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January 11, 2010

Dear Church Family,

The Youth Minister Search Committee has unanimously recommended Claude Ramey to be called to the full time position of Minister of Students and Community. This is a decision made after many hours of pouring over resumes, lengthy and sometimes heated discussions, numerous interviews, conversations with references, physical observations of candidate leadership skills, and most importantly, many, many hours of prayer.

During this 16 month process we have sought to see God's will for our church and its ministry to our youth whom we consider the backbone and the future of our church. We have learned that God's will is sometimes not our own and that God's timing is paramount to the fulfillment of his will.

Claude is not a stranger to our congregation. He has been an active member of our church for several years. He has used his many talents to sing, lead in worship and most recently acted as a co-minister to our youth. All the while, God was dealing with Claude and his return to the full time ministry after having left the ministry in his home state of Michigan to pursue a different career path. When Claude first filed his resume for this position he was still "testing the waters" of that call. After God, in His infinite wisdom, led the church away from the first candidate the committee selected, Claude's own sense of calling coincided with the parameters of our search. He presented to us in his second round of interviews a very thorough and challenging proposal to enrich and enhance our youth ministry. He also began to be a positive influence on many of the youth who were understandably disappointed that the first call had not been extended.

Some of our discussion with Claude and each other reflected on many areas of ministry to youth and single adults that had been overlooked or not reached for various reasons, including time and financial concerns. Out of these discussions and with the assistance of the Personnel and Youth Committees, we saw the need for and thus revised the job description for this Minister to include Youth and Community. We believe that this will give a broader scope to the possibilities of ministry and reach out to our un-churched community in addition to enhancing the Christian experience of our Youth, our first and primary obligation.

Claude is a multi-talented individual who brings a passion for Christ and enthusiasm to his work. He has served as a pastor for seven years and performed all the duties that entails, including the construction of a new church facility. Prior to the ministry, Claude was involved in lay ministry in his home state of Michigan. He and his wife, Deb, have three children, one of whom is a member of the Youth group, with the others to soon follow. He sees his ministry here to be long term, but is always open to God's call. He has established his roots here and Hodgenville is now "home."

We, as a Committee, are strong in our belief that Claude is the person God wants for our church. We have the full support of the Youth Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Stewardship Committee, and, we believe, the Youth as well. Our prayer is that you will pray fervently over the next ten to twelve days to open your heart and mind to God's will in this call.

On Sunday, January 24, 2010, we will vote as a church body on the call of Claude Ramey as our full time Minister to Youth and Community. If you have any questions or concerns we encourage you to contact a member of the committee, Claude or Brother Mike to seek the information you desire. We, the Committee, have fulfilled our obligation by presenting to you the candidate God has laid on our hearts. We now ask you to pray seeking God's will in this call and that you be prepared to participate in the vote on Sunday morning, January 24, 2010.

We thank you for your encouragement and support during this long and difficult process. We appreciate you and your commitment to our ministry here at First Baptist.

Yours in Christ,
Youth Ministry Search Committee
Dale Morris, Chairman
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Bobby Lewis, Roni Milby, Jack Rogers, and Barry Stephens

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...between a ministering church and the home.

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Deacons of the Week

January 17: Terry Bradley and Denny Duggins

Head Usher: Jimmie McDowell

January 24: Bobby Lewis and Jimmie McDowell

Head Usher: Jimmy Edwards

Child Care Workers

January 17:

Breakfast: Katie Sandidge

Infant: Mike and Connie Hunt

Toddlers: Lewis and Carla Sloan

2's & 3's: Michelle Rogers and John Blunk

Jr. Children's Church: None

Evening Worship: Mitchell and Sherry Key

Wed., January 20: Wendi Edwards and Suzanne Boone

January 24:

Breakfast: Dale Morris

Infant: Barbara Gowen and Lynda Stearman

Toddlers: Marty and Teresa Lee

2's & 3's: Michelle and Jonathan Nunn

Jr. Children's Church: Kathy Vaughn and Lori Puyear

Evening Worship: Perry Huccaby and Carol Hornback

Wed., January 20: Dale and Cathy Morris


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Music Notes	Youth	Education & Children
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Thank you, FBC, for a wonderful Fall and Christmas of service alongside you. This is truly a wonderful church that has been abundantly blessed by our Lord in countless ways. I have enjoyed getting to know the music ministry family over these past few months and would also like to get to know those of you that I do not have the opportunity to work with personally on a regular basis. For any of you who enjoy singing praises to our Lord and would like to find a place of ministry in our Choir, or who have instrumental abilities that you would like to share as part of our Orchestra, I would like to extend a personal invitation. I invite you to come and try us out for a couple of rehearsals. There are no "contracts" to sign, and no frightening "auditions". I can tell you that you will be warmly welcomed by a wonderful group of brothers and sisters in Christ who also love to share their God-given talents and abilities with others. This is a wonderful time to give it a try as we are beginning rehearsals on new music for worship services and for the Easter season. The Music and Drama Ministries will be presenting a powerful program entitled "The Risen Christ", and we would love for you to join us in sharing the Gospel of Christ with our church and community! Choir rehearsals are on Wed. evenings at 7PM. Our orchestra rehearses at 8:30AM on Sunday mornings. (If you are interested in joining our orchestra, just call the office during the week, and we can have music ready for you.)

