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Put Another Log on the Fire

I love the outdoors! I love to hike; I love to camp; I love to be out in God's creation. But what I really like about all that is I get to build a campfire. I think deep inside I may be a pyromaniac, but not in a destructive kind of way!! As the weather has gotten cooler in the evenings, I've been building fires in my fireplace. Nothing beats watching what I call "fireplace TV" and the sound of wood crackling, and oh...s'mores – don't forget the s'mores! But as I sat last night warming by the fire, I couldn't help but notice that the real heat comes not from the flames but from the coals. Starting a fire takes a lot of work: you gather the tinder, arrange it, start the fire and then fan the flames until the logs are fully ignited. It's not until you get a good bed of coals that you really start to experience warmth from the fire.

Our church is lot like that. A small group of folks came together 150 years ago to worship in what is today known as First Baptist Church Plant City. It was a small group whose initial impact wasn't very big. No doubt they made some impact, but they had no way of knowing what their small group, their small fire, would grow into. They worked hard, invited their friends, and loved those around them to get this church going. That small group has long since passed, but the "coals" their work generated burns warm in our church today. We stand, energized by the warmth of the fire they started, and we reach people in ways and in numbers they never imagined. Over 200 lives have been changed since moving last February...the "fire" continues to grow. We hope to continue to share the warmth and love of Jesus in new and exciting ways not just in Plant City, but to the whole world!

As we make this journey and continue to add to the fire started long ago, I hope you will join with us in what God is doing. He calls each of us to play a part in advancing His kingdom now and for the generations to come. Wouldn't it be great to come back in 150 years and see what God is doing through First Baptist Church of Plant City! Reaching the world in ways and in numbers that we can't even begin to imagine today!

Will you join with us? Will you willingly play the part God wants and has designed you to play? It would be awesome if you would join us! It's a great place to be so come along beside us, pull up a chair and as the old song says...put another log on the fire.



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