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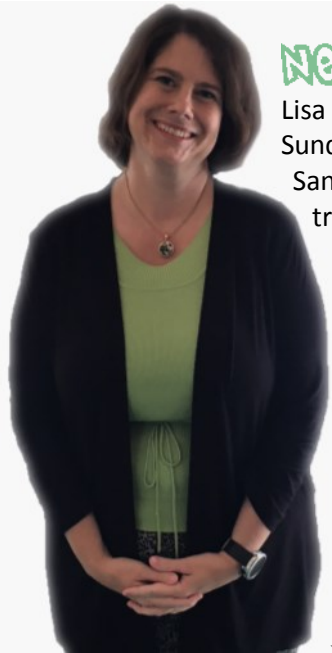
A Newsletter of the
First Baptist Church, Sanford, NC

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NEWEST MEMBER

Lisa Corcoran became a member this past Sunday. Send her a note at 631 Sunset Drive, Sanford, NC 27330. Ms. Corcoran joined by transfer of letter.

TENNESSEE MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Mission scholarships are welcomed to help cover the cost of our trip to Tennessee, July 29 through August 4th. The cost is \$150.⁰⁰ Donations are being accepted at the church office.

WE NEED HELP FOR VBS!!!!

We are in desperate need for help with VBS this summer. The biggest need is for 3 station leaders in the pre-school area. We cannot have VBS if we do not have station leaders! It is very easy to lead, the material is really user friendly, all of the supplies will be gathered for you, you practically don't even have to think to do it. The youth will be helping out as crew leaders (just leading a group of kids around to the different stations, no teaching required!), but we will still need some adults to help as crew leaders too. A lot of times people say "If they need help, then someone will ask me. I don't need to volunteer". This is me asking YOU "Can you help with VBS this Summer"? VBS is July 9th-13th from 9am-12:30 pm and you get a free lunch with it! Please see me ASAP if you can help, we need YOU!!! Thanks!
—Becky Blanchard

- A. Men of the church build a ramp for a member.
- B. Pickleball tournament
- C. New member's luncheon.



Billy Parrish learns defensive moves at the security workshop this past Saturday.

Memorial Day Holiday: Monday, May 28, Church Closed



Special Ministries

VBS 2018

June 2, Saturday
9:00am – 12:30pm
FBC, Family Life Center
Lunch served at 12:00



ADULT VBS — MONDAY, JUNE 25 THROUGH THURSDAY, JUNE 28.
LIGHT LUNCH — 12:00 TO 1:00 WITH REV. GARY MOORE, TEACHER

Reflections from the Pastor "Chances to Serve"

"Bread" is what we call our Wednesday night worship and Bible study time. Cindy Hall, Jacob Peterson and I took turns leading it, and Wendy Smith blessed us each week with her marvelous piano and singing talent. (We have now stopped meeting for the summer months.) We studied the book of Acts, and on the final nights Cindy challenged us to look for everyday opportunities to minister and to share our faith with others like the Apostle Paul and his friends did. Several people in the group shared stories about how God was opening doors for them to do that.

Butch Oldham told us that he had been visiting in a nursing home, and a man he did not know rolled up to him in a wheelchair. The man asked Butch if he was a preacher, and Butch said he was not. The man said, "I was hoping you could pray for me." Butch knew this must be God's invitation to minister, so he said, "I'm not a preacher, but I can pray for you if you want me to." The man wanted him to pray, so Butch placed a hand on his shoulder and prayed out loud for God to bless the man, and the man really appreciated it.

Wendy Smith shared with us that she had seen a homeless man in a parking lot. As she drove home she couldn't stop thinking about him. So when she got home she filled a bag with food and a book by Billy Graham. Then she drove back to the store, found that man, gave him the bag and talked with him. She left him smiling.

Last week I was in a place of business and I noticed the clerk's name badge said "Immanuel." I felt a nudge to speak to him, so I asked, "Is your name Immanuel?" He said it was. I said, "Did you know your name means 'God is with us?'" He said he did and that he knew it was a blessing to have that good name. So as I finished my business, I said, "Immanuel, may 'God be with you' today." He thanked me and wished me the same. We parted company with both of us feeling uplifted.

None of these were earth-shaking moments, but these opportunities are there for every Christian. Are you stepping out boldly when God gives you that spiritual nudge to speak or show kindness? Ephesians 2:10 says, "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

In Christ, Matt

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FAMILY LIFE CENTER

MEMORIAL
Holiday

On Monday, we celebrate Memorial Day. Many people look forward to it as a day of relaxation, or a time to get away, or a time to get together with family. As I was thinking about the real reason we celebrate this day, to honor those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice, I thought of my favorite veteran, my dad, who passed away over a year ago. He had told me about April 29, seventy three years ago now, he experienced an event he would never forget. My father was a POW in WWII and on that day, April 29, he was liberated! He told me he would never forget the feeling he had when he realized that he was free! The American flag was one of his first sights and he remembered as long as he lived how beautiful it was! The experience

of freedom was so exciting that he recalled it vividly years later!

