



## First Baptist Church of Shallotte

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### Office Hours:

M-F 9am—3pm

Early Celebration Service	8:30am
Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Evening Worship	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:30pm



## DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

### OLD TESTAMENT / NEW TESTAMENT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> May-1  | 1 Kings 10-11; Luke 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> May-17 | 1 Chronicles 1-3            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-2  | 1 Kings 12-13          | <input type="checkbox"/> May-18 | 1 Chronicles 4-7            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-3  | 1 Kings 14-15; Luke 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> May-19 | 1 Chronicles 8-10           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-4  | 1 Kings 16-18          | <input type="checkbox"/> May-20 | 1 Chronicles 11-12; John 6  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-5  | 1 Kings 19-20; Luke 23 | <input type="checkbox"/> May-21 | 1 Chronicles 13-15; John 7  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-6  | 1 Kings 21-22          | <input type="checkbox"/> May-22 | 1 Chronicles 16-18          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-7  | 2 Kings 1-3            | <input type="checkbox"/> May-23 | 1 Chronicles 19-21; John 8  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-8  | 2 Kings 4-6; Luke 24   | <input type="checkbox"/> May-24 | 1 Chronicles 22-24          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-9  | 2 Kings 7-9            | <input type="checkbox"/> May-25 | 1 Chronicles 25-27          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-10 | 2 Kings 10-12; John 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> May-26 | 1 Chronicles 28-29; John 9  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-11 | 2 Kings 13-14; John 2  | <input type="checkbox"/> May-27 | 2 Chronicles 1-3; John 10   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-12 | 2 Kings 15-16; John 3  | <input type="checkbox"/> May-28 | 2 Chronicles 4-6            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-13 | 2 Kings 17-18          | <input type="checkbox"/> May-29 | 2 Chronicles 7-9            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-14 | 2 Kings 19-21          | <input type="checkbox"/> May-30 | 2 Chronicles 10-12; John 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-15 | 2 Kings 22-23; John 4  | <input type="checkbox"/> May-31 | 2 Chronicles 13-14          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May-16 | 2 Kings 24-25; John 5  |                                 |                             |

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June 4 | 11AM

## GRADUATE Recognition Sunday

Preschool - College Graduates Sign Up by May 28  
[fbcshallotte.org/graduate-sunday](http://fbcshallotte.org/graduate-sunday)



Sun May 7 after 11 am Worship

Ticekts Available Now from Youth or in the Church Office  
(to go plates available upon request)

Proceeds benefit  
Centrifuge

Dessert  
Donations  
Needed!

# The Motion Before Us



At our April Quarterly Ministry Meeting, we had a rather lengthy, and lively, discussion regarding a recommendation from our Budget and Finance Committee. As a result, the recommendation was postponed until the next Quarterly Ministry Meeting so that we, as a church family, can pray about this motion and come prepared to act on it in the July 9 meeting.

What was the motion? The Budget and Finance Committee recommends that we reduce our Cooperative Program giving from 10% total (5% to the Baptist State Convention and 5% to the Brunswick Baptist Association) to 6% total (3% respectively). The reason for the recommendation is that we have remained consistently behind in this giving.

The motion was postponed by a recommendation from the floor which included the directive to inform you, the church family, of the nature of the recommendation and of the need for prayer, including more information about the motion. So that is what I am doing for you here.

So, what does this motion mean and why does it matter? Here are some things that I think are important to understand so that you can pray carefully and make an informed decision in July.

**Why did the Committee bring this recommendation?**  
Frankly, our giving has not kept up with the budget we adopted. The end result is a shortfall that must be addressed in some way. I hope we all fully appreciate the difficult position that our Budget and Finance Committee is in. When we, as a church body, adopt a budget, the Committee is charged with the oversight of that budget. And when we do not tithe in keeping with the budget we adopted and agreed to support, it puts the Committee in a tough position and they have to make some tough choices. Let's be clear: This recommendation is a result of our church's lack of tithing, which imposes on the Committee such decisions.

**What is the Cooperative Program and why does it matter?**  
The Cooperative Program (CP) is a uniquely Southern Baptist way that SBC churches pool their resources to support missions and similar causes. It is, essentially, the way we participate as a *Southern Baptist Church* with other Southern Baptist Churches to do missions and support our institutions (we have more information on this in the church office if you would like it. Or, go to this site: <http://www.sbc.net/cp>) and it represents our missions giving as a church. Participation in the CP gives us access to Baptist State Convention resources, opportunities, and privileges that are too many to list here. But our participation is voluntary, and the amount we give is entirely up to us.

**How do we give and how is the amount of giving decided?**  
Our giving is a percentage of our budget but comes from our actual receipts. The amount was decided when you adopted the budget for 2017. So, for instance, when you approved the giving at 10%, you agreed to give an amount equaling 10% of our receipts to the Cooperative Program. So also our giving to the CP can fluctuate. If you give less to the church, that reduces our giving—10% of

less is less! Or, if we reduce the percentage, such as this recommendation requests, then our giving to the CP is reduced as well.

