

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHALLOTTE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2019

the Vision

Fifteen years! Let's celebrate!

Wow! This year we will celebrate 15 years at our new location! In April 2004, FBCS moved to the current site, and we have enjoyed 15 years of seeing God work, of laughter, growth, joy, and change! Watch for two special occasions to reflect and to celebrate:

First, we will begin the new year with a message series from the book of Habakkuk to give us some perspective on where we have been, where we are going, and what God is doing!

Then, in April, as we approach Easter, we will have some special times together as a church to celebrate this anniversary and remember what God has done. And, along with that, we will look ahead to a new strategy for 2019! **Don't miss it! Let's celebrate!**

"Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Eph. 3:20-21



Church Events

- Jan 1st—Office Closed
- Jan 2nd—No Services or Activities
- Jan 6th – Church Family Chat
- Jan 9th – Wed Ministries Kick Off
- Jan 13th Quarterly Ministry Meeting
- Jan 14th Ladies' Ministry Meeting
- Jan 17th 50's Plus

Pictures or Videos Needed

We are doing a video during the celebration of our 15 year anniversary in the this building. So, we need pictures and videos of any church events held here. (i.e. baptisms, ordinations, dedications, etc.) Please email to admin@firstbaptistshallotte.com or drop off in the church office.

Are You Tuned Into God?

Pastor Bob

Think about it. If you wanted to make an army ineffective, what would you do?

In November of last year, CNN confirmed that the Russian military had been jamming GPS signals between October 16 and November 7 during a major NATO military exercise in Norway. The exercise involved thousands of US and NATO troops.

The NATO exercise, called Trident Juncture, was considered one of the largest alliance exercises since the Cold War. More than 50,000 troops participated, including troops from Finland and Sweden.

"Norway has determined that Russia was responsible for jamming GPS signals in the Kola Peninsula during Exercise Trident Juncture. Finland has expressed concern over possible jamming in Lapland," NATO spokesperson Oana Lungescu told CNN. "In view of the civilian usage of GPS, jamming of this sort is dangerous, disruptive and irresponsible," she added.

The Kola Peninsula is close to the Norwegian-Russian border and is where the Russian Navy bases its northern fleet. Officials in Moscow had objected to the exercises, especially voicing their discontent that US and NATO troops would be in the area.

So, apparently, Moscow decided to do something to thwart the exercises, and in this age of reliance on GPS for everything from selfies to guiding the Seventh Fleet, what better way to disrupt progress than to mess with GPS communications?

It certainly illustrates our vulnerabilities. What good are we in battle, in defensive and offensive maneuvers, if our connection to the source of our knowledge, wisdom, and guidance is disrupted by some malicious enemy?

In order to grow as a Christian, we need communication from and with God. We need guidance from our Father, which relies on our connection to Him in prayer and devotion to His Word. Otherwise we get off course. Interfering with that signal is both "dangerous and disruptive." And the worst part is, if we become accustomed to the absence of communication from the Father, we may not know the difference.



So that is exactly what the Enemy seeks to do. Satan is not creative. He doesn't need to be. He is just very consistent. Why? Because he knows our vulnerabilities. We are predictable. He knows from centuries of practice that if he disrupts our communications with the Father, then he can make us ineffective in battle.

If he can convince us we are too busy to pray, he can render us ineffective. If he can cause us to doubt God's love for us, he can keep us ineffective. If he can tell us that Bible reading takes too much time or fill our heads with the noise of social media instead, he can render us ineffective.

In other words, if he can convince us to get our marching orders from anywhere else but God and His Word, he can win the battle by keeping us off course.

Our growth as believers and our effectiveness as disciples hinges on our communication with the heavenly Father. So as you go into a new year, consider your connection. Is your communication with the Father disrupted by the busyness of life, self-interest, ungodly habits, distracting relationships, unbalanced ambition, or just plain laziness?

