

First Baptist News

a family of faith

Preparing for Sunday . . .

“All Along” Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

In this text, Barnabas and Paul are on a mission trip to Lystra. When Paul heals a man who'd never walked, he and Barnabas are thought to be Greek gods. The two quickly speak up to correct the misunderstanding. Paul gives an impassioned speech to tell the people that the God who created the heavens, earth and sea and who has supplied them with food and joy had allowed them to follow their own ways was making Himself known. God was with them *All Along* even when they did not know it. We need to hear Paul's message and repeat it!



James is one of the first books of the Bible I really came to know. My interest in the letter started at Southern Seminary. The school's motto was *Be Doers of the Word*, a phrase taken from James 1:22. I have read through the four chapter letter several times and found a couple of other interesting passages. I like James 4:10 which says “humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.” I also liked the foreboding counsel of James 4:13-16 that admonishes us to not be overly confident about the length of our lives. In verse 14 James asks “What is your life?” and then says “for you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”

I wrote on death in last week's article and I would like to move on to happier topics, but in the wake of several deaths, I cannot let go of James' words. Since the deaths of two acquaintances last week, I have learned of the deaths two dear church members; D.E. Ward, Jr. and Janis Biggs; author, Rachel Held Evans; and George Moore, a longtime friend in my former church. D.E., Janis and George lived long, good lives. They raised their families and made faithful contributions to the good of their communities. Rachel was 37 years old and the mother to two small children. She too made a great contribution to her community. It is not too bold of a statement to say that of her generation, Rachel Held Evans did more to help the church become Christian than anyone else.

Of D.E., Janis, George, and Rachel no one would argue that Rachel's life best fits James' analogy of life as a quickly vanishing mist. Still, all who come and go from this life do so quickly. The Psalmist wrote “the days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away,” (Psalm 90:10).

The frailty of life may be a depressing thought, but James, D.E., Janis, George and Rachel would encourage us to take another look. Life is a mist, so live it to the fullest, they would say. Don't be so bold to think you can put off living for another day. If there is a good you need to do, do it. If there is an opportunity you need to take, take it. If there is a mercy you need to share, share it. If there is a brokenness you need to mend, mend it. If there is a wrong you need to right, right it. Life is a mist and whether it lingers for 37 or 98 years, the worst possible thing is for it vanish with a good deed left undone or a kind word left unsaid.

Peace,
David





Vacation Bible School June 17-19, 5:30-8:00 pm

Join us for 3 nights of interactive learning and fun as we explore the Bible and what it means to be a good neighbor. Children age 4-6th grade are eligible to attend, and there is no cost.

Art Mini Camp July 16-19, 9:30 am-12:00 pm

This half-day camp combines art and faith to provide a creative camp experience. For children who have completed K-3rd grade; \$15 per child.



Music Day Camp July 29-August 2, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Join us for a week full of crafts, games, field trips, and lots and lots of music! Children will learn the musical *Rescue in the Night* and present it at a closing concert on August 2 at 5:00 pm. For children who have completed 1st-6th grade; \$50 per child (cost goes up after June 1!).

Register for Vacation Bible School, Art Mini-Camp and/or Music Day Camp at www.fbclumbertonnc.org or in the church office.

Memorial Day—May 27, 2019



Community Memorial Day Service at New Hollywood Cemetery—10:00 a.m.
Bring a lawn chair if you wish.

CLASS OF 2019

Baccalaureate Sunday-June 9, 2019

We will honor our graduates at a combined worship service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.
(Sunday School—9:45 a.m.)

The Lumberton Christian Care Center is in need of men's clothing (pants & shorts—sizes 32, 34, & 36, medium & large shirts). Please drop off donations of these items at their facility at 220 E. 2nd Street or see Barbara Andrews for more details.