**Is the CP giving our church's "tithe"?** Technically, no. The Bible does not direct churches to "tithe." The Bible directs Christians to tithe to their churches to support the ministries of the church. However, through the CP our church participates in many causes that are directly addressed in Scripture, most of all reaching the nations with the gospel. The benchmark of 10% shows a commitment of generous giving and an understanding that God blesses a 10% commitment, just as He blesses a tithe, and it has been the established amount we have given for a long time.

**What areas will be impacted if we reduce our giving?** Three areas will be directly impacted by the adoption of this motion. First, here at FBCS, the bottom line of the budget would be reduced, so that our giving to the CP would be more attainable. The Committee hopes that we will then be able to recover the shortfall we have experienced and get back on track.

Second, since we will reduce our CP giving, that reduction will impact the budgets of both the NC Baptist State Convention and the Brunswick Baptist Association in much the same way a reduction in take-home pay would impact your household budget.

A third consequence, however, is less perceptible but no less real. In Southern Baptist life, CP giving is somewhat symbolic and it impacts a church's reputation in the Convention. Leaders in our denomination are often elected based on their level of CP giving, because it demonstrates a commitment to the Southern Baptist Convention and to missions as a whole. So, in turn, a reduction in CP giving is usually interpreted as a reflection of a church's discontent with the SBC or its leaders, or its lack of commitment to missions. While that is not the case with us, if the motion is adopted in July some of our SBC friends will think that is the reason for the motion. So, again, you must be very prayerful as you consider this motion.

**If we approve this motion, is it permanent?** No, not necessarily. At any time in the current budget year or in future budgets we could return to our 10% level of CP giving or even increase that, once the Committee is satisfied we have met our goals.

Then, last, **what is the bigger picture?** This motion reveals a simple truth: A failure to faithfully give impacts missions and ministries, both here and beyond our community! A recommendation like this, whether you approve it or not, is a wake-up call. Let's be faithful to God so He can continue to use FBCS to bless others in missions and ministries!

As you can see, this is not a small decision and should not be taken lightly. Pray carefully about this decision, and come July 9 prepared to vote wisely on this motion.

With Love in Christ,  
Pastor Bob

## Ministry Snapshot for May 2017

### message series

**Upcoming:** "Heaven, Hell and Hope"

### Sermon Podcasts Available

Listen or download messages preached at FBCS on our website or from iTunes™.

### children

#### Sunday Night Live

Sundays (ends Jun 11) | 6 PM

#### Fun Day Wednesday (ends Jun 21)

K—6<sup>th</sup> Grade 5:30 PM  
5<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> Grades 7:45 PM

#### Parent/Child Dedication | May 14

Sign up at [fbcshallotte.org/parentchild-dedication](http://fbcshallotte.org/parentchild-dedication)

### vacation bible school

#### Save the Date: June 25-29

Contact Dean Carroll  
[carrollconst@atmc.net](mailto:carrollconst@atmc.net) | 754-5514

### youth

#### Centrifuge Summer Camp | July 7-11

Cost \$325 | \$150 due now | \$175 due by Jun 21

#### Spaghetti Lunch & Dessert Auction

Fundraiser | May 7 | 12:30 PM  
Proceeds benefit Centrifuge

### graduates

#### Graduate Sunday | June 4 | 11 AM

Sign up [fbcshallotte.org/graduate-sunday](http://fbcshallotte.org/graduate-sunday)

### discipleship

#### DiscipleLife Classes

Wednesdays | 5:30 PM Snacks  
6:00 PM Video & Discussion

### finance

**Building Fund Balance:** \$ 9,963.60

### prayer

#### Prayer for Our State, Nation and Boston Initiative Mission

Tuesdays | 5:30 PM | Conference Rm

#### National Day of Prayer | Thurs May 4

Church Open for Prayer 6 AM-5:45 PM  
Prayer Rally at 5:45 PM

### deacons

#### Widow's Banquet | May 20 | 11AM

### worship

#### Worship Care Openings

8:30 AM | 11:00 AM | Wed 6:30 PM

*Serve once per month. Background check required to serve in this ministry.*  
Visit [fbcshallotte.org/iserve](http://fbcshallotte.org/iserve)

### missions

#### Mission Trip—Dominican Republic

July 30-Aug 7 | *Trip Cost \$1,500*  
\$200 due now | Forms due May 7  
\$450 due May 14 | \$850 due Jun 11  
[fbcshallotte.org/mission-trips/](http://fbcshallotte.org/mission-trips/)

### women

#### Ministry Meeting/Dinner

May 8 | 6:30 PM  
Jane Buffkin, Director

### men

#### Ministry Meeting/Dinner

May 15 | 6:30 PM  
Larry Speakman, Director 269-3186

### SBIC

Committees from SBIC member churches have begun planning for two enhanced fund raising events. Our goal with these two events, as well others in the planning stages, is to promote the mission of SBIC – Service with a Heart for Jesus – Love One Another. We look to raise additional funds as well. The additional funding will allow us to upgrade our food pantry capabilities, and reopen our emergency assistance program.

