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SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

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May

Dear First Baptist family:

How was your month? When my children were younger, every night at dinner we did “highs and lows.” Each one of us would share our “high” of the day – the best thing that happened – and our “low” of the day – the worst. We then rejoiced together and consoled one another. Lynn does that now with the children in her AWANA class on Wednesday night! What were YOUR “highs” for April? Easter? In March, our family learned that our younger son Jeremiah and his wife Lauren are expecting our second grandchild. This past month, April, we learned that they are expecting a boy, our first grandson, and that our other son Joshua and his wife Lolita are expecting their first child and our third grandchild! We are so blessed! Lynn and I were also blessed to participate in the presentation of Handel’s “Messiah” with the Trinity Music Academy. Okay, my “lows”? In our “highs and lows” family game, we limited it to one of each, but I can’t decide if my “low” for April would be my first speeding ticket or the pollen this past month! And, of course, I would have to say serving as your Pastor is always a “high!”

This past month, Easter Sunday was a “high” with over one hundred at our Sunrise Service and Breakfast and over 150 at Worship. On that day, we welcomed our new Student and Children’s Pastor, Cameron Engle, and his wife Chelsea. It’s been a great month with them on board! In April, I preached a series, “The Principle Thing,” with four powerful Biblical principles that will change your life: the reaping and sowing principle, the replacement principle, the expectation principle, and the death principle. We learned how to play by the rules, how to break a bad habit for good by replacing it with a good one, how to end disappointment forever, and how to finally make it stop hurting. On Sunday evenings, we continued our study of the great book of Romans.

This coming Sunday, May 6, Pastor Cameron will bring the message, “How to Share Jesus Without Freaking Out.” The following Sunday, Mother’s Day, I will bring a special message, “The Greatest Love of All.” And then the following Sunday, May 20, I will begin a series on the great Old Testament hero, Joseph, entitled “Getting Ahead in a Getting By World.” You won’t want to miss a Sunday! We thank God for calling us to Troy to serve among you. I love you and am praying for you!

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Jeff

May

Sunday School Greeters

Robert & Cindy Liles

Audio

(6) Todd Reece
(13) Gary Smith
(20) Emma Taylor
(27) Mitchell Whitesell

Hospitality Workers

(6) Gary Kennedy
(13) Kathy Kennedy
(20) Janno Lewis
(27) Becky Russell

Nursery Workers

Sunday School

(6) Angie Freeman
(13) Lynn Hartman
(20) Jo Haywood
(27) Evalane Poole

Worship Service

(6) Haley Alspaugh
(13) Hazel Spivey
(20) Buffa Buie
(27) Kathy Kennedy

Food Pantry Workers

May 12: Bob & Lorraine Miller, Debbie Walser, Peggy Hampton

May 26: Jim & Sharon Matheny, James & Hazel Spivey

After-School Closing

First Baptist Church of Troy Afterschool Program will cease operating on June 8, 2018 at the end of the current school year. Notification has been made to all participating families.

Students & Children

Pastor Cameron here!

We are doing some awesome things with our youth and children right now that you don't want to miss! We just started a new series with our middle and high school students on Sunday nights called "Back to the Basics." We are using this series to go back and look at the basics of the Christian faith and the church. We hope all our students will join us on Sunday nights at 5:30pm and check out this series. We also have a meal provided and a time for games. If you come on May 6th, we will be playing life-size hungry hippos!

We are seeing growth on Wednesday nights with our Awana children's program. All children are invited to join us at 6:00pm at the youth building as we play some games and learn about the Bible. Currently, we are learning about the days of creation! I have met up with the youth and children committees in the past couple weeks, and both ministries have been covered in prayer, and we are excited to see what God has in store for our children and teens!

Upcoming events:

Youth Sky Zone Trip - April 28th - \$30 : Meet at the youth building at 11:20am

Family Recreation Night - April 29th : 6:30pm at the Fellowship Hall

Children and Family Movie Night - May 12 : 4:45pm at the youth building

Food Pantry News

What is a volunteer? The internet defines a volunteer as "a person who freely offers to undertake a task". The Bible in Matthew 20:28 says, "**just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.**" I think of a volunteer as a person who gives of themselves to help others, expecting nothing in return. April was **Volunteer Recognition Month!** So we dedicate this portion of the newsletter to all our volunteers who help with food pantry each and every month!!! Without each one of you, we would not be able to do the work of packing and distributing the food. **THANK YOU!!!**

Note: Civil Rights Training will be Sunday, May 20 at 9:00 am. All volunteers please plan to attend. Location will be announced in the bulletin

Article Submitted By: Dottie Robinson

WMU News

Spring is officially here! And how can anyone say there is no GOD!!! For the past several days, we have enjoyed some beautiful days...sunshine, flowers blooming, trees filling out with their greenery. I just thank God all day long for his blessings. We also need to remember those in our church family who are hurting and pray that God will continue to wrap his loving arms around them. Pastor Jeff led our North American Mission Study on April 11 and presented information on The Cooperative Program. Through the North American Mission Board, we support missionaries throughout the United States, Canada, and their territories. Thank you Pastor Jeff for sharing with us.

