

the VISION



Expanding the Kingdom through the Growth of Sunday School.

Points System:

- 1 point —for each member present
- 2 points—for each contact made during the week (non Sunday School member)
- 3 points—for each 1st time guest that attends your class

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

WED, MAR 16 | 6:30PM

The words He spoke in the upper room come to life as Jews for Jesus missionary, Aaron Abramson, weaves the story of the Exodus and the life and death of Christ in an authentic Seder Meal.

RESERVE TODAY



easter egg hunt and spring Carnival

SAT, MARCH 26—10am—Noon



CELEBRATE EASTER

March 27, 2016

- 7:00AM—SONrise Service/Breakfast
- 8:30AM—Early Worship
- 9:45AM—Sunday School
- 11 AM—Celebration Worship
- No Evening Activities or Services



The Cost of Real Change

In the ongoing effort to deter crime, the District of Columbia has adopted a program that mirrors one already underway in Richmond, California. Rather than punish people when they commit a crime, DC has decided to pay people *not to commit* crimes. (Because it works so well with politicians).

Under the bill, city officials would identify up to 200 people a year who are considered at risk of either committing or becoming victims of violent crime. Those people would be directed to participate in behavioral therapy and other programs. If they fulfill those obligations and stay out of trouble, they would be paid an annual stipend. The bill doesn't specify the value of the stipends, but participants in the California program receive up to \$9,000 per year.

In the minds of the politicians, this is a good idea. They have crunched the numbers and determined that it costs more to arrest, process, try, convict, and house a criminal over time than it would cost to pay them to be good.

But that is where the wisdom stops. Cold. Consider a few problems with this plan:

The plan reinforces the view that you are not responsible for your actions. Society should teach that we do the right thing because it is the right thing to do, not because you get paid for it.

The plan encourages extortion. It doesn't matter if the victim is proactive. "I'll pay you if you don't hurt me" is still extortion. And what happens when the criminals decide they want more money?

But most of all, *the plan ignores human nature.* Paying people doesn't change people. Kenyan McDuffie, a former prosecutor and the sponsor of the bill, said, "I want to prevent violent crime — particularly gun violence — by addressing the root causes and creating opportunities for people, particularly those individuals who are at the highest risks of offending."

But the bill doesn't address the "root cause" of the problem at all. Instead, it reinforces it. The root cause is sin. Criminals commit crimes because they are sinners, not because they don't have enough incentive to be good. How do I know that? Because in the grand scheme of history and under God's Law, we are all criminals and our crime is disobedience to God (Eph. 2:16). Even the Law, which gives us every incentive to be good, cannot change our nature. We need change from the inside out.

So, what if there was a way to do that—to change human nature? To address the root cause of our problem? And if there was, what would it cost?

Of course, there is a way. And the price has been paid. But, the cost of changing human nature is far greater than the cost of incarcerating people or paying them to be nice. Far greater than we could conceive. It cost Jesus His life. By His death on the cross, Jesus paid the penalty for our sin and opened the door for us to be saved and changed. He bought our redemption by His blood (Eph. 1:7), and He gave us the power of new life and a new nature through His resurrection (2 Cor. 5:17).

If your life is marked by self-effort, doing all you can to be a different person, to sin less or love more or be nicer or do good, I have bad news for you. You cannot do that on your own. Because no matter how much you recite positive platitudes, you are still the same person. And you have not addressed the root problem. Why? Because you can't do it.

But God can. God redeems, forgives, and changes lives. Let this Easter be the Easter when you come to truly know the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Give your life to the Savior who can save and change you—from the inside out.

