



The SEARCHLIGHT

May 2017

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From the Shepherd's Heart

Thanks to all for a glorious Easter season. From the children's activities, the performance of our choir, the celebration of Passover and a glorious Resurrection Sunday, it was a time to be remembered in the history of First Baptist Church.

May marks the beginning of several holiday and recognition Sundays, beginning with Mother's Day on May 14th. Come celebrate with us as we recognize our moms (5/14), Memorial Day Sunday (5/28), grads (6/4) and dads (6/18). May is also the month we will have some key church meetings:

- Leadership Community (all ministry teams/committees) 5/21 at 4:00 PM.
- Church Business Meeting 5/21 at 6:00 PM.
- Deacon Nominations (forms available during May)

I trust you will help us to get ready for the new church year by participating and volunteering for a place of service. If you have not already turned in your SHAPE profile, get it in today! We would love to give you the opportunity to serve in a place that matches your ministry SHAPE.

The Nehemiah Fund is a key component to fulfilling the list of physical improvement needs at the church. Please pray and give as the Lord leads to raise the bar for our ministry. Every little bit helps, so don't look at the size of projects and think your gift won't matter. It will take all of us pulling together to make this happen.

Finally, in this age of texts, tweets and instant communication, we often wonder if some of the methods used are effective. So, I would like to use my May article for an experiment. If you have actually read my article, would you let me know? Send me an email or text with just two words – "read it." My email is pastorcraigbailey@gmail.com and my phone is (803) 402-2276.

Pastor Craig Bailey



Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in our Mission Outreach for May! You brought in items to provide 32 Health Kits for the Columbia Metro Association. These Health Kits will be given to fire victims and homeless through food pantries, those in need through the Good Samaritan Medical Clinic at First Hispanic Baptist Church, workers who travel with the fair through the SC State Fair ministry, homeless through partnering agencies and the Winter Shelter, truckers through Transport for Christ, formerly homeless through USC Supportive Housing and many more.

Church Council, Ministry Teams, Business Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 2017

On Sunday, May 21, 2017 all Ministry teams will meet for Church Council at 4:00 p.m. Following the Church Council the individual Ministry Teams and committees will meet.

At 6:00 p.m. on May 21st we will have our quarterly Business Meeting. When the Business Meeting concludes we will have a time of fellowship.

Mark your calendars and Plan to attend your team and committee meetings and the business meeting.

Opportunities for Ministry, Worship and Study:

- 1 **Springtime Jubilee 2017** The Old Time Singin', Laughin', & Preachin' Conference for Mature & Senior Adults. May 1-3, Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Leaders include: The Collingsworth Family, David Phelps, Guy Penrod, Chonda Pierce, Johnny Hung, Legacy Five, Will Graham, The Hoppers, Lefevre Quartet, Allison Speer, Kingsmen Quartet, Greater Vision, Dennis Swanberg, The Inspirations, Squire Parsons, Herb Reavis, Dixie Melody Boys. For more information go to jubileeconference.com or 800-616-8863.
- 2 **The Insanity of God Encounter** . May 5&6, 2017. Second Baptist church, Lancaster. Cost is \$10.00 per person (includes snacks and Saturday Lunch). Speakers are Nik and Ruth Ripken. For all Believers seeking to make disciples of all peoples despite circumstances. For tickets and info contact Second Baptist church 803-283-2015.
- 3 **Embrace the Nations.** May 19-20, 2017. First Baptist Church Fort Mill. Cost is \$25 per person (\$15 before April 19). Led by Brett Freemon, Missions Pastor at First Baptist Church of Fort Mill, and Mark Aderholt, Chief Strategist and Associate Executive Director at SCBC. For more info call Missions Mobilization Team at (803) 227-7064 or on line at scbaptist.org/missions-mobilization.
- 4 **SummerSalt.** June 5-9 and July 3-7, 2017. White Oak Conference Center. High energy camp experience for youth. Cost is \$250. Chaperone needed for every 7 campers of the same sex. For more info go to summer-salt.org.
- 5 **Kidsalt.** June 10-13 and July 17-20, 2017. White Oak Conference Center. High energy camp experience for 3rd through 5th graders. Cost \$189 per student. One chaperone needed per 5 students. For more info go to kidsaltcamp.org
- 6 **Children's Music Mini Camp.** July 11-13, 2017, White Oak Conference Center. For students completing grades K-5 – 2. Cost is \$110.00 for campers and chaperones (before May 15) , after May 15 cost is \$120.00 for campers and chaperones. For more information go to www.scbaptist.org/worship and click on Worship Calendar event.
- 7 **Fall Jubilee** 17. September 18-20, 2017. Gatlinburg Convention Center Gatlinburg, TN. Leaders include: Collingsworth Family, Phil & Kay Robertson, Johnny Hunt, Goodman Revival, Will Graham, Greater Vision, Steve Green, Primitive Quartet, Allison Speer, Dennis Swanberg. Cost \$129-\$179 for conference and 2 nights lodging or \$99 for conference only. For more info Call 800-616-8863 or jubileeconferences.com.
- 8 **Celebrators Conference.** October 16-19, 2017. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. Leaders include: David Jeremiah, Mark Lowry, Stan Whitmire, Annie Moses

