



The Preschool Children hunt Easter Eggs on the front lawn on March 28, 2018.

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From the Pastor..



They are only three words, but they change everything. No, I'm not talking about "I love you." Those are powerful words and they can change our lives individually. I, however, am talking about three words that changed the course of history – "He is risen!"

The proclamation that Jesus overcame the grave empowers our lives like nothing else. They enable us to live without fear of death. They assure us that there is more to life than what we see. They remind us that God is more powerful than sin and death.

Bill and Gloria Gaither captured these sentiments when they wrote the hymn Because He Lives. The chorus captures the power of the resurrection when it says:

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living, just because He lives*

I've often wondered what inspired these powerful words and found that answer in an interview with the St. Augustine Record posted online January 29, 2015. It tells how Gloria Gaither was pregnant with their third child and Bill Gaither was ill with mononucleosis.

On top of the stress of their health struggles, Gloria was also worried about bringing another child into a world filled with "craziness." It was the 60's, drug abuse was rampant and racial tensions were high. Even worse, people seemed to be turning away from God.

Amidst all of these fears, Gloria was suddenly filled with a gentle, calming peace. She imagined God like an attentive mother bending over and attending to her baby. Thus the phrase:

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy He gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain day, because He lives*

As a parent, I can relate to the fears we often feel for our children. We still live in a crazy world filled with challenges that are beyond our control.

Easter, however, reminds us that there is nothing beyond God's control. The world threw its worst at Jesus upon the cross and God gave overturned it all on Easter. Therefore we, who are God's children, can face any day – because He lives!

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*He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
Matthew 26:6*



Schedule

Sunday, April 1

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast - FLC

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, April 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 3

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, April 4

No Wednesday Evening Activities

Thursday, April 5

No Clothes Closet

Sunday, April 8

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Red Springs Missions Camp Interest Meeting

4:00 p.m. Venture Voices

5:00 p.m. Venture Students

5:30 p.m. Young Couples Marriage Enrichment

Monday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 10

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group

Wednesday, April 11

1:30 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive - Adams Hall

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal - FLC

5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study - FLC

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, April 12

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

*We love because
he first loved us.
1 John 4:19*



Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
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FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, April 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 3

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, April 4

7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, April 5

9:30 a.m. Pickleball

7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, April 6

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Monday, April 9

9:30 a.m. Pickleball - Gym

11:45 a.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, April 10

7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Wednesday, April 11

7:15 p.m. Pickleball

Thursday, April 12

9:30 a.m. Pickleball - Gym

Friday, April 13

11:45 p.m. Line Dancers

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of March 18 & 25, 2018

	3/18	3/25
Church in Bible Study	145	118
Church in Worship	177	204
Precept Bible Study (Week of March 20 & 21)		23

Financial Statistics

	March	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	66,956.00	454,464.00
Budget Receipts	46,792.00	431,464.00
Needed to Meet Goal	20,164.00	23,310.00
Alms (Eddie Steele Fund in March)	2,510.00	5829.00
Designated	6,713.00	59,064.00

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.
Matthew 22:37*



Announcements

Marriage Enrichment for Young Adults

Young couples are invited to join Nelson and Valerie for a time of marriage enrichment. Sessions will be held in Adams Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. each Sunday evening from April 8 – May 27, 2018. Topics to be discussed include:

- April 8, 2018 – The Basics of Healthy Relationships
- April 15, 2018 – Communication: How to Hear and Be Heard
- April 22, 2018 – Conflict: How to Fight Fair and Resolve Your Differences
- April 29, 2018 – Making Up: Asking for and Receiving Forgiveness
- May 6, 2018 – Working Together: Building a Strong Team
- May 13, 2018 – No Meeting – Mothers' Day
- May 20, 2018 – The Five Love Languages Part One
- May 27, 2018 – The Five Love Languages Part Two

For more information contact Dr. Granade at the church office. Childcare will be provided.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

1:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Adams Hall

Be sure to plan to come give blood on this day. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter IMH to schedule an appointment.

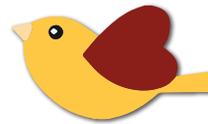
Red Springs Missions Camp Interest Meeting

Sunday, April 8, 2018

11:00 a.m. - Adams Hall

This summer's mission trip will be to Red Springs Mission Camp in Robeson County, NC. We will work on a variety of projects. If you enjoy Operation Inasmuch, this would be an excellent trip for you. If you are interested, please come to the interest meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, April 8. For more information on Red Springs Mission Camp, please go to the website <http://baptistsonmission.org/camps/red-springs-mission-camp>

Unsung Hero Bob Turnipseed



This Easter Sunday, we will have a baptism during our worship service. Bob Turnipseed is there for each baptism. He takes care of the wet robes once the baptism is over. He takes the robes home to clean them and returns them later so they are ready for the next baptism. Additionally, Bob takes part in the prison ministry by helping Chuck Heckel lead a Bible study for men in prison.

