

the Vision

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHALLOTTE
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Support Our Graduates

Share the love of Christ with our high school graduates by filling their tubs with items they need for college.

As each of our high school graduates begin the next phase of their lives, they should be confident in the fact that their church family loves them and supports them. There is an easy way for you to show them your support.

You have probably noticed there are tubs in the Family Life Center with information about each of our graduates. Also, we have available a brochure in the graduate section that contains details about each student including what their future

plans are and items they specifically requested to support them.

Please take a minute and stop by the graduate area, grab a brochure. Use the information to pray daily for them as they take the next steps. Also, if you feel led to support them, use the wish lists on the brochure to make donations of the items they will need for college. Graduates will pick up their tubs on August 5th, so please have all donations in by then.

Church Events

- Aug 5—Last Day to Support Graduates
- Aug 5—Romania Mission Team Report
- Aug 12—Jeff Clemmons, Gideon Speaker & Love Offering for Gideons
- Aug 19—Communion and Vote on 2018-2019 Nominating Committee Report
- Aug 26—Beach Baptism
- Aug 27— Sept 3 NC Missions Offering
- Aug 31—2019 Budget Requests Due

What Do We Mean When We Say “Welcome”?

Pastor Bob

For a town that promotes “inclusion” and “diversity,” Flossmoor sure is picky. Up to this summer, Flossmoor, IL, has held tight to a ban on, of all things, pickup trucks.

Flossmoor is a quaint suburb of Chicago. Its web site peddles the community as “Welcoming. Beautiful. Connected.” But the small community gained unwanted national headlines this summer for its extreme prejudice against the American-as-apple-pie vehicle, that essential machine for tailgaters and hunters, boaters and businessmen alike, and, ironically, one of the most sought-after vehicles in the nation. The pickup truck. Their ban made the headlines because it had been challenged. But as of now, it’s still there.

Specifically, if you live in the community, you are permitted to own a pickup, but you cannot park it in your driveway except to unload it. Apparently, the good people of Flossmoor would be offended by your Ford F150 or your Silverado or your Tundra. So if you own it, you must house it in your garage.

The ban goes back to the days when pickups were used solely for hauling and dirty work that frequently left behind gunk and oil in the driveways. Flossmoor wanted to fashion itself as an elite community, sparkling and clean, so the standard hard-working pickup was banished from the streets.

But that was then. Now pickup trucks are some of the nicest, cleanest, and most diverse

vehicles on the road, driven by men and women alike and meeting nearly every economic level imaginable. Sure, lots are still just good work trucks, as well they should be. But in 2017 Ford sold an F450 for \$100,000. Hardly an eyesore.

So what about Flossmoor’s claim to be “welcoming” and “connected”? Good question. Can you be “welcoming” and “connected” and biased against a particular group at the same time? Well, maybe you can if you are an elitist upper crust suburb of Chicago.

But not if you’re a church.

Sadly, sometimes churches forget that. And there are plenty of examples. It usually starts when the church decides that its image matters more than its mission. So the people fancy themselves as special, and they want to fashion themselves as perfect and elite, sparkling and clean, the kind of place you come to when you have it all together. No problems here.

And before you know it, the church has decided that certain people can visit, but they just can’t stay. Or if they stay, they shouldn’t be seen, acknowledged, or included in ministry. They might

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WHAT FLOWS IN YOU FLOWS THROUGH YOU

