



## A Message from Pastor Andrew

Dear Church Family,

Where does conflict come from? The musical artist Taylor Swift recently said in a new song, **“It’s me. Hi. I’m the problem, it’s me.”** Maybe this illustration is too recent for you? Consider an older one—The story is told that The Times of London at one point early in the 1900s posed this question to several prominent authors: “What’s wrong with the world today?” The well-known author G.K. Chesterton is said to have responded with a one-sentence essay:

Dear Sir,

I am.

Yours, G.K. Chesterton

How does the Bible speak to this? The Apostle James, Jesus’ brother, says this: “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures” (James 4:1-3).

Can you believe this? It’s unanimous—**you’re the problem.** I know that sounds harsh. No one likes to admit they are the problem. The human tendency is to point the finger and place blame elsewhere because—honestly—that’s easier, right?

To say that the problem is “in me” and not “in that person” is not to say that you’re always wrong and the other is always right. But it is to say that in relational conflict, outward behaviors are often a sign of inward emotion/feeling. You can respond to others in a manner that actually reveals what’s going on inside you, and that can perpetuate conflict with no resolution in sight.

James tells us that inside everyone of us there is a war being waged—our desire for our own satisfaction is constantly rearing its head. This means that even if you are a follower of Jesus, in your inner being, there is still a desire for things that don’t honor Jesus. This means that in your relationships with others—even those you love—there is an inner selfish desire for your own satisfaction, even if it’s at their expense. Alec Moyter says it well: **“All our desires and passions**

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## SERMON SCHEDULE

### ON MISSION ACTS

**MARCH 5**  
**Crossroads on  
the Mission**  
Acts 15:36-41

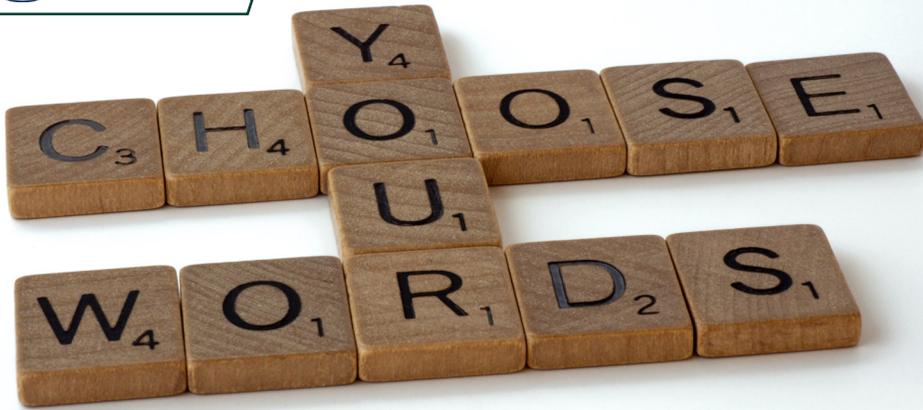
**MARCH 12**  
**Power in Philippi**  
**PART 1**  
Acts 16:1-15

**MARCH 19**  
**Power in Philippi**  
**PART 2**  
Acts 16:16-40

**MARCH 26**  
**Ordinary People,  
Extraordinary Work**  
Acts 17:1-15

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What if at your disposal was a limitless supply of wealth, and no matter how much you gave away, you never lost anything? Would you spend your days in radical generosity, blessing every person that your met? I hope you would. Very few people could claim that reality in monetary wealth, but all of us have been given this storehouse of goods with our ability to bless others with our words.

See how the Bible frames this reality with these two passages below:

**Proverbs 25:11 (ESV)** *11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.*

**Proverbs 16:24 (ESV)** *24 Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.*

To our shame, neglecting to encourage others often comes from a fear that it costs us something, as if blessing others overlooks their faults. God, however, teaches us to treat our neighbors as if they are more significant than ourselves (Phil 2:3), miraculously aiding us to take the focus off of self and to bestow grace on others.

So give freely. Give lavishly. At your disposal is a treasure that shouldn't be locked up and wasted but shared without reservation.

— Austin Prince, Pastor for Education and Discipleship and Director for MSPS

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR MARCH 2023

**Thursday, March 2**  
Dr. Seuss Day in MSPS

**Saturday, March 4**  
Ladies' Spring Tea

**March 5 - 12**  
Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (SBC)

**Friday, March 10**  
Teacher workday for MSPS

**Sunday, March 12**  
Daylight Saving Time Begins - Spring Forward

 **Friday, March 17**   
St. Patrick's Day

**Sunday, March 19**  
Church Planting Emphasis (SBC)

 **Sunday, March 20**   
Spring Begins

## NETworks

A Cooperative Christian Ministry Serving the Northlake — Embury Hills — Tucker Area

FOOD ITEM OF THE MONTH

### Peanut Butter!



Donation boxes are just inside the glass door at the office entrance and also in the Gathering Room.

