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From the Pastor...

Church is a verb. Yes, I realize it's actually a noun. I also know that noun means the people who make up a congregation. Church is never a building. That's just where the church meets. Still, when it is at its best, I think church is a verb.

We are the church when we live out the teachings of Christ. That is why I was so thrilled to see over a hundred folks engage in Operation Inasmuch. We built steps, sang with nursing home residents, cleaned yards, served lunch to the homeless, made blankets, painted houses, packed soup mix and a whole lot more!

For one Sunday, we didn't "gather" as the church, but rather "scattered" as the church. Of course, we don't need a special day to do the work of the church. The things we did at Operation Inasmuch, we can do every day. Yet, there is something special about working together as one big team. On days like this, we find our unity in our shared mission.

I'm delighted to be pastor of a congregation that knows how to "do" church, not just "come to" church. Church may not technically be a verb, but faith certainly is. You don't just have faith. You live out faith. True faith is about action. When we stop worrying about church and start being the church, God will bless us greatly.

My mother's favorite scripture verse was Micah 6:8 – "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" As I think about Mother's Day, I know my mom would also be proud that I pastor a congregation that knows church is a verb!



Schedule

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Hand Bells
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, May 15

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 16

- 10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
- 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall

Wednesday, May 17

- 9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
- 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, May 18

- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
- 2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group

Sunday, May 21

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Handbells
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, May 22

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 23

- 10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
- 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall

Wednesday, May 24

- 9:00 a.m. Precept Bible Study - Adams Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
- 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, May 25

- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
- 2:00 p.m. Grief Support Group

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families
 Dr. Larry Gregg.....Minister of Christian Education & Administration
 Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of April 30 & May 7, 2017

	4/30	5/7
Church in Bible Study		149
Church in Worship.	105.	204

Financial Statistics

	April	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	61,239.00	536,274.00
Budget Receipts	66,032.00	483,778.00
Needed to Meet Goal	(4,793.00)	52,496.00
Alms	467.00	3,375.00

Designated 5,721.00 45,171.00
Please note we exceeded our Giving Goal for April, but we are still behind on our Yearly Giving.

	May	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	68,237.00	604,512.00
Budget Receipts	20,300.00	504,078.00
Needed to Meet Goal	47,937.00	100,434.00
Alms	393.00	3,768.00
Designated	1,638.00	46,809.00

Pentecost High Attendance Sunday

Sunday, June 4, 2017

200

Sunday School Attendance Goal

Wednesday Evening Menus

Wednesday, May 17

Country Style Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Rolls, & Cake
 Children's Menu: Hamburgers & Chips

Wednesday, May 24

Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables,
 Rolls, & Brownies
 Children's Menu: Macaroni & Cheese

Praying the 23rd Psalm

(You anoint my head with oil, my cup runs over)

Thank You, Father, that You continually anoint me with the oil of the Holy Spirit: to guide me, guard me, protect me, teach me, supply me with all I need, comfort me, make me holy, strengthen me in the darkest times of life, bless me, and fill me with Your very best. What more could one "want"? My cup truly runs over—in good times and bad. When I am "well-oiled" with the Holy Spirit—insults, anger, and personal attacks just roll right off! Nothing can stick to me when Your anointing oil is upon me. "No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." (Psalm 84:11) Thank You, Father, in the Name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Help Our Miami Mission Team



In July a team from FBC will be heading to Miami for our 2017 mission trip. We will be serving at an organization called *Touching Miami with Love* or TML. TML was founded in 1995 to minister to the children and teens in Miami-Dade County. They have two separate locations - one in Overtown and one in West Homestead. Each of these communities have their own unique history and struggles, but generational poverty is a common theme.

Our team will be serving at the Overtown site. *Touching Miami with Love* is changing these communities by ministering to the children, teens, and families surrounding them. TML provides after school enrichment for the children and teens they serve. Their after-school program consists of feeding the children, providing homework help, bible studies, and other enrichment opportunities to help the children reach their full potential and break the grasp of generational poverty.

In February, Carla Wimpy and I attended an orientation meeting at TML. As we toured the area we were taken aback by the number of homeless people we saw under just one overpass. The conditions of many of the apartments we drove past were depressing, and the poverty of this community was obvious. After the tour we returned to TML just as the children were getting out of school. We saw bright smiles on their faces as they were eager to show their report cards to the staff at TML. The children were met with hugs, high fives and excitement as they celebrated the growth of each child. TML is focused on changing this community by empowering and equipping the children and teens.

In July our Miami Team will head to Overtown to spend a week working alongside the TML staff leading their summer camp program. Each summer they run a summer camp program that can best be described as a full day VBS! The kids will have times of worship, bible study, crafts, recreation, and other fun activities. They will also have time to focus on reading, computer skills, and social skills. We are excited to partner with TML and lead a week of their summer camp. We look forward to building relationships with the children, sharing with them about Christ, and learning more about their community and how we can make an impact.

