



Ushers for May

Hasten Wall - captain, Carole Bruce, Judy and Mickey Carter, Chris Charles, Sheila and Lynn Elledge, Buddy Glover, Anna and Rick Woodruff

Extended Session

May 28
0 through 2's Sharon and Larry Kallam
3's and 5's Greta Hinson and Jeane Knight

June 4
0 through 2's Jeannette and Frank Hendrick

**Deacons of the Week
May 28 - June 4**

Jeannette Hendrick and Hasten Wall

Deacon Greeters - May 28, 2017

	Side Door	Side Door	Left Front
9:30 am	Hasten Wall		
10:35 am	Jeannette Hendrick	Gary Sebastian	Judy Nance
12:00 nn	Sylvia Eidson	Jim Zimmerman	Frank Hendrick

Labyrinth Keepers

Judy and Ritchie Nance

Tri-C Special Request

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Pastor's Paragraphs

In last week's newsletter I started the "repeat" of a devotional from back in April. It was on Gideon, and I was encouraged to share it with the larger congregation.

We've covered the background and first point already. God used Gideon for an important mission. Gideon was a good choice for it because of several strong characteristics - one of them being that he tended to do what he could in spite of the circumstances.

Secondly, Gideon recognized his inadequacies. He tried to remind God that his tribe was the least, and that he was the runt of it. He insisted that God was asking the wrong person; he could not do what was being expected of him.

It was a good thing that Gideon felt ill-equipped. It was, in fact, urgent for the people to understand that victory would come only through divine strength and power - not Gideon's human abilities.

On the evening I shared these thoughts in Prayer Meeting, I also commented that - with all the things First Baptist will be involved in during this year of Intentional Interim Ministry - we would also do well to remember that we are completely dependent on Him as our guide and provider. If we try to move forward without sincere commitment and prayer for His will to be done - accepting the fact that we don't have all the answers - we will quite likely make a mess of things!

That leads me to the third thing I would suggest about Gideon. Once he admitted his own limitations and was convinced that he could still make significant contributions, he proclaimed "ah, Sovereign Lord. I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!" And Gideon built an altar there. Similarly, when you and I are willing and able to "get over ourselves," we realize a fresh dimension of God's grace - and we are called to joyful worship.

There is one other thing I would say about Gideon that made him a really good candidate for kingdom work. And it's this: he became more intent on serving the Lord and His people than he was afraid of those who would quiet him. Gideon knew that following God's instructions would not be popular. But he was willing to risk it all for the blessing of knowing he had been faithful. That's pretty important for us, too, as we seek to discern where He is calling us in the months and years ahead. May our humble focus be on that as well - rather than on taking the easy paths that may leave us just about where we started! Wouldn't that be a shame?

Larry Jones

CALLING ALL CHILDREN . . .

Our theme for Vacation Bible School this year is “Gadgets and Gizmos: Uniquely Wired, Wonderfully Made.” We are going to have a great time while learning about and experiencing the love of Jesus! The dates and time are July 16 - 20 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Children in K through 6th Grade can preregister at www.elkinfbc.com/vbs. Invite your friends. If 50 children show up, Justin will dye his hair blue!

Teachers and workers are still needed for Vacation Bible School. Please see Justin right away if you are available to help!

During the summer, children's worship will be offered once a month for all kids up to fifth grade. During the time for a children's sermon, the kids will be dismissed for a Bible lesson, application, and fun activities. They will then be brought back to the sanctuary at the closing hymn. Parents will receive a review sheet, so they can discuss the lesson with their children at home! Mark your calendars with the following dates, so that your kids can participate in children's worship: May 28th, June 25th, July 23rd, and August 27th! Thanks!

Youth Volunteers Needed

We are very fortunate to have a vibrant youth group that loves to participate! We want to keep that going and serve these students well. In order for us to continue to see growth take place, I am asking that you pray about whether God would have you serve the youth group on Sunday nights. I would really like to have two additional helpers who have a heart for students. It's a sacrifice to give up Sunday evenings on a weekly basis, but the eternal difference is HUGE. Our students need you. Please let me know if you have questions. If you think you might be interested, let me know. I can arrange for you to sit in on a session.