With love in Christ,

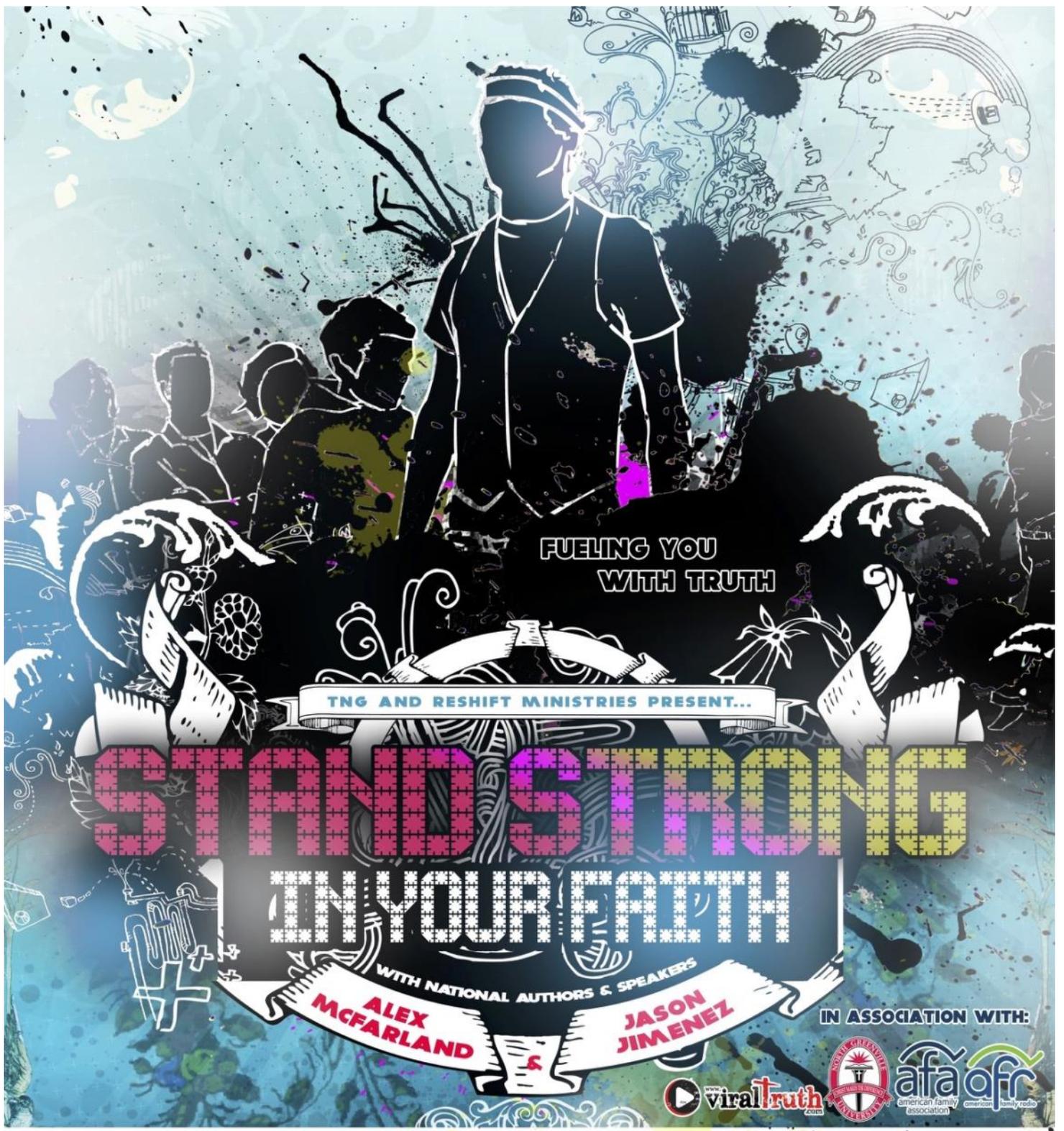
Pastor Bob

Recommended Reading....

If you are looking for a book to better understand what the Bible says about a key issue of our culture, I want to recommend this book to you. *What Does the Bible Really Teach About Homosexuality?* by Kevin DeYoung is one of the most important books you can read this year. It is well-written, insightful, and accurate. Reading this book will help you answer key questions and will better prepare you for the cultural battles we are all going to face in the days ahead over same-sex relationships.

SERMONS

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BE EQUIPPED .

BE ENGAGED .

Ministry Updates: March 2016

Current Message Series: "Fifty Shades of Grace"

children

Steps of Praise

Sundays @ 5PM

Liturgical dance for girls K—5th Grades

Little Levites & Kids Choir

Sundays @ 6PM

We were born to praise the Lord. Ages 2 years—5th Grades are welcome to join the celebration.

BBA Car Race

Sunday, March 13th | 2—5:00pm

RA & GA Car Race | 1st—6th Gr | FBC Shallotte.

Easter Egg Hunt & Carnival:

March 26th 10am—Noon

Please bring donations of individually wrapped candy to the tub in the lobby or the church office.

Centrikid Camp at Ridgecrest

June 20th-24th.

Cost \$315. Meet **March 20th 12 pm** in

Rm 112 | \$50 deposit required | Questions:

Rhonda Gray ([910\)231-9556](tel:910231-9556); email 2dogsandme@atmc.net.

students

Bible Study Times

Sun. 5:30pm Girls meet at homes

6:00pm Boys meet at homes

Wed. 6:30pm All Youth at FBCS

10th Annual Walk The Walk Youth Rally

March 18 & 19th, 2016 | FBCS

Stand Strong In Your Faith Tour with Alex McFarland & Jason Jimenez

upward

Awards Banquet w/Kids Blitz Live

March 15th @ 6pm

Needed: Financial donations to provide ice cream & brownies or bring us some of your favorite baked cookies.

