SERMON

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, June 22-23, 2019

SERIES TITLE: REFLECT - Mirroring the Image of God in Our Relationships

SERMON TITLE: Make Work Your Worship

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:22 – 4:1

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[22] Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

- [23] Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,
- [24] since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
- [25] Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.
- 4: [1] Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

Title: Make Work Your Worship

Different way to look at work

1. We were <u>created</u> to <u>work</u>.

• Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

2. In Christ, God <u>redeemed</u> work by giving it a new <u>purpose</u>.

• Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

3. Work should reflect the glory of God.

- For Employees
- For Employers

4. Work with all your heart and do so in the Name of Christ.

- Give your best
- Work for Christ
- Make work your gospel mission

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Leading the Church

I want to invite you to our second of four congregational meetings for the year 2019. We will meet in Central Hall at 6:45 PM Wednesday to handle routine business and to discuss our ministry as the church. The meeting will last about an hour.

I want to use this as a way of communicating my vision to First Baptist Church. Through the years I have done this exact thing a number of times. It will help us all refine the vision and keep us moving in a way that is scriptural and practical.

This is our purpose: "We exist to help people know and accept Jesus Christ and through Him experience life-changing relationships." This is who we are and who we want to be.

As we attend the vision meeting, we will all find ways of making this possible.

Much of the meeting will involve hearing where we are financially both in the current budget year and in the giving for the Forward! Capital Campaign. You probably recall how I have said that the years 2018 and 2019 would be "challenging" years. We will use this time to show where we are and how we are doing with these first years in the new building.

I think you will find the financial discussion encouraging and hopeful.

We have a number of other issues that will fall under the vision section.

This is my theological belief--you are the church. Therefore, you need the most information possible about what we do and why we do it.

I look forward to seeing you Wednesday evening.