



fbc student ministry

A Word From Bro. John

**KEEP IT
SIMPLE
STUPID.**

People often ask me, "John, what kind of ministry do you want for your students?" My response always catches them off guard as I reply, "a simple one." The truth is, too many student ministries today are overly programmed, overly demanding, and just way too complicated to keep up with what is going on. Clutter in ministry, just like in a home or life, will keep you busy without accomplishing very much at all. We could be the student ministry that does all the wild camps, travels to multiple fancy retreats, and packs a calendar full of fantastic activities. But we would not accomplish much would we? It has been said that the modern church is a mile wide and an inch deep, and certainly that would describe the current state of student ministry as well. So this ministry (and this newsletter) will be devoted to keeping things simple by focusing all our time and energy on one thing: making disciples who love and live for Jesus. That's it; that is the sole purpose of our ministry. And yet, it will take us the rest of our lives and everything we have. Thank you for allowing me the great privilege of serving you here at First Baptist Church. I have a deep desire to see Jesus lifted high in your life.

Deep Thoughts:

A Devotional for Students

"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe." (Hebrews 1:1-2)

Jesus Above All: His Universe

Christmas can sometimes leave us with a limited impression of Jesus. Yes, He's the "reason for the season," but who plays Him in the Christmas pageant? Usually a doll or some nervous mom's tiny baby. And, yes, we say over and over that He grew up and that He came to die for our sins -- but that's still only part of His story.

So we're going to listen in this week as the writer of Hebrews reminds us again that Jesus is far above everything and everyone. And He always has been. And He always will be. All of life is His story, not just Christmas and Easter.

For starters, today's passage tells us that Jesus' name is on everything -- twice. First, He is the "heir," or the one who gets everything in the end. (That includes you and me and everything we can think of.) But He is also the one through whom everything was made in the first place. Turn us over, and you'll see, "Made through Jesus."

It literally is His universe.

Think: Could any person or being be more important than the one through whom everything was made and who will inherit everything in the end? Does thinking about Jesus' power make you feel smaller?

Pray: Praise Jesus as the heir of all things and the one through whom the universe was made.

Do: Read more about Jesus' above-allness in Colossians 1:15-19.

Upcoming Events:

- All Activities Resume: Jan 6
- Bro John preaching Pikeville College Chapel 11am: Feb 9
- Youth Night, FBC Worship: Mar 7
- Reformation Conference, Prestonsburg, KY: Mar 26-27
- Crossings 2010:
June 27-July 2

Birthdays:

Audrey Mullins	1/10
Miley Simmons	1/10
Mac Hall	1/18
Zach Howell	1/18
Zach Johnson	1/30

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Our vision is to equip students to **love** and **live** for Jesus the rest of their lives. To accomplish this, we seek to move students in three spiritual directions:

Vertical - upward in a right and growing relationship with God

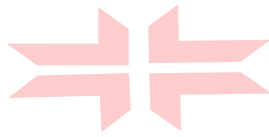
Relational - inward in right relationships with other believers through unity.

Missional - outward in taking the gospel to our community and the world.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Student Worship: Wednesday Nights

Dinner @ 6:15 pm

Worship @ 6:45 pm

Small Group Sunday School:

Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 am

Ministry Teams: Sundays @ 5:30 pm

DeeperNow Study: Sundays @ 6:30 pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Bro John Preaching AM	4	5	6 fbc Student Worship, 6:30 pm	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:45am Student Choir 4:30pm DeeperNow 6:30pm	11	12	13 fbc Student Worship, 6:30 pm	14	15	16
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