Please contact Judy Hughes, 524-0908 for more information.

women

Ladies Ministries Dinner & Meeting

Monday, March 14th @ 6:30pm

men

Men's Ministries Dinner & Meeting

Monday, March 21st @ 6:30pm

7 Questions That Rattle in the Mind of Most Men

Church Basketball League Tournaments

March 1—18th

Cedar Grove Middle School

worship

Celebration of Baptism

March 13th @ 8:30/11am

If you or someone you know would like to be baptized at that time, please call the Church office @ 754-4048.

kitchen

Wed. Night Fellowship Dinners

March 2nd @ 5:30pm

- ◆ Baked chicken, stuffing, honey-glazed carrots, rolls & cupcakes

March 16th @ 6:30pm

- ◆ Christ In The Passover

Reservation options: response tab, or call church office @ 754-4048.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the recent survey! We really appreciate your feedback and suggestions. In response to your comments, there will be some exciting changes to the Family Fellowship Meals. Beginning in April, we will be moving to one meal a month instead of two. The menu will be seasonally inspired, and we will also offer an optional children's meal. Children 12 & under will also eat free. We hope you can join us!

CALLING ALL RACERS!



ADULTS & CHILDREN

OLD CARS & NEW CARS
WED. MARCH 9, 6:30PM

PIZZA, POPCORN

LOTS OF FUN

(No Adult Bible Study in Worship Center)



Boys & Girls | 1st—5th grades



Ministry Updates: March 2016

worship care

We are needing volunteers!

- Help at check-in desk in foyer
- Need help during 11am Worship Hour. All four Sundays need 1 extra person
- Need help the 1st Sunday evening
- Need help the 1st and 4th Wednesday

We would like to start a rotation for the Sunday School hour. Please contact church office or visit fbcshallotte.org/serve

- background checks will be required

new members

Joey & Mary Michele Godley

Aaron & Ginger Munching

finance

Parking Lot Loan Balance: \$48,162.16

Building Fund Balance: \$29,970.00

missions

Our Church Goal: **\$ 4,800.00**

ANNE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING

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Week of Prayer
March 6-13th

Sunday, March 20 | 11am
Love Offering for Annie Armstrong

deacons

What's up! A Blessing Board

“Our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part where He wants it. How strange a body would be if it only had one part! Yes there are many parts, but only one body, the eye can never say to the hand “I don’t need you” The head can never say to the feet. “I don’t need you.” (1 Cor. 12:18).

We need each other, for whatever season we are going through. Some of us are going through a season of abundance, and some of us a season of need. We are all of the body of Christ, we are to help each other in Jesus name, with His love and power.

This is why the Holy Spirit birthed the “Blessings Board” within the hearts and minds of the deacons. We are one in this. The Lord is bringing this to FBCS, that the family here will show others how much we love Jesus, by our love for one another.

The “Blessings Board” is a place where you can share your need, or share your abundance. Here’s what you need to know to get started:

- The board is on the wall opposite the nursery.
- The directions are posted on how to use the board.
- The board has a side for giving and a side for receiving.
- If you want to post to the board, a blessing or a need, please contact a deacon. Our names and phone numbers are on the board. Each item is administrated by a deacon.

And if you have any questions, you can also contact a deacon (names and numbers on board)

Remember whenever you are at church please look at the board, you never know when you could be a part of a blessing. And whether you have a need or a blessing to share, pray for those whose names are there!
This board is to bless all the family of FBCS!

Your Servants and Brothers in Christ,



LOVE GOD



LOVE ONE ANOTHER



LOVE THE WORLD

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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



UPCOMING MINISTRIES

PENNSYLVANIA

June 19—25

Sports & Cheer Camps

General Info Meeting: Sun., Mar. 6 @ 12:20pm | Rm #113

WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The Mission of the Weekday Christian Education Ministry at FBCS is to provide a support system for families as they strive to nurture their children in Christ and to extend the vision of the Church by providing Biblically based, age appropriate education and socialization for preschoolers.

The committee is excited to announce that on **Tuesday, September 6, 2016** we are launching Phase I of First Wee Care, a weekday Christian education ministry for preschoolers. We are offering a class with a strong Biblically based age appropriate curriculum full of songs, stories, activities and loads of fun! This program is designed for children who will be three or four by August 31, 2016. The class will be held *Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings* at FBCS. Pre-registration forms will be available soon on the church website.

DISCOVERING

church membership

Next Session starts **April 13th** and runs thru **May 4th on Wednesday nights @ 6:30pm**. Register Online: fbcshallotte/discover



Vacation Bible School
JUNE 26 - 30
6:00—9:00pm