Opportunities of Service for May

Hostess for Fellowship Dinner	Mission Group I
Back Pack Pals (Pick up Wed or Thurs, 9:30-11:00AM)	Mission Group I
Myers Family	Mission Group II
Prayer Calendar for General Meeting	Mission Group III

Looking Ahead:

May 19: Annual Associational Meeting, hosted by First Baptist Church, Troy, NC

June 3: Benefit for Sadie Rae

In His Service,
Dottie

Senior Bus Trip

First Baptist Seniors were on the road again April 12. One of our favorite places is the Pik-N-Pig Restaurant at the airport in Carthage. Sixteen hungry adults enjoyed the food and fellowship. We even had a visitor from the area to come. We always appreciate our bus drivers who give their time. Our next trip will be to Lake Norman for a lunch cruise on May 10. You must make reservations by Monday, May 7th.

Article Submitted by Rosemary Huntley

In Honor of:

Bill & Brenda Mulford (Baptist Men) by Bob & Marlene Dunn
Amber & Alyssa Hampton (AWANA) by Benny & Peggy Hampton
Harry McRae (Baptist Men) by John & Sue German

In Memory of:

Linda Ray (Renovations: Garden of Memory) by Frank & Ruby Sanders
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Mack & Buffa Buie
Linda Ray (Youth-Caswell) by Earle & Evalane Poole
Linda Ray (WMU FBC) by Bob & Marlene Dunn
Rev. Bill Turnmire (Annie Armstrong) by Mrs. Emily Turnmire
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Jeff & Chelsey Byrum
Linda Ray (General Fund) by John & Sara Carroll
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Allen & Linda Dixon
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Billy & Janice Haywood
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Riley & Marilyn Phillips
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Trudy Tanzillo
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Sonya Williamson
Linda Ray (General Fund) by David Bart Craig
Linda Ray (Renovations) by Benny & Peggy Hampton
Linda Ray (Scholarship Fund) by Harry & Debbie McRae
Linda Ray (Renovations: Garden of Memory) by Frederick & Myra Taylor
Linda Ray (Annie Armstrong) by Danny & Dottie Robinson
Fred Barden (Renovations: Garden of Memory) by Deborah Barden
Doug Smith (Renovations: Garden of Memory) by Deborah Barden
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Will & Faye Atkinson
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Lowell & Rebecca Russell
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Roger & Linda P. Thompson
Linda Ray (General Fund) by B. W. Dickson
Linda Ray (General Fund) by David & Leslie Whitesell
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Sissie, Linda B., Sue, Pam, Debbie, Becky, Lucille, & Hazel (MG3)
Linda Ray (Youth Caswell Trip) by Lucille Sabiston
Linda Ray (Kitchen Fund) by James & Hazel Spivey
Linda Ray (Food Pantry) by Gary & Jane Smith
Linda Ray (Renovations: Garden of Memory) by Deborah Barden
Mike Haywood (Renovations: Garden of Memory) by Deborah Barden
Doris Haywood (Renovations) by Benny & Peggy Hampton
Agnes Dunn (WMU FBC) by Bob & Marlene Dunn
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Shirley Galliher
Linda Ray (Renovations: Garden of Memory) by Linda Johnson
Linda Ray (General Fund) by Fred Thompson
Eugene Guffey-Birthday May 15 (General Fund) by Betty Guffey

MAY 2018

Sunday Morning Coffee & Doughnut Fellowship—9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship—10:55 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship—6:00 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 7:15 p.m. WMU/Awana/ Brotherhood 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice	3	4	5
9:00 a.m. OCC Meeting Conf. Rm 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Morning Worship Services 5:30 p.m. Youth 6:00 p.m. Worship Deacon of the Week: Fred L. Taylor (220-2598)	7	8 7:30 p.m. Deacon Meeting	9 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Awana 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	10 11:00 a.m. Senior Trip Lake Norman Cruise Lunch No Cost Must make reservations	11	12 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Bob & Lorraine Miller Debbie Walser Peggy Hampton 4:45 p.m. Children & Family Movie Night
13 Mother's Day 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Morning Worship Services No Youth No Evening Services Deacon of the Week: Mitchell Whitesell (571-0571)	14	15 10:00 a.m. Mission Group 2	16 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Awana 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	17	18	19
20 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Morning Worship Services Business Meeting 5:30 p.m. Youth 6:00 p.m. Worship Deacon of the Week: Mack Buie (572-2512)	21	22 10:00 a.m. MG 1 F. Hall 11:30 a.m. MG 3 7:30 p.m. MG 4	23 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Awana 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	24	25	26 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Jim & Sharon Matheny James & Hazel Spivey
27 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Morning Worship Services 5:30 p.m. Youth 6:00 p.m. Worship Deacon of the Week: Gene Griffith (572-3852)	28	29	30	31		