

Welcome to
First Baptist Church
Wright City



Jeremy Combs--
If you don't GIVE an offering,
I will TAKE an offering.

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Are You Spinning?

Jeremiah 18:1-4

Before the sissies took over our schools and playgrounds, we had real playground equipment!

† You didn't show up at the park with a yoga mat! You came with a baseball bat and a hardball and you played on the merry-go-round! And it didn't have a brake, a safety harness, or a warning label! It could knock out your teeth, break an arm, smash an ear, make you sicker than a drunk dog, but **MAN WAS IT FUN!** Jump on, hang on, and don't let go until you're called home for supper! If we still had merry-go-rounds instead of play stations, we wouldn't have so many ignorant people getting into all the trouble they are today, because the merry-go-round would weed them out!

Do you feel like you are spinning out of control today?

† **Round and round and round and can't get off or slow down?** Or maybe you feel like you have been broken to pieces, slam dunked, and thrown into a spin? Well it may just be that you are on the Potter's Wheel!

† **Jeremiah 18:1-4** – "The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it."

1. THE HAND

† Your life is in the hand of God. The potter is one who uses his hand to shape clay into something useful. God is the Master Potter who took clay and formed a man with a prosperous and powerful result in mind. In this passage, God was speaking a nation whom he formed. Now God is speaking to us.

2. THE MAN

† Your transformation at times involves brokenness and pain. Israel was broken and hurting. The principle is that God still forms and molds and shapes men and women into vessels for His glory. It is hard raising my grandkids, but I can't trust anybody else to do it! My boys won't listen to granddad when I tell them to "slow down, get down, stop before you get hurt". They don't realize that I want what is best for them, but allow them to make mistakes. I want them to learn and grow and not hurt ever! Do you realize that even the people who still loved God were suffering during this time in Israel's history? The sins of others often affect us and our sins often affect others. But in the midst of it all, God still knows your name, your destiny, and His purpose for you. You are in God's hand and He is molding you.

† **Romans 8:29** – "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

† He is shaping and molding you into the image of Christ!

3. THE PLAN

† What God has in mind for you is glorious and good. Israel failed, so He is saying He will take the clay and reform it and make into something new and useful. This is what he does in us at times, when we go through trials and difficulties and even failures. He takes what we are, where we are, and shapes into something useful for His glory and purposes.

† Eph. 2:10 tells us He has a plan for us. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

† The Lord says "just as the potter designs each clay pot in different shapes and sizes, I have designed and created each one of you." Everyone has been born with a unique purpose and plan. Each one of us has been designed for a particular purpose. We are HIS workmanship. This is the place where God molds you and conforms you into HIS image. This is the place where all impurities will be destroyed and all bruises and blemishes will be erased. This is the place where the rough edges will be smoothed out and broken vessels will be restored. This place is necessary for your spiritual growth to bring forth the gifts that God placed on the inside of you. Do not refuse the work on the Potter's wheel but allow God to transform you as He shapes your life and destiny. Trust God when the process seems too difficult. It can be an uncomfortable place, but know that it is for your benefit and necessary to bring you in to the fulfillment of the Lord's plans. God is the master potter and will design your life so that you will become all that He has created you to be. You will become a glorious vessel of honor, and others will see the brilliance of the transformed life that He is creating in you.

Sometimes when you are in the middle of the process, you have to remember the end result.

† In all the process, remember the grace and mercy available for us in the Master Potter's throne room.

† Moses was saved by God as a baby, raised in a foreign land, left to tend sheep in the desert, and then called and used to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt.

† Peter was a rough, ungodly fisherman, but God allowed him to become one of the greatest preachers and Christian examples the world has ever known.

† Paul was a murderer, a liar, a maniac, a horrible abuser of Christians, yet God transformed him into a fearless defender of Christ, a missionary, and an inspired penman of New Testament scriptures!

You may feel like you are on a merry-go-round, but maybe you are just on the Potter's wheel!

† You can put your trust in the Potter's hand.

† You can fully submit to the Potter's plan.

† And by faith in the Lord, the master Potter, you will be a vessel that will be molded, and used, and blessed, and be eternally preserved according to His grace.

What's Happening At First Baptist Church

Fathers Day next Sunday at 11:00 AM!

Please be with us next Sunday morning as we honor our fathers, with special recognition and a gift for each father in attendance!

June Birthdays

Sheyanne Charleton (1), Tonia Castaneda (2), Nolan Jeske (2)
Piper Woodruff (7), Rohn Boone (12), Max Combs (14)
Donna Freeman (16), Daisy Sprayberry (16), Betty Pace (18)
Delores Jeske (19), James Sprayberry (19), Chloe Petty (26)

June Anniversaries

Korey & Rohnda Byrd (2), Trey & Caitlin Womack (6)
John & Ena Stovall (19), Marty & Piper Woodruff (19)
AJ & Sheyanne Charleton (23)

UPDATES: No midweek services this week
NO Sunday School or PM Services June 21

Please remember that you may place your tithe or gift in the offering box in the Sanctuary Foyer.

Our Missions-minder

Jesse and Glenna Parnell were approved as Baptist Bible Fellowship missionaries to Uruguay in May 1980. Jesse is a 1979 graduate of Baptist Bible College, Springfield, Missouri, and Glenna completed the concentrated missions course at BBC in 1978. Jesse was ordained at the Calvary Baptist Church in Odessa, Texas, in 1979. They have one daughter. Remember to pray for the Parnells and the lost souls in Uruguay.



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<u>Sunday School</u>	10am	<u>Wednesday Groups</u>	6:30pm
<u>Sunday Worship</u>	11am	THUGS	High School
<u>Sunday Evening</u>	6pm	CHAOS	Middle School
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		Little JAMS	Pre-School
		Prayer Warriors	Adults

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