Which shapes your life more, your heavenly Father or your cyber relationships? Which guides your decisions, God's Word or the secular media? Which owns your loyalty and focus, your ambition or God's desires?

Getting our signals from the world rather than the Word is both disruptive and dangerous.

As you move into 2019, has Satan been jamming your communications with the Father and rendering you ineffective as a disciple? Maybe when you get to the end of 2019, you can look back on how you changed that, how you started listening to your Father, and how you corrected your life's course to better serve Him!

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Bob

Visit Pastor Bob's Blog: BOBWEATHERS.NET



You're Invited!!

Alex Gore's Graduation and Seminary Send Off Party

Jan 5th 2—4pm FBCS Family Life Center

For those of you that may not have had the pleasure of knowing Alex, he is a member of our church that is following God's plan for his life to become a Youth Pastor.

Alex came to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior through our youth ministry. He has been on fire for the Lord ever since!

On December 8, Alex graduated with a bachelor's degree in youth ministry from

North Greenville University. He plans to start the Seminary program at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in the Spring semester of 2019.

So, whether you know Alex or not, we invite you to join us as we celebrate this young man and what God is doing in life! We also ask that you keep him in your prayers as he continues on the path set before him.



Finance Reminders

- 2019 Tithing Envelopes are available in the back of Family Life Center
- 2018 Contribution Statements will be mailed out by Jan 15. Please be sure to email Kristy Knisely, Financial Manager, at finance@firstbaptistshallotte.com or call the church office if you need to update your mailing address.
- When writing checks, please be sure to use only blue or black ink.

Disciple Making Conference

February 26 in High Point, NC

Don Evans

Do you feel equipped to share the good news of Jesus with your neighbor? The disciple John in chapter 14 verses 16-17, reminds us that Jesus said the Father will equip those who know Him through the Holy Spirit, to GO and share the good news with those of the world who do not know Him. The North

Carolina Baptist State Convention is conducting an equipping session for the disciples to GO and share the good news of Jesus. Please let Don Evans know of your desire to GO, Don can provide you with details of the equipping conference.



Calling All Dance For Joy Ladies

Joan Wurtz

(sorry gentlemen, you can't join us.)

Maybe you think that Dance For Joy is taking a sabbatical. Well this is not true, we just can't schedule a weekly date because our church is still assisting with the disaster relief teams. We never know from week to week when teams will need to stay in our church. So, if you are willing to get a phone call from me when I know there will not be a team, we are still meeting on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm when the sanctuary is free. Please come and join us! It's just a wonderful thing to dance and praise the Lord. Nothing too difficult, nothing too strenuous, lots of love, lots of laughs and a great bunch of ladies. We have some that have been coming for quite a while and new comers, young and old. I hope you'll join us as we lift our hands, hearts, arms, legs and praise to God and remember it's not how high, how low or how wide you swing God smiles on each and everyone of us when we dance for him.

For more information, give me a call at 910-579-0296 or call the church office.

New To Our Family

Be sure to welcome the newest members of our church family!

Chris, Tracy & Samuel Latta

joined Dec 9 by letter



Monthly Ministry Info

WEDNESDAY DINNER | 5:30-6:15PM

children

QUEST FIRST KIDS MINISTRY
WEDNESDAYS | 6PM

fusion

BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6PM

SMALL GROUPS (RESUMES JAN 13)
5TH & 6TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME TO
JOIN ONE OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL
GROUPS BELOW OR JOIN FIRST KIDS
CHOIR ON SUNDAYS

ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEADING A
SMALL GROUP FOR THIS AGE, PLEASE
CONTACT PASTOR MICHAEL

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BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6PM

CENTRIFUGE SUMMER CAMP
JUN 17-21, 2019
SHALIMAR RETREAT, PANAMA CITY, FL
COST: \$350

FIRST \$60 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT
DUE JAN 30, 2019
SECOND \$60 NON-REFUNDABLE
DEPOSIT DUE APR 24, 2019
\$230 BALANCE & NOTARIZED FORMS
DUE MAY 29, 2019
CONTACT PASTOR MICHAEL FOR MORE
INFORMATION

