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#### Sunday:

Wednesday: Bible Study ...... 7:00 P.M.

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# "The Buck Stops Here"

Barry Grider

Studying presidential history is like a hobby of mine. Last week I had the privilege of traveling to Independence, Missouri to visit the home and library of our 33<sup>rd</sup> president, Harry S Truman. Perhaps the weight of the responsibility of that office has never been heavier on any other man, considering that President Truman had to make decisions that would impact the future of the human race, particularly as he sought to bring World War II to its conclusion. Upon hearing the news that President Roosevelt had died, Truman, realizing that he must assume the office of the presidency, stated, "I felt like the moon, the stars, and all the planets had fallen on me."

However, President Truman did not shrink from making tough decisions and he always took responsibility for his actions. He coined a phrase which has become a popular idiom in our modern vernacular, "The Buck Stops Here." Truman was quite adept at playing the game of poker and was very familiar with the phrase "passing the buck." He realized that as president he could not play the blame game. One recent presidential contender is traveling the world blaming her loss on everybody and everything except herself. Ordinary folks do the same thing every day. Such has been true since time immemorial, but seems especially prevalent today.

Remember when Adam ate of the forbidden fruit and God held him accountable for his actions? Adam blamed his wife and by so doing blamed God. "And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat" (Gen. 3:12). God then turned His attention toward the woman and she blamed the serpent. "And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat" (Gen. 3:13).

There is no doubt the serpent, who was the Devil, tempted the mother of all living. However, Adam and Eve did not have to succumb to the temptation of the enemy. The Devil will tempt us, but we do not have to give in to him. God made us with the ability to choose. We can make wise decisions. We can do what is right. At the same time if we do make a mistake or sin, let us not be guilty of "passing the buck," but take responsibility for our actions. If we do make a mistake we need to admit it and correct it. If we do sin we need to acknowledge it and repent of it.

Children are prone to blame others when they get in trouble with their parents. Some of these children come of age and still blame others for their own faults and shortcomings. However, Paul said, "quit you like men" (1 Cor. 16:13). Paul is saying that an adult should act like an adult. A grown man should accept responsibility for his actions. There is coming a day when every one of us will stand before Christ in judgment (2 Cor. 5:10). On that day we will be held accountable for our actions while living on this earth. Some will try to argue, make excuses, and pass the buck, but the Lord will not allow it.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity (Mat. 7:22,23).

If you and I are lost who is to blame? Let us look at our reflection in the mirror and remember, "The Buck Stops Here."



# A day for teens to get closer to God

March 24, 2018, 10 AM-6 PM Forest Hill church of Christ, 3950 Forest Hill-Irene Rd. Memphis, TN 38125 R.S.V.P. (901) 751-2444

# Theme: Rising Up from the Ashes of the Devil's Fires

Speakers: Steven Ford – Ryan Manning – Kee Ford – David Lopez Q&A Panelists: B.J. Clarke – Don Blackwell – Tom Wacaster – Dan Cates – Keith Mosher Sr.

## **Schedule:**

Study Sing Pray Serve

# Morning:

10:00-10:45 AM

Extreme One Bounce & Donuts; Prayer

10:45-11:15 AM

Sing & Walk with Sutton; Prayer

#### 11:15-12:00 PM

The Fire Within: What do I do when I Can't Run Away Because the Problem is in Me?

(Boys) – Steven Ford

(Girls) – Debbie Rogers, Leah White, Bryn Manning

#### 12:00-1:00 PM

Lunch: Chic-fil-A (Catered) Prayer Dare to Be Bold: Take the Initiative to Lead Your Youth Group to Do Something Amazing – Special Guest Speaker

#### **Afternoon:**

#### 1:00-1:45 PM

The Fire I Didn't Choose: How do I Cope When the Ones Who are Supposed to Love Me the Most Always Seem to Burn Me?

- Kee Ford

#### 1:45-2:30 PM

Service Project: Scripture Gift Baskets

#### 2:30-3:15

The Fire at the Fire Station: Where do I Go When the Church is the Problem? – Ryan Manning

3:15-4:00 PM

Singing in the Foyer; Prayer

### **Evening:**

4:00-4:45 PM

The Fire that Warms Me: Can I Help but Fall in Love with What Educates and Entertains Me?