Special thanks to our youth who did a wonderful job leading us in worship on May 21. We are so proud of and grateful for you!

2017 Geraniums Given In Memory Of

Al Adkins by Anne Adkins
Madelon Blackburn by Carson and Betty Pittman
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson S. Brown by Gray and Debbie Brown
Buddy Bruce by Bill and Carole Bruce
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bruce by Bill and Carole Bruce
Mason and Anna Laura Burcham by James and Jennifer Swaim
Helen Caton by Johnny and Becky Charles
T. O. Caton by Johnny and Becky Charles
Ray S. Church by HESSIE Church, Vickie Byrd, and Larry Church
Mark Cornett by Carol, Jerry, Sierra, and Gabby
Mark Cornett by Peggy Rhodes
Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Dockery by Janie Helton
Mr. and Mrs. Roby Dorsett by Willie Mae Corder
Mr. and Mrs. Verk C. Hayes by Gray and Debbie Brown
Steve Helton by Janie Helton
Patsy Holcomb by Ken and Ann Greene
Henry and Katie Lee Swaim by James and Jennifer Swaim
Pearl Luffman by Rick and Anna Woodruff
Jim Miller by Ken and Ann Greene
Bob Norton by Ken and Ann Greene
David L. Powers, Sr. by Kathrynne Powers
Roger and Irene Ray by James and Jennifer Swaim
Troy Reeves by Ann Watson
Clyde Rhodes by Peggy Rhodes
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Southard by Bill and Carole Bruce
Margaret Todd by Bill and Carole Bruce
Diane Tucker's Mother by the Lunch Bunch WMU Group



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Lib Callaway by Ken and Ann Greene
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Hendrick Sunday School Class by Mickey and Judy Carter
Mary Hinson by Ritchie and Judy Nance
Mary Hinson by Rick and Anna Woodruff
Ella, Ben, Mason, and Jackson by Mickey and Judy Carter
Melissa Long by Ritchie and Judy Nance
Marge McClure by Ritchie and Judy Nance
McRae/Rebecca Sunday School Class by Carson and Betty Pittman
Sara Miller by Ken and Ann Greene
Susan Neaves by Larry and Sharon Kallam
Susan Neaves by Carson and Betty Pittman
Fred Norman by Ken and Ann Greene
Betty Pittman by Anne Marie Woodruff
Preschool Sunday School Class by Carson and Betty Pittman

Happy Birthday!

May 29 - Katie Caton
May 31 - Gail Gambill, Greta Hinson, and Suzanne Puckett
June 1 - Tyler Bennett and Tom Crawford
June 3 - Miranda Gibson and Pat Glover

It's time to sign up to attend the CBF General Assembly 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. There are various events planned for June 26-30, with the general sessions and workshops to be held on June 29 and 30. Check out the full schedule on the bulletin board in the hallway and indicate on the signup sheet the days you would like to attend. We will need to get hotel rooms right away! The church van is reserved for travel.

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Sherry Norman of Jonesville will be our new Administrative and Financial Assistant beginning June 5! Thanks to our Personnel Committee for their good work.

Worship & Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 28

8:45 AM Early Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:55 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Youth

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

10:30 AM Prayer Circle
7:00 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Conference Room Reserved

Wednesday, May 31

4:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting
4:45 PM WMU Council (Library)
6:00 PM Prayer Service/Bible Study (Choir Room)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 1

6:00 PM Playschool Year End Program and Pre-K Graduation
6:30 PM Women's Closed AA Meeting

Saturday, June 3

7:00 AM Fellowship Garden Help Needed

Special 10:55 Worship Service on June 11

Observance of the Lord's Supper
Parent/Child Dedication for Noah Greene
Ordination of New Deacons Matt Greene, Karen Haynes, and Peggy Rhodes (tentative)

Senior Adults: Don't forget the June 15 trip to All A Flutter Butterfly Farm. We will leave the church at 7:30 AM. We will also be stopping at the State Farmers Market and at the Moose Café for lunch.