SMALL GROUPS (RESUMES JAN 13)
SUNDAYS 5:30-7:30PM

9TH - 12TH GRADE GIRLS
MEET AT FBCS YOUTH ROOM
LEADER: SARAH HUGHES

7TH - 12TH GRADE BOYS
MEET AT RODNEY & JENNIFER
BROWN'S HOME
885 VILLAGE POINT ROAD,
SHALLOTTE, NC 28470
LEADER: MICHAEL BORTON

7TH - 9TH GRADE GIRLS
MEET AT FBCS MIDDLE SCHOOL
(FUSION) ROOM
LEADER: VICTORIA HUGH
OR

MEET AT RODNEY & JENNIFER
BROWN'S HOME
885 VILLAGE POINT ROAD, SHAL-
LOTTE, NC 28470
LEADER: JENNIFER BROWN

message series

UPCOMING SERIES: "THE VIEW
FROM HERE"

LISTEN TO SERMONS ONLINE AT
FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/SERMONS

women

LADIES' MINISTRY MEETING
JAN 14 | 6:30PM

men

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30AM

missions

ROMANIA MISSION TRIP
JUL 18-27, 2019
COST: \$1,900
\$100 NON REFUNDABLE AIRFARE
DEPOSIT DUE NOW
CONTACT PASTOR MICHAEL FOR MORE
INFORMATION

finance

CAPITAL FUND BALANCE
\$107,332

DISASTER RELIEF FUND BALANCE
\$10,872

ministry updates

CHURCH FAMILY CHAT
JAN 6 | 6PM

QUARTERLY MINISTRY MEETING
JAN 13 | 6PM

fifty plus

MONTHLY MEETING
JAN 17 | 11:30AM

A Weekend of Encouragement

Marriage Conference

February 1—3, 2019 at DoubleTree Resort by Hilton, Myrtle Beach, SC

A wonderful marriage retreat for you and your spouse featuring the teaching ministry and humor of Tim Coker. This is a very affordable marriage retreat as it's priced at only \$99 per couple. Call the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton to reserve your room at 855-778-1190 and use code "LBC" for a discount. It is not necessary to stay at the hotel to attend the retreat, but it is strongly encouraged. Due to the nature of this retreat, no children please. Register for the retreat by calling Rob Pierce at 803-573-0386 or via email at repierce@aol.com. "A Weekend of Encouragement" is a ministry of area church in North and South Carolina. For more information contact Pastor Bob.

Experience Marriage the Way It's Meant to Be!

Blessings Board

*Blessings Board is presented by the deacons. A Way to
Bless Others with Items You No Longer Need.*

- King Size Comforter & Shams Set—New
Contact Terry Elliott @ 910-575-2872
- Twin Sized Bed Mattress & Box Spring
Contact Adrienne Walker @ 336-580-5258



Wednesday Night Ministries Start Jan 9

Fellowship Dinner 5:30pm All Ministries Begin 6:00pm

DiscipleLife classes

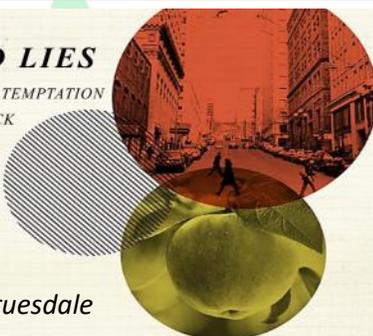
Led by
Phyllis Turnage



Esther
the woman

A study of the book of Esther

TRUTH AND LIES
THE UNLIKELY ROLE OF TEMPTATION
TIM CHADDICK



Led by Wanda Truesdale

Led by Bobby Davis



Detours

The Unpredictable Path to Your Destiny

by Tony Evans

Led by Pastor Bob



Discovering Church Membership Class

Learn More About Our Church...