We need your help! In previous years we have had yard sales, auctions, or talent shows to raise funds for our mission trips, and they have been very successful. Due to the damage from the fire, we do not have the facilities to host these fundraisers this year. Due to these circumstances, we are asking the congregation to participate in a special offering for the Miami Mission Trip. On Sunday, June 4, instead of the alms offering we will be collecting an offering for the Miami Mission Trip. It is our hope that this offering will be able to take the place of the fundraisers we have done in the past. We are asking you to partner with our team and give generously to this offering so that we can help make a difference at TML. Our Miami Mission Team includes: Logan Adams, Natalie Alberty, Cassidy Barker, Camryn Benbow, Ashley Edwards, Mike McLain, Janet McLain, Madelyn McLain, Preston McLain, Melissa Wilson, Terry Wimpy, Carla Wimpy, Jackson Wimpy, and Luke Wimpy.

You can learn more about *Touching Miami with Love* at their website www.touchingmiamiwithlove.org.

-Melissa Wilson, *Minister of Missions*



Special Offering for Miami Mission Trip Sunday, June 4

In lieu of our regular Alms offering, we will have a separate offering for our Miami Mission Trip. Because we do not have the facilities to host a fundraiser, there will be no fundraisers for this trip. Please pray for this ministry.

**Please keep the team members
in your prayers as they prepare
for this mission.**

Logan Adams

Natalie Alberty

Cassidy Barker

Camryn Benbow

Ashley Edwards

Mike McLain

Janet McLain

Madelyn McLain

Preston McLain

Melissa Wilson

Terry Wimpy

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CBF Mission Bites

This week's featured mission resources are Spark and Form, CBF's children's mission curriculum. Have you watched the latest hit animated short including Sparks and Glow? View it at <https://vimeo.com/206235811>.

Bite 31: Feeling Fears for Friend and Neighbor

"I was asked to translate for Latino parents when in tears they asked their pastor to consider becoming a temporary foster parent for their children should they be deported.

I cannot imagine facing the possibility of being separated from my children for weeks or months, even knowing they were in good hands while we were apart, or the feeling that I might lose everything I worked for all because I might happen to be confronted by an immigration official who believed I was a security or public safety threat and decide to deport me. Can we feel those fears and say we are afraid as well for our immigrant/refugee/Muslim/all vulnerable friends and neighbors?"

- Greg Smith, CBF field personnel in Fredericksburg, Va.

Bite 32: The Ministry of Family Reconciliation

"Four years ago Mina met Oiga while leading a Life Skills Manual for Youth training. Each of the 4 days of training Oiga would stay afterwards for personal counseling. The husband was no longer attending church, there was no communication with their teenage daughter, and all were hurt by an abusive pastor. After attending two different trainings, Oiga could testify that the parenting skills she learned through the trainings were working. Now the family is faithfully and actively participating in our home Bible study group, and attend and serve in a local church. We praise God that he can use us in the ministry of reconciliation."

- Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, CBF field personnel in Ukraine



Announcements

New Arrival!

Congratulations to Michael & Mary Alice Lowrance on the birth of a son, Thomas Brock, on April 21, 2017. The proud big sister is Ruby Kate. The proud grandparents are Jody & Cathy Parlier.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Bob and Joy Stegall in the death of Bob's mother, Betty Stegall, on April 29, 2017.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Ben and Susan Wood in the death of Ben's mother, Bernice Wood, on April 30, 2017.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to the family of Laura Trivette in her death on May 4, 2017.

Minister to Students Justin Cox

Our Minister to Students Justin Cox will be full time for the summer months. His full-time status will begin Monday, May 15.

Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, May 18, 2017

11:00 a.m. ~ Adams Hall

This will be the last meeting of this program year and will be held in Adams Hall at 11:00 a.m. The program will be presented by the Duck Creek Band. It is important that you sign up to attend so that enough food can be prepared. You may do that by calling the church at 704-873-7231, or by signing up in your Sunday School Class on Sunday. Cost of the meal is \$6.00 payable at the door. Our next luncheon to start off the new program year will be September 21, with a performance by Ulysses Long.

Memorial Day Picnic

Due to the unavailability of our Family Life Center, we will not host a Memorial Day Picnic this year. When the Family Life Center is made available this summer, we will host a church-wide celebration.

Wednesday Bible Study

Our last Wednesday evening study will be May 31. On Wednesday, June 7, we will begin the noon study in Adams Hall. Hilda Lee and Sharron Parish will prepare a light lunch each week. Cost is \$5.00.

Graduation Sunday

June 4, 2017

We will celebrate our high school graduates on Sunday, June 4. If you have a high school graduate to be celebrated on June 4, please call the church office at 704-873-7231.