This fall we are planning a Dinner Concert. Many of you may remember a couple of years ago FBCS held a concert with several local choirs. Our Fall Dinner Concert will be of the same format, in that there will be one large choir made up from the SBIC member choirs. A sit down meal will also be part of the fellowship.

Next January SBIC will hold the 14th annual 'Run for Food'. This event is already a major regional event, and SBIC is preparing to enrich this event even further. Along with the 5K run/walk and half marathon, a 10K run/walk is being added. There will be a show the evening prior to the race, as well a children's program the day of the race. Finally at the conclusion of the 'Run for Food' we will be serving Chickin-Bob.

We welcome you to come join the folks that are planning and promoting these events. Your participation and ideas would help immensely to ensure success of these events. Please contact Don or Priscilla Evans if you want to part of the excitement.

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...1 Peter 4:10*

In His Love....  
Don Evans



# LOVE THE WORLD

**JUNE 25-29**  
Vacation Bible School

**GALACTIC STARVEYORS**  
DISCOVERING THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE  
COLossians 1:15-16

WANT TO SERVE?  
Contact Dean Carroll  
carrollconst@atmc.net

*Together for His Kingdom*

**Our Goal: \$5,200**

Thank You for Giving **\$4,080.66**

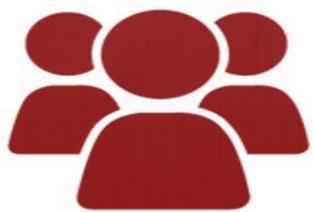
## Boston Mission Initiative

FBCS is partnering with Milestone Church & Pastor Jay Mudd in Natick, MA!

Milestone Church is Growing!

A new couple said, "We love what is happening at Milestone, can you start one in our town?" The answer: That is our desire...to see MetroWest Boston reached one town, one church at a time! Milestone is realizing that dream as last week a lease was signed to secure a place to worship for the next 5 years.

**PRAY FOR:**  
LIFE TRANSFORMATION  
THOSE AWAITING BAPTISM  
SPACE & FINANCES



# LOVE ONE ANOTHER



**JULY 7–11, 2017 COST: \$325**

Rising 7th grade through graduating seniors can experience lots of fun while learning about the bible. The speaker will be Stephen Dervan and worship music by The Museum.

**Deadlines:**  
\$150 Due Now  
\$175 balance due Wed June 21  
See Michael Borton to register

First Baptist Church of Shallotte Deacons cordially invites you to the annual

**Widows Banquet 2017**

Saturday, May 20, 2017

11:00am



**NEW SCHEDULE IN PROCESS NOW**

**EXISTING LEADERS: DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP ON THE NEW SCHEDULE!**

**ADDITIONAL LEADERS NEEDED:**  
volunteer to lead the children in worship. It is a rewarding opportunity to show God's love to the upcoming generation. sign up for the sundays that work best for your schedule.

**contact: JENNY TODD (910) 540-2414**

**ENDS JUNE 21**

**Basketball, Games, Fun & Food**

**Parents Welcome!**

**FUN DAY wednesday**

5:30–6:30pm  
Kindergarten–6th Grade

6:30–7:30pm  
Mission Classes or Bible Study  
for All Ages

7:45–8:45pm  
5th–12th Grade

Sun May 14

## Parent/Child dedication

[fbcshallotte.org/parentchild-dedication](http://fbcshallotte.org/parentchild-dedication)



Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from Him.  
—Psalm 127:3

Proctors Needed at Shallotte Middle School

Can you help?

May 26, 30, 31  
& June 1, 2  
(in morning only)



Tree of Life Engraving  
Instructions Due May 14

The next order will be submitted June 1. If you have a leaf, acorn or stone that is paid in full, please be sure to provide engraving instructions to Pam Taylor at [elitehome1@atmc.net](mailto:elitehome1@atmc.net) or call church office.

Contact: Michele Rau at 754-6882

VISIT  
**FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG**



LOVE GOD

disciplelife classes

Basics Bible Study

May 3-June 7

led by Pastor Bob

sign up at [fbcshallotte.org/basics](http://fbcshallotte.org/basics)

Bible Study by Tony Evans

HORIZONTAL JESUS

May 17—June 21

Wednesdays @ 6pm

Sign up or learn more  
[fbcshallotte.org/horizontal](http://fbcshallotte.org/horizontal)



And he said to him,  
YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND  
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND  
WITH ALL YOUR MIND.  
THIS IS THE GREAT AND FIRST  
COMMANDMENT.  
And a second is like it:  
YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR  
AS YOURSELF. Matthew 22:37-38

Sundays (through June 11) 6-7:15



Pre-K (3-5 yrs) through 6th Grade