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Focus On The Essentials of Christian Living

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An estimated 500,000 tons of water rush over Niagara Falls each minute. On March 29, 1948, the falls suddenly stopped! People living within the sound of the falls were awakened by the "SILENCE!" Some people thought that this was a sign that the world was coming to an end. It was thirty hours before the rush of water resumed. What happened? Heavy winds had set the ice fields of Lake Eerie in motion. Tons of ice jammed the Niagara River entrance near Buffalo and stopped the flow of the river until the ice shifted again.

The influence of God's grace in our lives can be blocked by many different things: indifference, distractions, sin, lack of obedience, or maybe even a lack of faith in God. How can anyone insure that the influence/presence of God isn't hampered or hindered? Commit to walking with God as a follower of Jesus Christ!

First Baptist Church is entering into a building phase emphasis where we are not actually constructing a building, but seeking a spiritual and numerical growth that comes from God. Recognizing that our church has a long history as a people of faith, let's be sure to keep that faith focusing on the essentials of Christian living. Individually, let's commit to nurturing a growing time alone with God each day; reading, studying and obeying the Word of God; developing a growing prayer life; finding that special place with the Lord where we can serve other people; seeking to have a verbal witness for Jesus Christ; learning what it means to worship God as a lifestyle; and finally, finding out about how we can discover what it really means to meditate on the Word of God.

There is a simply way forward for us at First Baptist: each of us learning more of what it means to walk with God each and every day. Proverbs 3:1-6 (NIV) says, "My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you, bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Prayer Point: Pray With Paul for the Church

Paul teaches us the power of praying scripture back to the Lord. Paul's written prayers train us to pray beyond convenience and consumption to consecration and commitment. These apostolic prayers lead us into trinitarian praying: to the Father, in the name of Christ, by the filling and empowering of the Spirit.

Paul reminds us to pray with faith, hope, and love for the Bride of Christ. So, each time you pray from the scripture, ask the Holy Spirit what to focus on; memorize all or part of the scripture by repeating phrases that best express your passion as you pray; write out the scripture then write out your response prayer; read and pray the scripture in corporate prayer times; classes, groups, meetings; and disciple your children at one family meal each day

In our Monday morning prayer time (9:00 - 10:00 a.m. each Monday) we pray for our church using a different theme each month. The theme for June is "Like-mindedness". Our scripture is Romans 15:5-7. Some of the key phrases from this passage are "endurance and encouragement", "hope", "spirit of unity", "follow Christ Jesus", "one heart and one mouth", "glorify God", "accept one another", "bring praise to God". It is exhilarating to hear brothers and sisters talk to God from His Word. Please join us on Monday morning or join us in spirit as you pray this scripture during your quiet time or with your family. I believe God will honor His Word as we join our hearts and voices together in prayer.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather

Schedule

Sunday, June 8

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 9:45 a.m. Pilot Leadership Training Course
 10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, June 9

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Tuesday, June 10

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, June 11

5:00 p.m. Open Gym
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, June 12

8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, June 13

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Sunday, June 15

Happy Father's Day

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 9:45 a.m. Pilot Leadership Training Course
 10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Tuesday, June 17

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, June 18

5:00 p.m. Open Gym
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, June 19

8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, June 20

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of May 25 & June 1, 2014

| | 5/25 | 6/1 |
|-----------------------|------|-----|
| Church in Bible Study | 146 | 128 |
| Church in Worship | 300 | 241 |
| 8:30 a.m. service | | .81 |
| 10:55 a.m. service | 300 | 160 |

Financial Statistics

Weeks of May 25 & June 1, 2014

| | 5/25 | 6/1 |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Budget - Received | \$8,287.62 | \$13,604.25 |
| Alms | 0.00 | 356.00 |
| Designated - Received | 8,365.68 | 3,722.00 |
| Building Reserve - Received | 25.00 | 30.00 |
| TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 5/25/14 | | 16,678.30 |
| TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 6/1/14 | | 17,712.25 |
| Budget for 2013-2014 | | 913,066.79 |
| Budget Received-Year to Date | | 547,758.46 |
| Remaining in Budget - Unfunded | | 365,308.33 |
| Designated Funds Received-Year to Date | | 126,034.35 |
| Alms Received-Year to Date | | 5,459.55 |
| Building Reserve-Year to Date | | 10,272.00 |
| Total Giving-Year to Date | | 691,458.76 |

Happy
Father's
 Day

*As a father has compassion on his children,
 so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.*

Psalm 103:13

Church Staff Directory

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Welcome Elizabeth Brown! Children's Ministry Intern



This summer Elizabeth Brown will be our Children's Ministry Intern. She is a sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This summer she will help Melissa and the Children's Ministry prepare for Vacation Bible School and the many events coming this fall. Elizabeth is the daughter of Chris and Leigh Brown.

Student Ministry

Look Up Lodge

Final Payment Due Sunday, June 15, 2014

It is critical that everyone meet this deadline. If we are unsuccessful in meeting this deadline, we will not have enough to cover our final payment. Please confirm with Landon about your current balance. We will depart for camp Sunday, June 22 at 12:00 p.m. and return Friday, June 27 at 12:30 p.m.

