Welcome to First Baptist Church

Thank you for being our guest at First Baptist today. We have special guest parking just for you behind the Sanctuary. Please feel free to visit our Welcome Center and someone will be glad to help you find a Bible study. Come back and be our guest again soon.

Senior Pastor
John Sorrells

Associate Pastor
Phillip Gerrald

Minister to Students
Clint Ellis

Interim Minister of Music
Kevin Pollock

Interim Director of Children's Ministries
Stephanie Caldwell

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Pastor's Message

May 19, 2019

Many who study American culture recognize that there are not many rites of passage from childhood to young adulthood. Some recognize the sixteenth birthday or a driver’s license as a rite. Others argue that 18 and 21 offer some sort of passage into adulthood with the right to vote and the right to purchase alcohol. In each of these, there is little recognition of the passage, and there is little instruction for the next phase of life.

Christian authors have helped parents create some markers in a child’s life to be celebrated with family and friends that teach responsibilities and challenges to complete for the next phase. I once was invited to a passage from adolescence to young adulthood when after many men had challenged the young man with words of wisdom and encouragement, the dad handed him his first 12 Gauge shotgun and said, “It’s time for you to hand that 20 Gauge to your little brother.” This gift was not a sigh of manhood, but a symbol to remember the night and the advice given by God-fearing men. Today, we celebrate a passage that is recognized across our nation in schools and churches. Our graduates are passing from adolescence to adulthood. They will assume responsibilities this year that test the training they have received at home, church and school. Our graduates will make decisions for themselves each day. Each weekend, they will make the decision whether or not to worship with other believers. Values long taught by parents will be put to the test each night. Graduates, we are proud of you. Go in the strength of the Lord. Our message today is for all, but is of great value to you as you enter adulthood.

Love God! Love others! Serve!

Pastor John
Acts 4:12

Flowers in the Sanctuary

The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed by the Steve Kelly, Jr. family in memory of Mary Helen Huckabee and Lillian Sowell Kelly who would have celebrated their birthdays in May.

Family Night Supper

Wednesday, May 22
(Supper line opens at 4:45 pm and closes at 6:00 pm)
Menu: Fried Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Okra/Tomatoes, Butter Beans, Biscuits, and Dessert

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Celebration of Worship

Pre-Service Announcements
Pastor Phillip Gerrald

Prelude
I Then Shall Live - Sophie Pollock

Congregational Worship
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Graduation Processional, 11:00 am
Pomp & Circumstance

Graduate Recognition, 11:00 am

Congregational Worship
Glory to His Name

Welcome

Congregational Worship
Glory to His Name—Reprise

Offertory Prayer
Pastor Clint Ellis

Receiving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Message in Song
All I Can Do Is Pray
Pam Searcy, Solo

Message
The Graduate’s Code of Honor
Psalm 15
“Whoever does these things will always be secure.” Psalm 15:5 GNT
Pastor John Sorrells

Invitation
Jesus, Your Name

Benediction
Corey Davis, 8:30 am
Buddy Rabon, 11:00 am

Postlude
Sophie Pollock

Blessing Summer Missionaries
18 million tourists visit Myrtle Beach each year!!! So many of them have never heard the name of Jesus or don’t know Him personally. IMPACT Ministries exists to make Christ known to these tourists.

Student summer missionaries are the key to the success of IMPACT Ministries! These six students assist in leading the visiting mission teams in day camps, afternoon worship and evening ministry sites. They are provided housing, meals and a stipend for the summer.

Please join us as FBC Camden, blesses these student summer missionaries by providing gift baskets filled with snacks for the summer along with VISA gift cards! Goal is to purchase snacks and six $100 VISA gift cards.

Vacation Bible School
June 10–14
9 am–12 pm
Must be 3 yrs old by September 1, 2018
Register today! http://tinyurl.com/camden1stvbs19

LADIES BOOK CLUB BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5
AT 10:00 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Summer Book Club is coming!!! We have chosen Priscilla Shirer’s book “Fervent” to read as a Book Club. Here is a portion from the introduction:

“At the end of the day, the enemy is going to be sorry he ever messed with you. He’s about to become his worst nightmare a million times over. He thought he could wear you down, sure that after a while you’d give up without much of a fight. Well, just wait till he encounters the fight of God’s Spirit in you. Because…..This…Means…War.”

Pick up your book anywhere or we can order you one in the office. Let us know when you sign up if you need a book. Plan to join us! Childcare by reservation only - Contact Stephanie or the Church Office.

A NEW BIBLE STUDY CLASS
Young adult class under 30 meets from, 5:00–6:30 pm in the East Building, Room E130. Join us for fellowship and Bible Study! Call the Church Office or contact Chaz and Alexis McDonald for more information.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST
Sunday, May 26 at 7:30 am
Fellowship Center

Rusty Davis Band
Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00 pm
Menu: Beef Stew, Brown Rice, Fresh Green Beans, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Rolls, Apple Cobbler

College Students
If you are pursuing a degree from a Southern Baptist college or seminary and are preparing for a church-related vocation, you may qualify for a limited amount of financial assistance through the First Baptist Church Student Aid Committee. Application packets for the upcoming fall semester are available in the church office. The completed forms should be submitted no later than July 15.

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