Thank you for all you do to make FBC great!

Each issue of The Interim will feature a member that does great and often unrecognized things for FBC. If you would like to see someone recognized as an Unsung Hero, please e-mail Kayley Crouch at kayley@statesvillefbc.org or call 704-873-7231.

When God Speaks

For God does speak – now one way, now another – though no one perceives it. (Job 33:14).

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” (1 Samuel 3:10).

We hear what we are used to hearing. Are you accustomed to hearing God speak to you? God, our heavenly Father, communicates. He speaks. He initiates conversation. To be able to hear God is crucial for our spiritual lives and for revival. God speaks, and we are responsible to listen and hear Him. There are always four voices competing for our attention: the voice of God, the devil, others, and our own. We must discern which is which. By faith, we can hear God and distinguish His voice. By faith, we can receive God's Word. By faith, the children of God are enabled to hear divine truth and convert that truth to action.

God speaks in several ways today. He speaks primarily through the Bible. The Holy Spirit speaks to us by impressing God's Word and God's will upon our hearts and minds. God also speaks through godly ministers and speakers, such as pastors, preachers, teachers, and evangelists. God even speaks through our circumstances.

Regardless of the method, when God speaks He expects a response from us. He expects us to hear His voice, adjust our lives to Him, and obey. In times of revival, God speaks clearly and compellingly, and we must obey His Word quickly. When God speaks to a person, that person has encountered truth. Jesus tells us in John 14:6 that He is “the way, the truth and the life.” Jesus Christ is truth. In any encounter with truth, we encounter God. And an encounter with God requires a response.

Righteous Father, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Give me a deep desire to be still and listen as You reveal more of Yourself to me. May I obediently respond when You call me to step into things that I might be uncomfortable with but which will bring You great glory. Help me to hear You speak through the Word, through godly friends and mentors, through my circumstances – good and bad, and even in Your lovely created world around me. May I lean towards Your voice and yield in obedience to whatever You call me to be or to do.

Adapted from Praying with Fire: Seeking His Presence through the Revival Passages of Scripture by Mark Partin.



CBF Mission Bites

Bite 75: Making connections and making life changes

"Monika and Damian worked in a clothing distribution warehouse (sweatshop) and lived with ten other workers in a house provided by their boss. They wanted a place of their own, but did not have enough money for the deposit. We needed someone to house sit while we were in the United States for three months, so Monika and Damian agreed. After saving enough for the deposit during that time, they looked for an apartment. After months of disappointing searching, Keith helped them contact one final apartment-finding agency. Within days they saw the apartment of their dreams and are now happily in their new home."

- Keith Holmes and Mary Van Rheenen, CBF field personnel in the Netherlands

Bite 76: A true mosaic ministry

"Last summer we held a week of sports camps in different parts of the Paris, France region for people ages 15-30. We had 300 participants from 25 different churches -- a true mosaic of cultures, languages, and different styles of worship. From this diverse group we created sports teams that were composed of young people from different churches. It was a beautiful thing to see them reaching across language and cultural boundaries to work together, pray together and learn that we are stronger when we are united. The future of the church is multicultural and our young people are leading the way. Pray that connections made between the youth at the sports camps continue to bear fruit."

- David and Julie Brown, CBF field personnel in Paris, France



Wednesday Evening Menus

Wednesday, April 4

No Wednesday Evening Activities

Wednesday, April 11

chicken pie, glazed carrots, slaw, rolls, & cake

Children's Menu: chicken sandwich

**We Are Family
Eastertide Sermon Series**

April 15, 2018

Healthy Families Live in Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

April 22, 2018

Healthy Families Communicate Clearly

Proverbs 12:18, Ephesians 4:15-16

April 29, 2018

Healthy Families Learn to Forgive

Matthew 18:15, 17; 21-22

May 6, 2018

Healthy Families Respect and Trust One Another

Romans 12:3-13

May 13, 2018 – Mothers' Day

Healthy Families Redeem the Time

Ephesians 5:15-20

May 20, 2018 – Pentecost

Healthy Families Grow

Acts 2:42-47 & Mark 3:31-35

May 27, 2018 – Memorial Day

Healthy Families Serve Others

Ephesians 4:11-13

**Building A Strong Family
Wednesday Evening Series**

April 11: Building Faith-filled Families

April 18: Building Loving Families

April 25: Building Communicative Families

May 2: Building Forgiving Families

May 9: Building Trusting Families

May 16: Building Committed Families

May 23: Building Responsible Families

May 30: Building Useful Families