- May 15th**— Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, String Beans, Rolls, Salad, Fruit Pies
- May 22nd**— Barbecue, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies, French Fries, Salad, Peach Cake
- May 29th**— Baked Potato Bar

Servants this Sunday, May 12, 2019

ETC—8:45 a.m.—Casey Williamson & Dianne Britt
 11:00 a.m.—Casey Williamson & Sara Benson

Entrance Greeters

Children's Building —Linda Collins
 Walnut Street— Miriam & Wilton Edwards
 6th Street — Judy Driscoll
 Senior Entrance — Jim Driscoll

Welcoming Committee— David & Judy Nicholson,
 Tim Hobbs

Security Monitor— Scott Billingsley

Sound— Ross Driscoll

LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER FOR
 LOVE COMES FROM GOD.

—1 JOHN 4: 7 A. ORO



Coming up. . .

- May 14—Senior Adults to Duke Chapel
 Tuesday Coffee Shop (4 pm)
 4th-6th Grade Bible Study (4pm)
- May 16—ECM Spring Art Show
- May 18—Community Café hosted by the
 Susan Welsh Class
- May 20—Deacons & Finance Committee
 Meetings
- May 21—Tuesday Coffee Shop (4 pm)
 4th-6th Grade Bible Study (4 pm)
- May 24-26—Youth Adult Retreat
- May 27—Memorial Day—ECM & Church
 Offices Closed
 Community Memorial Day
 Service at New Hollywood
 Cemetery
- May 28—Tuesday Coffee Shop (4 pm)
 4th-6th Grade Bible Study (4 pm)
- June 2—Worship Committee
- June 4—Youth Council
- June 9—Graduation Sunday
- June 11—Pre-K Graduation
- June 15—Community Café hosted by the
 Circle of Friends Class
- June 16—Father's Day
- June 17-19—Vacation Bible School
- June 21-25—Youth Music Retreat
- June 24—Deacons & Finance Committee
 Meetings
- June 24-27—River Road Baptist Literacy
 Camp
- June 30—5th Sunday Fellowship
- June 30-July 3—PassportKids!
- July 3—No Wednesday Evening Activities
 Meal
- July 4—Independence Day, ECM & Church
 Offices Closed
- July 14-21—M-Fuge
- July 16-18—Art Mini-Camp
- July 20—Community Café

For the Record

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| Budgeted 2019 | \$700,000.00 |
| Weekly Need (2019)..... | \$13,461.54 |
| Received May 5, 2019 | \$11,134.34 |
| Need to date..... | \$242,307.69 |
| Received to date | 4205,831.16 |
| Over (Under) Budget | (\$36,476.53) |

Sunday School Attendance,
 May 5, 2019—153

Community Café Volunteers Needed!

Groups are needed to host our Community Café on the 3rd Saturday each month. Host groups provide a meal, devotion and fellowship for Community Café guests.

If your Sunday School Class, Mission Group, etc. would like to host please contact the church office (739-4336 or daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org).

Flower Calendar

Contact the church office at 739-4336 or daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org to place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one.

2019

May 19, 26

June 2, 16, 30

July 7, 14, 21, 28

Aug. 4, 25

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Nov. 17



Graduation is approaching!

If you know someone in our membership who is graduating from high school or college, we would like to include them in our June newsletter. Please contact the church office (739-4336 or daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org) by May 28th, with the full name of the graduate, school where they completed the degree and type of degree received.



Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office. All applications must be submitted by May 15th.

CHURCH STAFF

Contact us at 739-4336 or daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org
www.fbclumbertonnc.org

Mrs. Nancy Bass — Financial Coordinator

Rev. Erin Collier — Associate Pastor of Families and Worship

Dr. David Elks — Pastor

Mrs. Daphne Fletcher — Administrative Assistant

Rev. Tim Little — Minister of Music and Facilities

Mrs. Kandace Ramsey — Administrative Assistant

Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth, Young Adults and Missions

This Week. . .

Sunday, May 12, 2019—Mother's Day

8:45 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 13

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

8:30 a.m. Senior Adults to Duke Chapel

3:45 p.m. Tuesday Coffee Shop (Youth)

4:00 p.m. 4th-6th Grade Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Puzzle Piece Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, May 15

5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper

6:00 p.m. Family Night at Prayer

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 16

6:00 p.m. ECM Spring Art Show

Saturday, May 18

10:00 a.m. Community Café hosted by Susan Welsh Class



Person of the Week

Dede Southerland
5150 Pin Oak Dr.
Lumberton, NC 28358

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our special person of the week!