



Thank you to Jan Wuertz and Jackie Holshouser for leading the Preschool Choir this year.

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The Source of Light

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Sometimes when I am seeking to focus on the reality and presence of God, recalling the Genesis account of the first day of creation has been helpful for me.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light" and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day (Genesis 1:1-5, RSV).

This first statement in scripture declares that God is the creator. In our scientific age we sometimes speak of a conflict between "science and faith." This is unfortunate. Whatever is true is God's truth. How God created the universe and how long he took to do it is his business. Scientists continue to find bits and pieces of fragments from long ago and they will continue to speculate and offer various theories as to exactly how it happened. I appreciate their continued explorations and search for insight into God's creation. As people of faith, the important matter for us is the opening statement: "God created the heavens and the earth."

Notice that this statement declares that reality was in a state of chaos. "The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep." Does that not describe the way we often feel about our world? There is so much chaos and darkness in our personal world, as well as on the national and international scene. We feel at loose ends and sometimes hope is a rare commodity. Somewhere along the way a statement in this passage that I had almost overlooked jumped out at me. "The Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters." God's Spirit was moving in the midst of the ancient chaos. His Spirit continues to be present and moving powerfully and creatively in the midst of the chaos of every age. There is a vital source of hope!

With God's word, "Let there be light," the darkness was shattered. And God looked it over and declared that the light was "good." In the Gospel of John we read of another creative and light-giving event from God. As John writes of the wonderful gift of Jesus he writes, "In him was life and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). God, creator and sustainer of his universe, is still sending his light into our human darkness.

Baptist Men's Breakfast Sunday, June 21, 2015 7:15 a.m. ~ Adams Hall



All FBC men are invited to attend. The meal will be in honor of the men of FBC. Fathers may bring their sons to join in as we share in food and fellowship. The menu includes eggs, grits, bacon, pancakes, juice, & coffee



Schedule

Sunday, June 21 ~ Joshua 1-4

Happy Father's Day!

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

Monday, June 22 ~ Joshua 5-8

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

Tuesday, June 23 ~ Joshua 9-11

- 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Faithful Steps - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, June 24 ~ Joshua 12-15

- 5:30 p.m. Snacks
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, June 25 ~ Joshua 16-18

- 8:00 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, June 26 ~ Joshua 19-21

- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Saturday, June 27 ~ Joshua 22-24

Sunday, June 28 ~ Judges 1-2

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:55 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Nation

Monday, June 29 ~ Judges 3-5

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

Tuesday, June 30 ~ Judges 6-7

- 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Faithful Steps - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, July 1

- 5:30 p.m. Snacks
- 5:45 p.m. Leadership Training Course
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, July 2

- 8:00 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, July 3

- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Saturday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!

A Note of Appreciation From Fleeta Speaks

Thank you for the cards and most of all prayers. Your prayers are working, I am having fewer complications than expected.

Thank you, Fleeta Speaks

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of June 7 & 14, 2015

6/7

Church in Bible Study	.91	107
Church in Worship	239	217
8:30 a.m. service	52	66
10:55 a.m. service	187	151

Financial Statistics

Week of June 7 & 14, 2015

6/7

Budget - Received	\$12,090.00	\$8,632.00
Alms	375.91	100.00
Designated - Received	1,191.00	6,433.00
Building Reserve - Received	0.00	0.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 6/7/15		13,656.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 6/14/15		15,165.00
Budget for 2014-2015		865,070.00
Budget Received-Year to Date		609,610.26
Remaining in Budget - Unfunded		255,445.74
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		68,557.39
Alms Received-Year to Date		5,431.41
Building Reserve-Year to Date		8,847.00
Total Giving-Year to Date		692,446.06

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

Happy Independence Day!



Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:17



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Children & Student Ministries

VBS Work Day

Thank you to everyone who came and helped on the VBS workday! We got the main set nearly finished! It is amazing what a group of people can accomplish in a short amount of time. We will continue to work on VBS in the coming weeks. If you would like to help please let me know! We will be working on VBS stuff every Tuesday from now until VBS.

VBS Decorations

We are in need of some decorative items for VBS. If you have any of the following that you would be willing to loan or donate, please bring them by the church. Sarah Faulk will be in charge of making sure all items that are loaned, are properly labeled and gathered for returning to the owners. If the item is a loan please make sure your name is taped to the item before you leave it at the church.

The theme is a Bible Times theme. We need:
Old Sheets solid colors please! (please no patterns or florals)
Older looking baskets (nothing too colorful or plastic)
Terracotta Pots or Bowls (again not colorful or painted)
Wooden Plates or Bowls (again not colorful or painted)
Old or broken Umbrellas (these won't be returned)

Venture Student Summer Calendars

We have summer calendars available for the Venture Students! Stop by the Welcome Center to pick one up on Sunday!

Venture Students Sundays, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Venture Students will meet every Sunday night this summer from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy some time of fun and fellowship. (They will not meet this Sunday, because they will be at Look Up Lodge!)

Messy Games Sunday, June 14, 2015





Message by: Dr. Roger Gilbert

Worship with us Sundays 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.

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Announcements



Happy Birthday to Bob Hudgins!

Bob Hudgins celebrated his 98th birthday June 6. He celebrated with friends and family at a party at Journey's of Statesville.

Experience God's Love

"That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God." (Eph. 3:17b-19)

I praise You, God, for the great love You possess and pour out on the world You created. Nothing or no one escapes Your boundless love.

It extends to:

The saint and the sinner,
The wise and the simple,
The brave and the fearful,
The rich and the poor,
The strong and the weak.

It enfolds:

The humble and the haughty,
The famous and the forgotten,
The jubilant and the downcast,
The full and the hungry,
The sick and the well,
Those who dance and those who mourn.

In fact:

"The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell." *

My prayer for you this week is that no matter what circumstance you find yourself in, you will be able to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's love for you.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather

*quote from a hymn written by Frederick M. Lehman

Worship Greeters Sunday, June 21

Chris Simon Jeff Templeton David Lewis
Chuck Heckel Jason Allen

Sunday, June 28

Eddy Sipe Hilda Lee Jim Van Zee
Monica Williams Clarence Poole Nedra Van Zee
Ginny Stikeleather Mike McLain

Acolytes Sunday, June 21

Rachel Estes & Sarah Estes

Sunday, June 28

Piper Lewis & Darbee Lewis

Coffee Rotation Sunday, June 21

David Potter

Sunday, June 28

Pat & Gary Fyfe

Christian Sympathy

...Loy Devine and the friends and family of Pat Devine in her death on June 9, 2015.

Eye Glasses Needed!

Our Belize Team is in need of eye glasses. These eye glasses can be new, used, prescription, or readers. Your donations will benefit the people of Cristo Rey, Belize. You may bring your donations to the church office Sunday mornings or Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Leadership Training Course Begins Wednesday, July 1 ~ 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall

This class acclimates those that will serve as Deacons at FBC with our teachings & expectations. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call Kayley at 704-873-7231, ext. 201.