We too have a freedom to celebrate. We haven't been held in a POW War Camp, or far away from our families, but we have been set free from the bondage of sin when Jesus Christ becomes a part of our lives. It is a freedom to celebrate! This is a freedom in our own lives we will never forget! These past few months, we have had the opportunity to celebrate new brothers and sisters in Christ as several gave their hearts to Him. John 8:36 "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!" Let's celebrate!

In Christ, Cindy

**Worship at First Baptist
Sunday, May 20, 2018**

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Jacob Peterson

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Worship Service
"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"
arr. K Lee Scott
Chancel Choir with Camp Price, Clarinet

Mike's Musings 

One of the great lessons I learned a few years ago was the value of being a co-laborer with those on the mission field. Paul mentions it in First Corinthians 3:9. When our team returned from China to us in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, they made us very aware of how significant our prayers were to their work. Indeed, we are told that many Baptist missionaries working in other parts of the world begin major projects in December because they know of the prayers surrounding the giving of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We co-labor as well through our monetary gifts! As our pastor does God's work in Haiti and as our own FBC team works in Tennessee this summer, we have an opportunity, really a divine privilege, to take part. Co-laborers!

Thank You!

Dear Matt and First Baptist Church:

Thank you for the opportunity to come to your church and share with your people Sunday, May 6, 2018. It was a privilege to present the Gideon ministry to your church. The offering of \$686.00 from your congregation is tangible evidence of the love your people have for making the Word of God available. . .

The offering will purchase 572 New Testaments or 137 Bibles. Please pray that many precious souls will come to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as a result of these scriptures being placed in Lee County area and around the world. We know that He promises that His Word will not return void but will accomplish that which He pleases.

Lee Logwood
The Gideons International

Dates to Remember

Sunday, May 27 (FLC open by reservation only)
8:45 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary



Monday, May 28
Memorial Day Holiday
Church and FLC closed for Memorial Day Holiday!

Tuesday, May 29 (FLC 7:00-2:00 p.m.; 5:00-6:00 p.m.)
9:30 a.m. Different Strokes Art Class
9:30 Prayer Ministry, Library
12:30 Line Dancing
5:00 Zumba Class, gym
6:00 Girl Scouts
7:00 Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 30 (FLC 7:00-2:00 p.m.)
8:30 a.m. JobSeekers, Fellowship Hall
9:00 Morning Movers, FLC
9:30 Jobs for Life
10:30 Meals on Wheels
11:00 Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Chapel
6:45 Trinity Singers
7:15 Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 31 (FLC 7:00-2:00 p.m.; 5:00-6:00 p.m.)
5:00 p.m. Zumba
6:15 Pickleball

Friday, June 1 (FLC 7:00-11 a.m.)
9:00 a.m. Morning Movers
10:00 Line Dancing Class

Saturday, June 2 (FLC open by reservation only)
9:00 VBS for Special Ministries, FLC

**Kids of the Kingdom Summer Camp
First Baptist Church Family Life Center**

Cost: \$120/week, 7:30 am-5:30 pm,
Grades K-6 (rising)

Sign up for one week or the whole summer*
Limited space so sign up soon!

Week 1: Parks, parks, and more parks!
(June 11-15)

Hiking, climbing, exploring, picnics

Week 2: Let's Get Wet. . . Very Wet!
(June 18-22)

Each week will include the following: devotions, swimming every Monday and Friday (\$1), movies, snacks, Kids in the Kitchen, crafts, and lots of fun. Above activities are subject to change due to scheduling. Two snacks included each day. Please pack a lunch. Access to microwave and refrigerator in the FLC. *Enrollment is limited so hurry to reserve your space!*

Anything can happen this summer!





Have a great summer and we'll announce happenings from time to time.



HOSPITAL

PARKVIEW: Scott Swindell, Sr.

NURSERY

May 27 workers: Carolyn Lee; Kacie Kennedy; Chad and Jennifer Spivey

Early Service Ushers: Ty Graning, Bill Cline

AT A GLANCE

May 20, 2018

Weekly Budget Requirement.....	19,500.00
Budget Received	19,571.08
Building/Capital Improvement.....	50.00
Other.....	3,680.00
TOTAL.....	23,301.08

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION

2018 TOTAL..... 10,276.30

SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to the friends and family of **Virginia Edwards Hester** who passed away Friday, May 18, 2018, Sanford, NC.

Christian sympathy is also extended to **Debbie Woodson** whose father, Wallace Garland Woodson of Prospect, VA, passed away May 16.

Cheerful Opportunity
Lana Fehr
 1916 Windsong Road
 Sanford, NC 27330

