

First Baptist News

a family of faith



Last week I wrote that I will occasionally take this space to share a meaningful quote with you. Some of these quotes are from esteemed theologians or seasoned pastors and others are extracted from everyday life. This week's quote is from Scarlett, the four year-old daughter of a pastor friend of mine. This little girl is proud of her dad and enjoys being a "preacher's kid." She once told a friend "my dad is the best pastor in the world because he listens to people." Scarlett has a remarkable understanding of what it means to be successful in ministry, but I think her wisdom extends beyond the pastorate. She is identifying a Christian quality. She could have said "my dad is a great Christian because he listens to people."


I am not sure if listening is a spiritual gift or a learned trait, but I don't think many people are natural-born listeners. To listen to another person begins with silencing the voice and extends to stilling the desire to respond from our own lives. When a friend shares a personal story or thought we are often tempted to respond with a similar story of our own. There is a measure of association in doing so, but a good listener resists the urge to respond with "the same thing happened to me..." Instead of responding with a story from my life, a more charitable response is to say "tell me more." When I ask my friend to tell me more I convey that I have heard what s/he said and that I am interested.

Everyone is born with a need to be heard. To be heard is to be acknowledged and valued as a human being. So, next time you get into a conversation with a friend who seems to have something important to say, seize the moment as an opportunity to give your friend a great gift. Offer him/her what a good friend offered me several years ago. When I asked if I could talk through a confidential situation with her, she replied, "Sure, I have two ears that don't have a mouth!"


Peace,
David

Preparing for Sunday—
 "Their Eyes Were Opened"—Luke 24:13-49
 Rev. Doug Reedy


YOUTH WEEK—APRIL 22-29



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PAPER



SCISSORS

Youth Lock-In/Defy Gravity
 April 20th
 We will leave FBC at 10 PM. Cost is \$30 and includes a Youth Week T-shirt. Due to Defy Gravity's rules and our maintenance situation, we will remain at Defy Gravity until very late, then stop for breakfast on the way home.





Our new church cookbook, **Flavorful Fellowship** has arrived! Copies may be purchased in the church office or at Wednesday night services for \$15.00. Any pre-orders may be picked up in the church office.



April 16th at Noon
 "Upside-down Aging"
 presented by Sheryl Taylor

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Formation of Worship and Music Committee

Currently, FBC has four committees (Worship Advisory, Baptism, Communion and Music) that are involved in our worship experience. The ministerial staff and Committee on Committees have proposed that we combine these committees into one committee that would be titled the Worship and Music Committee. This committee would be nominated annually by the church's Committee on Committees and approved at a Church Conference. This represents a change in the Church's Bylaws in that the Worship Advisory Committee is currently nominated by the Deacons. The Bylaws Committee and Deacons have approved this proposal and referred to the church for consideration at our Spring Church Conference on April 25th. The responsibilities of the committee will be as follows...

The Worship and Music Committee shall be composed of individuals who shall be nominated by the church's Committee on Committees and elected by the church. This committee shall be elected at the special conference in November of each year and shall begin its duties the first day of January following its election.

Members of this committee shall serve a three-year term as set forth in Article IX, Section I.

The purpose of this committee is to serve as a resource for the ministerial staff concerning the church's worship.

The duties of the Worship and Music Committee shall be:

- To assist the ministerial staff in preparing an annual budget for worship and music.
- To assist in the observance of the church's ordinances (baptism and communion).
- To dialogue with the ministerial staff for the planning and evaluation of the worship experience.
- To assist the Minister of Music in the planning and implementation of a music education program.
- To assist the Personnel Committee in personnel matters relating to worship and music.

Formation of this committee will require the following changes to the Bylaws,

- 1) Strike the words "Worship Advisory" from Article IX-Committees, Section 1, Number of Committees.
- 2) Strike Article IX, Section 9, Worship Advisory Committee, from the Bylaws in its entirety.

Servants this Sunday— April 15 , 2018

ETC —8:45 a.m.—Glenda Osborne

11:00 a.m.—Sara Benson

Welcoming — Bruce & Jayne Huggins, Laura Nance

Entrance Greeters

Children's Building —Johnny & Mickey Johnson

Walnut Street—Jim Driscoll

6th Street—Mildred Kinlaw

Senior Entrance — George Lawson

Security Monitor —James Gore

Sound—Greg Gibson

Video— Amy Gibson

This Week. . .

Sunday, April 15

8:45 a.m. **Worship Service**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
4:45 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study
4th-6th Grade Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Youth Week Officers Meeting

Monday, April 16

12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Circle
7:00 p.m. Growing Young Meeting

Wednesday, April 18

4:00 p.m. Young Musicians Bells
4:45 p.m. Young Musicians Choir
Music Makers Choir
5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper
6:00 p.m. Family Night at Prayer
Youth Doing Missions
Wednesday Night Live
Music Munchkins/Mission Friends
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 20

10:00 p.m. Youth Lock-In

Saturday, April 21

10:30 a.m. Community Café hosted by The Susan Welsh Class

For the Record

Budgeted 2018\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2018)..... \$13,461.54
Received April 8, 2018 \$22,784.29
Need to date\$188,461.54
Received to date\$177,043.59
Over (Under) Budget (\$11,417.95)

Sunday School Attendance-, April 8—176

Person of the Week

Ruth Britt
522 E. 16th St.
Lumberton, NC 28358

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our special person this week.