Band, Phil Waldrep, Greater Vision, Veritas, Max Lucado, Charles Billingsley (worship leader). Cost; \$125 for conference only, \$199-\$499 for conference and 3 nights lodging. October 23-26, 2017. Smoky Mountain Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. Leaders include: Rick Webb Family, Mike Whitson, Aaron Wilburn, Stan Whitmire, Allison Speer, Mylon Hayes Family , Dennis Swanburg. For more info call 1-800-374-1550 or on line at celebrators.org.

Southern Cross Project

"And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?" Romans 10:14

How can they hear?

98 million Chinese tourists leave China each year for vacation. They come from cities where they have little chance of hearing the Gospel. When they reach their destinations, they are greeted by volunteers who welcome them with a free New Testament and a friendly witness.

Won't you be the someone to tell them?

Southern Cross Project uses volunteers of all ages: individuals, families or teams. God can use you to get his Word into the hands and hearts of Chinese tourists.

Volunteer with Southern Cross Project:

Go spend a day, a week, a month with long-term workers in East Asia.

Pray for the work of Southern Cross Project.

Learn more at www.southerncrossproject.org

Contact them at scptravel@pobox.com

Like them on Facebook at Southern Cross Project

May Birthdays

- 1 John Cathcart
- 7 Barbara Carr, Melvin Carr
- 8 MacKenzie Robinson
- 11 Joshua Wilkes
- 16 Pamela Smith
- 19 Julia Hungerpiller
- 21 Jacqueline Case, Alice Lewis
- 22 Bubba Montgomery, Nate Moore
- 23 Nancy Smith

God's People Praying

365 Days of Prayer

- 1 Pray for the Deacons of our church. Ask for God's guidance as you nominate men to serve actively as a Deacon.
- 2 Pray that your faith will be made stronger, realizing that difficulties will occur in order to accomplish this.
- 3 Pray for a better understanding of people from totally different backgrounds and insight into ways to share your faith.
- 4 [Pray for the United States of America today](#), on the National Day of Prayer. The theme this year is For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us...Forgive Us...Heal Us!
- 5 On this National Day of Prayer, pray for our country. That we as citizens will humble ourselves and pray and seek God's face and turn from our immoral ways.
- 6 Pray that God will give you a hunger for the study of His Word.
- 7 Ask God 's continued blessings and guidance in homes where He reigns, that their witness for Him may be strengthened.
- 8 Pray for the migrant workers who will be coming to South Carolina to work in the fields. Pray also for those who give sacrificially of themselves to minister to this often overlooked group of people.
- 9 Pray for that person who always seems to be on the outskirts of society, and maybe even your church, and ask God to show you how you can help him/her to feel included.
- 10 Pray for college students from other states who will be coming to SC to serve as summer missionaries.
- 11 Pray that Children and Adults alike will understand that to love God is to obey Him.
- 12 [Pray for the South Carolina Baptist Ministries](#) for the Aging and for the Mother's Day Offering for Bethea And Martha Franks Retirement Centers to be taken up next Sunday.
- 13 [Ask God to comfort](#) those who celebrated Mother's Day , but whose mothers have gone on to be with the Lord.
- 14 [Thank God for Christian mothers](#) and the tremendous influence they have on the lives of their families.
- 15 Pray not only that children would respect their parents, but also that parents would realize that they should respect the special person God created each child to be.
- 16 Pray for the staff of Camp McCall as they prepare for the camping season.
- 17 [Pray for the TeamKID](#) children and leaders as they come to the close of another year.
- 18 Pray for the college students from schools across SC who will be serving in SC, the US, and around the world in summer missions.
- 19 Pray for those who sit on juries today as they will make the right decisions. Pray as well for defense attorneys

In Sympathy

We send our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Brian Ogburn.

We send our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Patty Baughman.

