

the VISION



Nov. 2nd @ 5:30pm

Call to Reserve
910.754.4048

Menu: Grilled Pork Chops, Sweet Potatoes,
Green Beans, Garden Salad, Rolls & Pumpkin Pie
Cake. Children's Menu: Fish Sticks & Tater Tots



7th - 12th grades
FRIDAY YOUTH NIGHT
FOOD | GAMES | HANGOUT

FRI, NOV 11 7-11 | @ FBC Shallotte



CHURCH-WIDE
PIZZA PARTY,
Tue, Nov. 22nd, 6PM

NO WEDNESDAY
NIGHT SERVICES

Shoebox Dedication
Sunday, Nov. 20th

Upward Basketball
& *Cheerleading*

Registration Now Open!

WHOSE JERSEY ARE YOU WEARING?

On August 26, 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick refused to stand during the National Anthem at a preseason game. After the game, he told media, “To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder.”

There is no reason to spend time pointing out the frustrating absurdity of Kaepernick’s comment, “bodies in the street” and “people getting away with murder.” He followed this up with even more unverifiable exaggeration. But he doesn’t get paid to be thoughtful, or insightful, or diplomatic. He gets paid—a lot—to play football.

As you know, the protest has spread from Kaepernick, to other NFL players, to whole teams, to franchises, to high school teams, colleges, and now to the NBA. But it is starting to subside. NBA players have simply sighed and said, Well, enough of that. Rather than “take a knee,” let’s take action and start to make changes in our country. They declare their desire to remain standing during the National Anthem.

But before we get too far away from it, I want to make a point. All this protesting and knee-bending demonstrates that we have lost track of a fundamental principle that is at the core of many of our national problems—personal accountability.

Each time you see Kaepernick in “protest,” the strangest part of the whole scene is that he is permitted to advance his protest while in the uniform of the San Francisco 49ers. Symbolism is a powerful thing, and wearing a uniform makes us accountable to those we represent. Evan Carroll, one of our young men who played in the marching band as a student at UNC Chapel Hill when he was a student there, offered this insight as a response on Facebook about a UNC band student who recently “took a knee” rather than play the National Anthem. “When you put on the uniform,” Evan said, “you don’t represent yourself, you represent the University and your actions speak for the University.

Exactly. And when any athlete drapes on the uniform, that athlete’s actions reflect on the franchise or college or league, not just the player. The team should hold him accountable for his actions. By not doing so, implicitly, they agree with him, and he is abusing the privilege of wearing the uniform.

As a nation we have become so far removed from the notion of personal accountability that the subject has barely broken the surface in all of the hoopla over Kaepernick. But the fact is, once we pull on a jersey that represents a team, we become responsible to the one who gave us the jersey. The same is true for Christians.

The Bible teaches that a key strategy of a growing and successful Christian life is just that—trade your old ways for Christ’s ways. That is, as Paul puts it, “in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth” (Eph. 4:22-24).

Lay aside the old self. Put on the new self. Both actions require intention, action, and purpose. We do not become more like Christ by accident. We become more like Christ when we decide to act like Christ, and our outward actions show it.

But here is often where we forget that critical truth—once we choose to follow Christ, we will be held accountable for the uniform we put on. We cannot call ourselves Christians, profess to be followers of Christ, and nothing in our lives show it.

“So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God” (Romans 14:12).

So tomorrow morning when you get up, ask yourself a simple question, “Whose jersey am I wearing today?” It will be yours—the old one. Or it will be His—the new one.

Live accordingly.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Bob



Ministry Updates: November 2016

message series

Hot Topics Message Series

11/6: "How Do I Respond to Someone Who Says the Bible Has Mistakes?"

11/20: "What is the Unpardonable Sin?"

11/27: "Is the Trinity in the Bible?"

children

Sundays @ 5pm *Steps of Praise*
6pm *Kids Choir/Little Levites*

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
Mission Classes
Fusion (5th & 6th Grades)

youth

FBCS YM UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, November 6th: FREE Worship Event at Ground Zero with Stuart Hall. (Depart church at 4 pm let Pastor Mike know if you would like a ticket). NO SMALL GROUPS THIS NIGHT.

Friday, November 11th: FUN NIGHT at FBCS for Teens 7 pm - 11 pm.

Sunday, November 13th: NEXT Youth Council Meeting. (Meet in youth room at 4 pm).

Tuesday, November 22nd: Annual Pizza & Ice Cream Family Fun Night.

women

Ladies Ministries Dinner & Meeting
November 14th @ 6:30pm.

Dance for Joy
Tues & Thurs @ 6:30pm

deacons

November Deacon's Meeting
Sunday, November 6th @ 4:00pm

prayer

Tue. @ 4:30 PM | Conference Room
Prayer for Our State, Nation and Boston Initiative Mission!

worship

8:30 | 11:00 | 6:00 | Wed, 6:30
Worship Care Openings
Serve once per month. Background check required to serve in this ministry. Visit fbcshallotte.org/iserve

grow

After Tuesday, Nov. 1st we will take a break with GROW until Spring 2017.

finance

Building Fund Balance:
\$ 7,025.04

men

Men's Ministry: Looking for Leadership! We need a Leader to step up and volunteer. If interested, please let the Nominating Committee know. In the meantime, we will not have our monthly meetings.

SBIC

God has lifted up another servant to aid His mission of service to those in need in Brunswick County. Priscilla Evans has offered to serve as the Public Relations / Church Liaison / Tangible Aid coordinator with the South Brunswick InterChurch Council. In this role of service Priscilla will be interactive with the member churches as to the missions being undertaken in service to Jesus in our community. In addition she will be connecting with the community in general as to opportunities to support the mission of SBIC, and to help those in distress.

Of significance Priscilla will be re-establishing the tangible aid program. This program allows all of us to provide transitory aid to families and individuals suffering. Tangible aid will provide assistance to those who request aid with energy bills, temporary housing, hot meals, or are in need of counseling or prayer. Once the tangible aid program is restored, vouchers will be given directly to member churches to distribute as needed and called by Jesus.

Praise be to the Father for providing for all in our community.





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M-F 9am—3pm

Early Celebration Service 8:30am

Sunday School 9:45am

Morning Worship 11:00am

Evening Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday 6:30pm



UPCOMING MINISTRIES

What a Glorious Night

presented by

FBC Music Ministry

Dec 11 & 18 | 6PM | First Baptist Church of Shallotte