David Lopez

#### 4:45-5:45 PM

**4:45 -5:15** – Choose Your Panel: Family, Church, and World Q&A Groups **5:15-5:45** – Gender Split: Fire Within Q&A Panel

#### 5:45-6:00 PM

Group Picture & Closing Prayer and Song in the Foyer

~ 6:30 PM – Everyone meet at Steak and Shake (You will need your own ride and \$) PRESIDE: Jameson Steward ASSIST: Brad Bynum

P.M. CLOSING:

Andrew Suttles Jackie Feng Tumelo Thobosi Philip Tomlin

Garrett Olney Douglas Tibbits

A.M. OPENING: Danny Braddock
A.M. CLOSING: Eddie Ray
P.M. OPENING: To Be Selected

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

To Be Selected

#### RECORD, WEEK of March 18, 2018

BIBLE STUDY:	240
A.M. WORSHIP:	305
P.M. WORSHIP:	215
CONTRIBUTON:	\$17,912.00

#### **OUR SICK**

Allan Hart, Room 329, Germantown Methodist.

**Pearl Washington**, will see a kidney specialist on Monday, March 26.

**Dave Chamberlain,** grandfather of Sarah Ulrich, Denver, CO, partial paralysis of the diaphragm.

**ILL AT HOME:** Bob Bergstrom, Doris Jean Cole, Carolyn Hayes, Helen Newsom, and Josh Nichols.

#### **HOMEBOUND**

Bessie Berry Virginia Ditto Hazel Eskew Tommy & Nell Herndon Anita Hopper Albert & Ruth House Clarine Justice Jerry & Betty Robbins Velton & Dorothy Trimm

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

#### **HEARTS AND HANDS**

There will be no assignments the week of March 25 due to MSOP Lectureship.

**TEAM "H" (KALON BROWN)** will receive assignment cards April 1.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

There will be no ladies and men's classes Tuesday, March 27 due to the MSOP Lectureship.

**2018 ABOUND**, Rising Up from the Ashes of the Devil's Fires, Saturday, March 24.

2018 MSOP Lectureship, Faith Under Fire, March 25-29.

**KIRBY PINES** Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, March 25.

**SN@M&N** Sunday, March 25 at the Forest Hill building from 6-9 p.m. All teens are invited to attend for a period of singing, scriptures, and unique Forest Hill-created games. (Food will be provided.)

**EGG HUNT** Sunday, April 1 after morning service for toddlers through 6th grade. Please bring sack lunches for your family and baskets for egg hunters. All members are invited to watch the egg hunt.

**NEW CLASS TO BEGIN** Wednesday, April 4 in the fellowship hall. Matthew Jones will be teaching "Taking Sin Seriously."

**2018 VBS J**UNE 4-6. Theme: Deep Divin' (Exploring Our Relationship With God).

**2018 SUMMER SERIES** Wednesdays, June 20-Aug 8. Theme: *Add to Your Faith...(A Study of the Christian Graces)*. Various speakers.

Last week's solution:

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. Romans 2:28-29

#### CORNERSTONE

**Bible Scramble:** Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.

EH TTHA THHA WONLKGEED TSRPHEA SIH WSROD: NDA A NMA FO UTSRNNNIGEDDA SI FO NA XTNLLEECC TSRPII. VNEE A OOLF, WNHE EH TOLHHED SIH PEECA, SI UTONEDC WSIE: NDA EH TTHA UTTTSHHE SIH SPLI SI TSMEEEED A NMA FO UTSRNNNIGEDDA.

# THE 52ND ANNUAL MSOP LECTURESHIP MARCH 25-29, 2018

# FAITH UNDER FIRE A STUDY OF 1 & 2 PETER

### **FEATURING:**

- \*39 Messages introducing and explaining the text of 1 & 2 Peter\*
- \*8 Special classes for ladies\*
- \*One volume of several hundred pages explaining the text of 1 & 2 Peter\*
- \*Youth day on Saturday, March 24, 2018\*
- \*8 Special Classes for young people\*
- \*Daily classes for all ages; Childcare provided for children 5 & under\*
- \*Nightly sessions of congregational singing\*
- \*A seminar for prospective students & supporters on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.\*
- \*The alumni dinner on March 27, 2018 at 4:15 p.m.\*
- \*Bible bookstores and dozens of brotherhood displays\*
- \*Coffee & donuts each morning; lunch provided daily\*
- \*RV hookups are available on site (call to reserve)\*
- \*Multiple hotels nearby (Call for discount rate information)\*
- \*Great Christian fellowship\*

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