- and prosecutors as they represent their clients, and for judges as they oversee the process.
- 20 Pray for the staff of Camp La Vida as they prepare for the camping season.
- 21 As many young couples are beginning their lives together, especially at this time of year, pray that they will seek God's guidance to establish a Christian home.
- 22 Pray that you will grow in your prayer life to the point of becoming a true prayer warrior.
- 23 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Kershaw Baptist Association.
- 24 Pray for those children who are in foster home situations, especially when those situations are less than ideal.
- 25 Ask God to help you live your life in such a way that others would see Jesus in you.
- 26 Pray for teenagers who will be involved in mission activities this summer, that they may be safe and that they will grow as Christians from the experience even as they may be experiencing their first opportunity to share the love of Jesus with someone who does not know Him.
- 27 Pray for teenagers who face temptations the likes of which their parents never dreamed.
- 28 Pray for Dr. Jerry Sosebee as he seeks God's Guidance to lead our church in the direction that God would have it go.
- 29 [As our nation observes Memorial Day](#), thank God for all of the brave members of our armed forces who have risked, and in many cases sacrificed, their lives that we may continue to enjoy many freedoms. Take time to thank an active or retired military person for their service.
- 30 Pray for our young adults who will be graduating from various levels of school as they move on to the next phase of their lives.
- 31 Ask God to give you the courage to ask for forgiveness from someone who you may have wronged or hurt.



National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 4, 2017

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FBCKids News

- Wednesday, May 10th, 6:15 p.m. TeamKID
- Sunday, May 14th, 9:30 a.m. Muffins for Moms
- Wednesday, May 17th 6:15 p.m. last TeamKid for the summer
- Wednesday, May 24th 6:15 p.m. TeamKID performance and awards
- Wednesday, May 31st 6:30 p.m. Open Gym/ Summer Kick-off
- Sunday June 18th -Thursday June 22nd Vacation Bible School. Galactic Starveyors!
- July 17-19th Children's Music Mini-Camp, White Oak Conference Center (for students completing K5, 1st and 2nd grades)

The National Day of Prayer is proclaimed by the president of the USA each year on the first Thursday in May. The theme for 2017 is For your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us...Forgive Us...Heal Us!

First Baptist will be open during the lunch hour for you to come and pray for our nation. The Bible tells us that fervent prayer is effective. Let us pray our nation back to the Christian nation it is meant to be.

The Capital City National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 4th at 12:00 noon at the South Carolina State House in Columbia, SC.

Galactic Starveyors! Vacation Bible School June 18-22, 2017

We are recruiting volunteers for our Vacation Bible School 2017. The Theme is Galactic Starveyors! Vacation Bible School will begin on Sunday evening June 18th and conclude on Friday, June 22nd.

Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer. We need teachers, helpers, craft helpers, recreation helpers, etc.

Wednesday Night Supper

Our regular Wednesday Night Suppers will take a break for the Summer. The last regular supper will be Wednesday, May 24th.

Watch the bulletin and newsletter for special scheduled meals during June, July and August.

MOTHER

- M** is for our Maker's gift to the world:
Her name is Mother
- O** is for the varied and odd duties she performs:
Her name is Mother
- T** is for the tender care she gives her little ones:
Her name is Mother
- H** is for the loving heart of her who is the Heart of Her family:
Her name is mother
- E** is for the endless years her child will always be "her baby":
Her name is Mother
- R** is for the most remarkable person God ever sent a family:
Her name is Mother

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Our Church Staff

Pastor Dr. Craig Bailey
Minister of Youth Brad Caulder
Chairman of Deacons Mike Robinson
Worship Pastor Donnie Smith
Organist Robby Lynn Wade
Sunday School Director Nancy Smith
Secretary Susan Creasy

Our Church Services

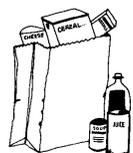
Sunday 10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship
6:30 PM Youth
Wednesday 5:30 PM Supper
6:15 pm TeamKID
6:30 PM Youth On Mission
6:30 PM Prayer/Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Practice

The Searchlight

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Mission Outreach

Our church mission outreach for May is **Palmetto Place Children's Shelter**. Palmetto Place Children's Shelter is a safe and caring haven for abused, abandoned and neglected children in the Midlands. They provide 24 hour a day, 365 day a year residential care. While at Palmetto Place the children receive medical and mental health care, crisis adjustment/transitional counseling, after school tutoring and recreational and social activities in addition to food, clothing and shelter. Children live at the shelter until other arrangements can be made with family members or foster parents. We will be receiving monetary donations for Palmetto Place Children's Shelter.



Do not forget our ongoing support of the **Fairfield Community Food Bank**. Bring your Treet and ketchup or other non perishable food items and place them in the collection box in the lobby.

BOOK-MARKS

New to our Library:

The Dilbert Principle by Scott Adams

The Culper Ring series by Roseanna M. White

Ring of Secrets

Whispers from the Shadows

Circle of Spies

Daily Life in ancient Rome by Jerome Carcopino