May this year be a time of growing deeper in our relationship with our Savior! May the worship that we offer each week come from glad and sincere hearts that love our Lord Jesus Christ!

Wishing you a blessed 2010,
Misty



Fun in the snow!

We are snow tubing at Paoli Peaks! We will leave this Sunday after the morning worship. If you haven't signed up yet no worries, give the church office a call and let us know how many will be joining us. The more the merrier! The cost is \$25 plus money for lunch and dinner - nothing big probably food on the fly. Bring your warm sledding clothes with you to church Sunday. We can change when we stop for lunch.

Helpful tip - bring layers and keep the outer layer waterproof to keep inner layers dry. Gloves, hat, boots, etc. Clothing and snow boot rental are available at the tubing lodge. It's also good to take some extra clothes to have something dry to wear home. We should be back at the church around 9:00 pm. There is a release form that needs to be filled out and signed by parent/guardian for minors. The forms can be signed Sunday before we leave. If that does not work I will have the forms available in the church office this week.

Looking ahead...

We are joining forces with Parkway Baptist for M Fuge in Cumberland scheduled for June 19th through June 25th. Camp is open for Middle and High School students. More information will follow as we finalize details.

I haven't forgotten about the 30 hour famine - hang tight and I will get the information out soon. Thanks for your patience.

Blessings,

Claude

Educational Ministry
Wonderfully Made Ministries

A warm, home-cooked meal. It is something that we all enjoy and something that doesn't just appear out of nowhere. The truth is that it takes time to prepare a nice meal that brings warmth to the soul. That time to prepare is something that new mothers do not have a lot of, but some of you might. So we are beginning a new ministry here at FBCH called *Wonderfully Made Ministries*. The purpose...to provide a warm, home-cooked meal for families who have just had a new baby. If you are interested in helping provide a meal for these families (3 are pregnant right now) please let Megan Townsend know. It is a great opportunity, don't miss it.

Children's Ministry
CentriKID Camp—July 5-9 Upward

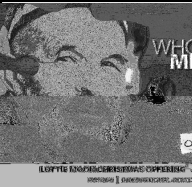
More so than in years past it is absolutely vital that you try to sign up for camp before the end of January. The camp is already full and no spot can be guaranteed after Feb. 1st. If you are in 3rd-5th grade and are considering going to camp please try to make a decision by the end of the month (a \$27 discount is also included if you do). More information about camp and the cost policy can be found online (www.fbchodgenville.org/camp). It is a great opportunity and scholarships are also available if needed. Sign up today.

Upward practices begin next week. Coaches should be calling you this week to let you know when and where. You can also download the rosters online (www.fbchodgenville.org/upward).

~Adam

Birthdays this Week

January 17	Tyler Brownfield
January 19	Mike Shelton
January 20	Barbara McGuffin Norma Vessels
January 21	Nancy Brown Diane Dawson
January 22	DeeAnn Sanders



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 THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD - VIA OUR LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS - SURPASSING OUR HALLELUJAH GOAL. Our emphasis has ended; but as with other mission offerings, it is open year round. Our total is \$9,442.54. FBC has expressed love and concern for our missionaries, those who are waiting for their positions to be funded, and the lost souls our missionaries are seeking to reach with the good news of the gospel of Jesus.

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, January 17
 8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
 9:15 a.m. Praise Team and Band Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 4:30 p.m. Magic Hands Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 6:00 p.m. Children's Activities
 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Monday, January 18
 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
 10:00 a.m. Young at Heart Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Upward Practices

Tuesday, January 19
 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Art Class
 3:15 p.m. Young at Heart Out to Eat
 6:00 p.m. Handbells
 6:00 p.m. Upward Practices


Wednesday, January 20
 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
 6:00 p.m. TeamKid, Student Revolution, Prayer and Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 21
 6:00 p.m. Upward Practices

Friday, January 22
 10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking

Sunday, January 24
 8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
 9:15 a.m. Praise Team and Band Rehearsal
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 12:00 noon Relay for Life Soup Luncheon
 4:30 p.m. Magic Hands Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 6:00 p.m. *Forgotten God Study*
 6:00 p.m. Children's Activities

We are in need of volunteers to help prepare a light supper for the children on Wednesday nights starting at 5 p.m. All supplies are provided. Need help w/ preparing. If interested, please contact Beth Turner at 735-6240 or via email bethbradturner@yahoo.com.



Living Strong Relay for Life Soup Luncheon Sunday, January 24th following the morning worship service. Please come support our team. Donations will be accepted.

January 10 Attendance

Bible Study	
Sr. Adult	37
Adult	70
Youth	20
Children	29
Preschool	19
Visitors	4
Total	179
Morning Worship	258

January 10 Financial Report

Needed Weekly:	11,055.61
Budget Received:	6,463.65
2 Weeks Budget:	22,111.22
2 Weeks Received:	11,688.63
Designated:	
Pavilion	10.00
Youth	200.00
Video	50.00
Camp Deposit	50.00
Total Offering	6,773.65

Anyone wishing to join the FBC Living Strong Relay for Life Team please contact Katie McDowell at kamcdowell@hotmail.com or 766-2545.

We are looking for volunteers to do children's sermons on Sunday mornings. If interested, please contact Adam Townsend.