Parent Appreciation Breakfast & Meeting Sunday, June 22, 2014

This breakfast and meeting is for EVERYONE, not just the people going to camp. This is for all parents of children and students. It is very important you attend this meeting/breakfast.

Pool Party Tuesday, July 22, 2014

All details and the fall calendar will be in your hands at the Parent Appreciation Breakfast.

Children's Ministry

Important Dates

Sunday, June 22: Parent Appreciation Breakfast, 9:45 a.m., Venture Student Cafe

Sunday, July 13 & Sunday, July 20: Look Up Lodge Parents Meeting, 9:45 a.m., Adams Hall (Please attend 1.)

Tuesday, July 22: Water Day, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Front Lawn

July 27 - 30: Kids at Look Up Lodge

August 4-8: SonTreasure Island VBS

I am still accepting Look Up Lodge deposits! Please make plans to attend one of the parent meetings for Look Up Lodge. It will be a time to fill out those lovely forms and get a few packing tips for camp!

Good news! The Nursery is crowded during the 11:00 worship service. This means I need volunteers to help out on a rotational basis. Please contact Melissa at 704.873.7231, ext. 308 or email melissa@statesvillefbc.org to be added to the rotation.

I am also starting to work on lists of volunteers and teachers for VBS. You need to be on the list. PLEASE let me know how you would like to help out during this important week.

Melissa Wilson, *Minister of Children & Families*

Announcements

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste Needed For Belize Mission

Dr. Tim Burgiss and Dr. James Hunter will lead a dental ministry in Belize this summer. They will be performing much needed dental procedures on some of the Belizean people. To help with this mission, the Belize Team is asking for donations of NEW toothbrushes and toiletry size toothpaste. Please place your donations on the Missions table outside the Sanctuary. You may bring your donations by the church office Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



It's On My Heart...

A few years back we picked up our morning paper and noted that a great ship was in distress in the Atlantic. Through the day we listened to our radios to find out how the ship was faring. But the waves kept pounding and the winds kept churning up the waves until it was inevitable that the ship was in fatal distress. The captain on that ship was a man by the name of Kirk Carlson. He had remained with the ship just as long as he could, and then they rescued him. At a banquet given in his honor in the city of New York he explained why he had stayed on the ship so long. "I was only trying to protect a little bit of America that had been entrusted to me."

Well, I wonder if you and I are as good stewards of the Kingdom of God as was this man of America. There is evidence that the society in which we are living is fast running to decay. This is evident in our morals, our lack of enthusiasm for our way of life, our firm belief in the church and its mission. The ship you and I are riding through this storm is the church. God's church. The body of Christ. It is that little bit of the Kingdom of God entrusted to us. Our stewardship in the work of the church will determine in great measure whether the church is able to weather the storm.

The church was given to Christian people as a source of strength, and agency for teaching, a place from which we announce the good news of Christ's coming. But the arms are you and I. What are we doing about that part of the Kingdom of God which has been entrusted to us?

A quick glance at the list of workers in our church, those who teach or serve as an officer, those who work in the Training Union or the W.M.U. or the Brotherhood, reveals that a great many of our people are not doing much to protect the Kingdom entrusted to us.

Let me urge you to make this the prayer you pray daily: "Lord, show me the place you would have me serve in thy church, and make me aware of the need and the call."

John M. Sykes

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As we look to the future of First Baptist Church, we will revisit the lessons discussed in past issues of The Interim. This publication has been apart of our church since 1946. John Sykes served as pastor to FBC 1956-1966.



On Thursday, May 22 our preschoolers graduated. Many families and friends were in attendance. The graduates performed songs they had learned over the past year. Thank you to all the teachers and Director Renae Keesbury for making the 2013-2014 year wonderful. We are looking forward to a great 2014-2015 year!



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Worship With Us Sunday 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.
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Memorial Day Picnic



On Sunday, May 25, everyone enjoyed BBQ, fellowship, games, music, snow cones, and lots of fun on the front lawn of the church. Here are just a few of the memories we made.



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Worship Greeters Sunday, June 8

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| Eddy Sipe | John Garland | Shannon Ashley |
| Pat Rushton | Nancy Garland | |

Sunday, June 15

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bill Henderson | Gary Fyfe | James McNeil |
| Chris Buckner | Patricia Fyfe | Wilma McNeil |
| Matthew Waugh | Butch Price | Stan Williams |

Acolytes Sunday, June 8

Rachel Estes, Sarah Estes, Skyia Shook

Sunday, June 15

Jenna Martin, Sean Martin

New Arrival!

Congratulations to Justin & Amanda Jaeschke of Durham, NC on the birth of a daughter, Hannah Claire Jaeschke, on May 26, 2014. Tom and Sara Brandon are the proud grandparents.

Christian Sympathy...

...is extended to Eddy Sipe in death of his sister Virginia Parks on May 23, 2014.

Christian Sympathy...

...is extended to Billie Moose and the friends and family of Helen Smith in her death on May 25, 2014.

Christian Sympathy...

...is extended Jerry Mills and Jeri Koontz in the death of Jerry's sister and Jeri's aunt, Jeanette Young, on May 25.

A Note of Appreciation From Kaye Martin

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us....Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you so much for the lovely flowers you sent in memory of John.

Thank You,
Kaye