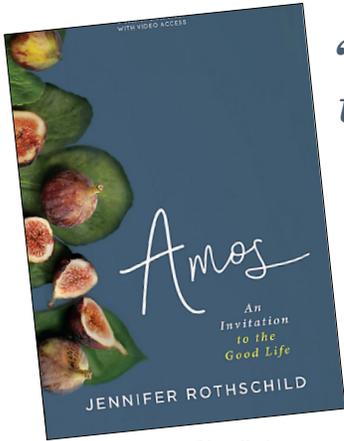


# Ladies' Bible Study

Meets Wednesdays at 10AM in the FBCT Community Room

This 8-week study will continue meeting on the following dates:

**March 1 & 8**



## “Amos: An Invitation to the Good Life”

Amos is often called a prophet of doom. And when you begin to read his prophecy, it doesn't take long to realize that nickname fits. On the surface, his prophecy doesn't sound like a happy formula for the good life. However, every condemnation he gives serves as an invitation, a cry for us to “seek God and live” (Amos 5:4). You'll be invited to live assured, faithful, chosen, humble, justly, prayerful, and hopeful. This kind of living will bring us and others around us peace and true prosperity.

Amos is promoting the God life, and the God life is the good life!

### CONTACTS FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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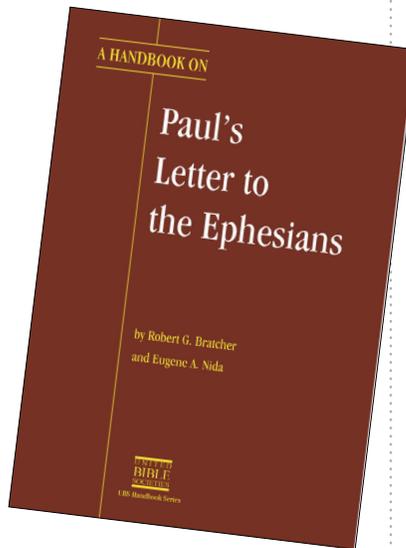
You can also contact the church office at: (770) 938-1688

# Men's Bible Study

Begins Thursday, March 2, 2023  
at 10am - 11:30am in the FBCT  
Community Room

## “Paul's Letters to the Ephesians”

The study is being led by David Harris and Darren Fletcher. Contact one of them with questions or to sign up. You can also contact the church at (770) 938-1688.



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Darren Fletcher at 919-671-8421 or email: [dfletcher@fbctucker.org](mailto:dfletcher@fbctucker.org)



NEW MEMBER

Cheryl Statom

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A small group is meeting in the FBCT Community room after the worship service, for lunch and bible study. The topic is **“Evangelism.”**

If interested in joining or for more information, please contact **John or Louisa Tremann:**

**Louise:** 404-272-2316 or email [louisa.tremann@gmail.com](mailto:louisa.tremann@gmail.com)

**John:** 775-240-4708 or email [jtremann95@gmail.com](mailto:jtremann95@gmail.com)

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## Ladies' Spring Tea

The Ladies' Spring Tea will be **Saturday, March 4, 2023**, in the Main Street Fellowship Hall from 2 to 4 pm. The charge will be \$10.00. Contact **Renee Maynard** with any questions at 770-530-5997, or email [mmaynard2@juno.com](mailto:mmaynard2@juno.com).



# THANK YOU

“Dear Church Family

Thank you so much for the cards, words of encouragement, plaque, and very generous gifts that you gave honoring my 26 ½ years of service at First Baptist Church of Tucker. I am so humbled by your outpouring of love!!! What an honor to serve our amazing God together with such a wonderful congregation!!!

Much love,”

— Pam Woodson

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*are like an armed camp within us, ready at a moment’s notice to declare war against anyone who stands in the way of some personal gratification on which we set our hearts.”*

Paul Tripp, in speaking about relational conflict proposes this helpful consideration: **“The only purpose of war is to win, and the only purpose of winning is control.”** We should all be intentional to address and wrestle with the ways we might have perpetuated conflict, humbly agree with Taylor Swift, G.K. Chesterton, and the Apostle James, and all say, “I am the problem.” But also recognize that in Jesus, there is hope. He sets for us the perfect example in his own humility. He was willing to lay aside his rights so that he might repair the vertical rupture between us and God. He healed the vertical conflict, and in following his example and turning to him, we can heal the horizontal conflict.



Healthy churches aren’t healthy because they don’t have conflict; healthy churches are healthy because when conflict arises they humbly work towards repair and reconciliation. Because of Jesus, and for his glory, let’s be a church that humbly addresses conflict by laying down our lives for one another.

In Christ,

— Pastor Andrew



Please Be In Prayer For:

» The family and friends of **Bill Apple** who passed away on Friday, February 10.



## FBCT OFFICE HOURS

Our regular office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM. The Main Office closes from 12 PM to 1 PM for lunch each day.

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