Sign up for DiscipleLife classes at fbcshallotte.org/wed

New First Kids Ministry

PREK-1ST GRADE

SNACKS, GAMES, CRAFTS AND MORE

6-8pm



QUEST

Fun Faith Friends

fbcshallotte.org/quest

FUSION
Pre-teen Ministry



EXTREME FUN FOR 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS

Games, Fun
Food & Jesus

Wednesdays
6-8pm

fbcshallotte.org/fusion

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grades 7th- 12th Meet for Worship and Bible Study on Wednesdays from 6-8pm



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Office Hours:

M-Th 9am—3pm; F 9am—1pm

Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Evening Worship	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm

365 Days of Scriptures Revealing God's Promises

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Jan PROMISE #1 I am the Lord your God and I never change. Malachi 3:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 17-Jan PROMISE #17 I will discipline you in love, as a father who loves His children. Proverbs 3:11-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Jan PROMISE #2 I am full of mercy and grace and I overflow with love. Psalm 103:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-Jan PROMISE #18 My power will rest on you when you are weak. 2 Corinthians 12:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Jan PROMISE #3 The intentions of My heart will remain steadfast forever. Psalm 33:11 | <input type="checkbox"/> 19-Jan PROMISE #19 I will bless your life and keep watch over you always. Numbers 6:24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Jan PROMISE #4 I created you in My own image with My special blessing. Genesis 1:27-28 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20-Jan PROMISE #20 If you search for Me with all your heart, you will find me. Jeremiah 29:13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Jan PROMISE #5 I chose you to be adopted into My family before creation. Ephesians 1:4-5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21-Jan PROMISE #21 I will shield your life and deliver you from the wicked. Psalm 97:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-Jan PROMISE #6 I delivered you from darkness into the kingdom of My beloved Son. Colossians 1:12-13 | <input type="checkbox"/> 22-Jan PROMISE #22 Cast all your worries on Me, for I really care about you. 1 Peter 5:7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7-Jan PROMISE #7 I have given you eternal life because you have believed in Jesus Christ. John 3:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 23-Jan PROMISE #23 I will not let you be tested beyond what you can endure. 1 Corinthians 10:13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8-Jan PROMISE #8 I sent the Spirit of My Son into your heart so you could call Me Father. Galatians 4:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 24-Jan PROMISE #24 My love will persevere through every situation. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9-Jan PROMISE #9 Since you are in Christ, I have made you an heir of all My promises. Galatians 3:29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-Jan PROMISE #25 I will not withhold anything good from those with an upright heart. Psalm 84:11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10-Jan PROMISE #10 I have given you a new heart and put My own Spirit in you. Ezekiel 36:26-27 | <input type="checkbox"/> 26-Jan PROMISE #26 I look after foreigners and I help the fatherless and the widow. Psalm 146:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-Jan PROMISE #11 My plan for your future is filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 | <input type="checkbox"/> 27-Jan PROMISE #27 I will guard those who have a childlike heart. Psalm 116:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12-Jan PROMISE #12 I am at work in your life through the desires of your heart. Philippians 2:13 | <input type="checkbox"/> 28-Jan PROMISE #28 You are more than a conqueror through My love in Jesus Christ. Romans 8:37 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13-Jan PROMISE #13 I will give you rest in green pastures and lead you to still waters. Psalm 23:2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 29-Jan PROMISE #29 When Jesus appears, you will receive a crown of glory that will never dim. 1 Peter 5:4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14-Jan PROMISE #14 I give My Spirit in unlimited measure. John 3:34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 30-Jan PROMISE #30 At the end of the age, My righteous ones will shine like the sun in My kingdom. Matthew 13:43 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15-Jan PROMISE #15 I will take hold of your hand to keep you from falling. Psalm 37:24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 31-Jan PROMISE #31 Not one of My promises will ever fail you. Joshua 23:14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16-Jan PROMISE #16 I will provide every good thing you need to do | |