

A Clear Purpose

Colossians 1:24-29

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A. What are we to do?

- ◆ **Proclaim Christ**

B. How are we to do it?

- ◆ We **admonish** (to **warn/exhort**)
- ◆ We **teach** (to hold a **discourse**)

C. Who do we do this for?

- ◆ **Everyone**

D. Why do we do this?

- ◆ “so that we may **present** everyone **mature** in Christ”

E. What will it take?

- ◆ Personal **labor** and **agony**
- ◆ A trust in His **power**

Principle: We are **most** ourselves when we are **least** dependent on our own resources

So...what's next for FBC?

- ◆ Dennis Lee August 30th through September 3rd
- ◆ The Story
- ◆ Koinonia & Baptisms
- ◆ Seeking God's specific direction for FBC

Coming this fall to FBC.....

THE STORY

Some may think that reading the Bible is too boring, too religious, too irrelevant, too long. But ‘*The Story*’ is different. And what a story! The Bible is filled with stories of love, war, birth, death, and miracles and it's our primary text at FBC. There's poetry, culture, history, and theology. It's a supreme novel, a book of sociology, a history lesson – all woven around one, eternal conflict: good versus evil. This story offers a glimpse of people in a different time and place that are much like us opening a door to truth that can be found nowhere else. That's why the entire FBC family will be on a singular path of spiritual growth, reading, and studying God's word with the supplement of a book title: ‘*The Story*’ as a resource from now through May 2011. We will uncover truths as rock solid today as they were in those distant times. As this great pilgrimage begins, we encourage you to prepare for worship by setting aside time each week to read the ‘*The Story*’, a seamless version of the Bible in chronological order. For those of you who don't want to put down your “Trusted Sword”, don't worry you can read the same passages right out of your own bible and we will provide a reading schedule.

Copies of ‘*The Story*’ will be available starting September 12th and cost \$10. There are also copies of “*The Story for Kids*” and “*The Story for Teens*” being made available at the same cost. Our children and student ministries will all be covering the same material in age appropriate form each week in their classes and small groups. Every family will get weekly discussion starters and small group curriculum will be provided in print or downloadable from our website. So it's The Whole Bible. The Whole Church. The Whole School Year. Together we'll encounter the story of Scripture in a whole new way!