
First Baptist Dyersburg • Sermon Notes

Immeasurably More!

Sunday, August 24, 2025
Mike Hickman, Senior Pastor

This weekend marks 10 years since we moved back into our renovated Sanctuary and new Welcome Center. Our Dedication Sunday was August 23, 2015.

The Building Committee members were:

Rusty Norville, chair

Carol Rogers

Angela Harrington

Nicole Curtis

Seela Newbill

Hal Williams

David Tinkle, staff liaison

Ida Guthrie

John Gauldin

Sam Reed

Ralph Farmer

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_____ people have been baptized since our renovation.

_____ people have joined First Baptist since our renovation.

The work that the Lord is doing here is never about First Baptist or any of the people who lead or are a part of our church – it is always a work that is to bring glory to God. Thanks be to God for all HE has done!

¹⁹ you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22, NIV84)

Each Christ-follower is a _____ stone set into the holy temple that God is building with Jesus Christ as the _____, each one becoming a dwelling where God _____ by His Holy Spirit.

¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³ I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

A Prayer for the Ephesians

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:10-21, NIV84)

This prayer for spiritual growth:

- 1. Places the work of the _____ at the center of all things.**
- 2. Is directed to God the _____ who has unlimited _____ available for each member of His family.**
- 3. It asks for God to _____ your inner being (spirit) with power that comes from His _____ who is also living within you.**

²⁶ And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. (Romans 8:26-27, NLT)

- 4. It affirms that through your _____ in Christ, He is living in your heart helping you to grow deeper in your _____ for Him – a love that surpasses knowledge – so that you will be filled with the fullness of God.**
- 5. It reveals that God is able to do immeasurably more than all you could _____ for or imagine – all through His _____ at work within you.**
- 6. And finally, it acknowledges that through this work, God will be glorified in the _____ and in Jesus Christ, impacting _____ forever and ever.**

I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—³stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. ⁴We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.

⁵For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, ⁶so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children. ⁷So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.

⁸Then they will not be like their ancestors—stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God. (Psalm 78:2-8. NLT)