle School (5th-8th-grade)
High School (8th-12th-grade)
Worship in Youth
Room (Dinner provided—\$2)
6:00p Celebrate Recovery @
Common Grounds Café
6:00p Praise and Prayer in Library

Mondays

- 1:30p Senior Aerobics
5:45p W.I.T. Fitness

Wednesdays

- 7:00p First Place 4 Health

Thursdays

- 1:30p Senior Aerobics
5:45p W.I.T. Fitness



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Bulletin Board

Thank you so much for hosting our Youth Mission Team. It was a joy to meet your staff, your membership and to see it going so strongly!

God bless you mightily.

Roger McGee

First Baptist Church, Alexandria Virginia

*Stono Café is now open for summertime lunch
Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Cool and light sandwiches, soups, salad and dessert
Take-out is available
762-6660*

(Located next to the Common Grounds Café)

Missions



**“On Site Noon Prayer”
for the month of July will be on
Monday, July 26, at
New Beginnings Community Church,
849 Fort Johnson Road.
Please join us as at noon as we
pray for this church.**

Show them you care with a Flock of Flamingos

Regular flock (25 flamingos) \$25 donation
Super size flock (50 flamingos) \$50 donation
Don't want to be flocked?
Buy insurance for \$15

*Note: Flamingos are NOT allowed on public property
or apartment complexes.*

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