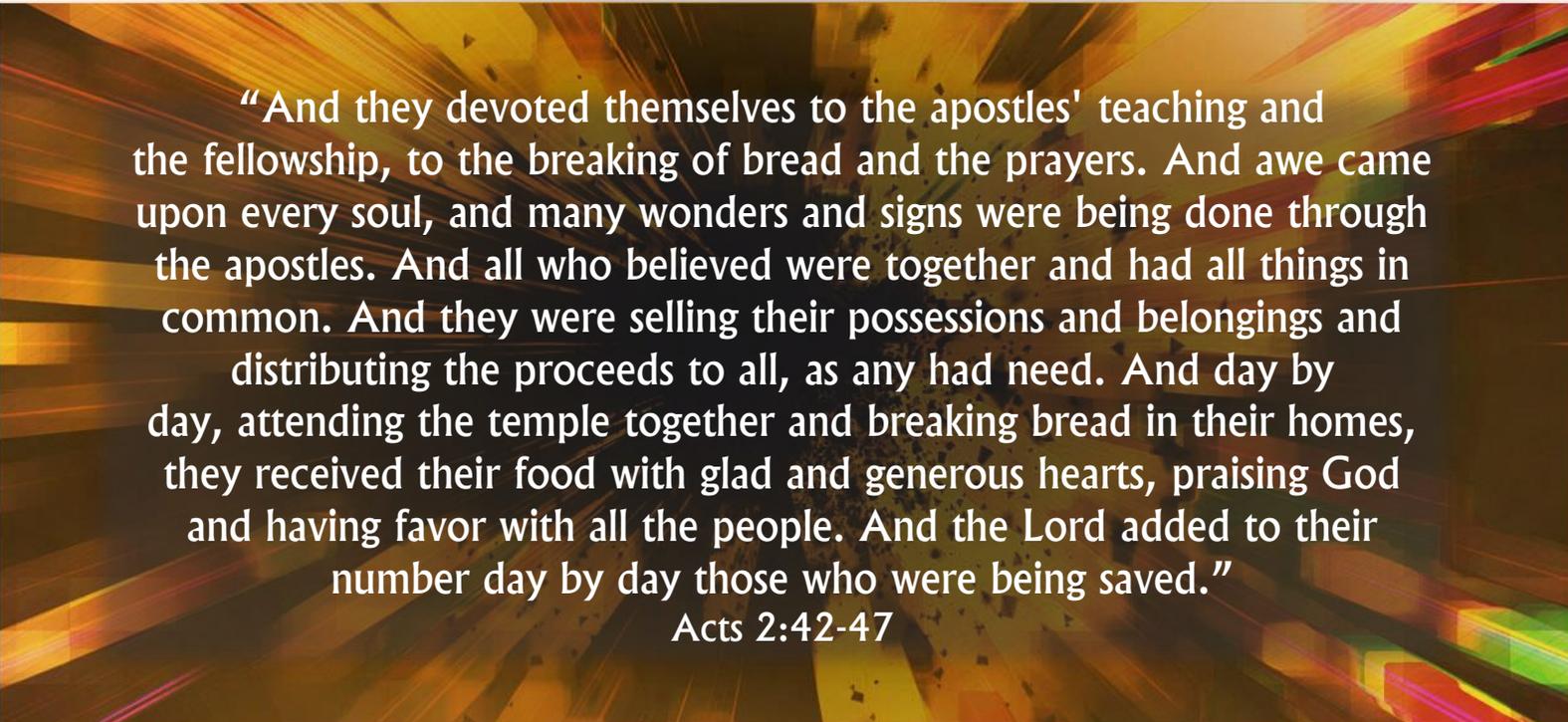
PASTOR MICHAEL

Our Romania team of 10 recently returned from our mission trip. This was my eighth mission trip. The past seven mission trips I have spent in the Dominican Republic with my first trip being when I was a senior in high school. This, however, was my first mission trip to Romania. In addition, this was my first mission trip where I was able to bring my two boys, Noah and Josiah. During our last night we were celebrating everything that took place during the week and sharing how we each saw God move. It was during this time I felt the overwhelming presence and reminder of Acts 2:42-47. (see below)

This beautiful passage of what the church looks like

was what I felt working and serving alongside the Roma Gypsies in Camarasu this past week and a half. Our team will share much more in greater detail when we speak on Sunday, Aug. 5 recapping our trip and experience. But for now, I was reminded of the importance of believers gathering together often with the focus on God's word, prayer and devotion to one another. I will briefly explain three reasons why I believe God laid this on my heart to share with you:

First, everything we do as believers in Christ must be centered on God's word and what He wants to speak to us individually and corporately. That is why it is vital that we



“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

Acts 2:42-47

don't neglect the habit of meeting together regularly.

Second, and as equally important as the first, is that our lives individually and corporately must be bathed in prayer as we seek God's direction. One aspect I loved about the church service in Camarasu was that they prayed for an hour before the service as a church family. They pray weekly before each service for their church, their village, their country and for the lost all around the world. I found this to be a very special time before I stood to preach that Sunday morning. Finally, I noticed how devoted they were to one another. This was evident by the men working construction to help build the concrete steps each day. This was evident by the men and teenage boys showing up every night for an hour and a half Bible study where they were all intent in learning what God had to teach them. This was evident in the men who came alongside and helped us run a soccer camp for the teenagers each night. This was evident in the way they hugged and celebrated when one teenage boy and one young man surrendered their lives to Jesus after one

of our Bible studies. This was evident when three teenage boys with their fathers and some men from the church came forward on our Sunday evening service to pray at the altar after our message on Joshua 5 and moving forward together as a village.

This was a mission trip I will never forget for many reasons described above but one important reason was that thanks to many of you I was able to bring both of my boys (ages 9 and 11) and see a heart of love for missions flow from within them to the Roma in ways I can't express. Thank you FBCS church family for being a church that has a heart and love for missions, for allowing me to do what God has called me to do and to be able to bring my children alongside of me as well! I am blessed to be a part of a loving church that loves God, loves one another and loves the world! Please come on Sun, Aug 5 to hear more of how God moved in each of our team members lives while we served in Romania!

disciplelife classes

Wednesdays @ 6pm | Fellowship @ 5:30pm

Classes
Start
Sep 12

MAKING SPACE

Doing What Matters Most
by Jeff Vanderstelt

GOSPEL

REVOLUTION

by JD Greear

Recovering the Power of Christianity

putting parenting to bed

uncommon sense for modern parents



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What Do We Mean When We Say "Welcome"? Continued.....

Pastor Bob

mess up the carefully crafted image of the church as picture-perfect.

One sure way for a church to show it has lost sight of its mission is to start becoming picky about who gets to be there or start caring more about outward appearances than people.

Believe it or not, among the most important ministries in our church is the Welcome Team ministry. These servant-hearted folks provide two key roles every Sunday: They set the tone and attitude for the morning by greeting people with a smile and helping us all prepare for worship, Bible study, and fellowship. They extend a hand to whomever walks through our doors, from long-time members to first-time guests, regardless of dress, race, or attitude. And the Welcome teams especially ensure that guests get to know FBCS and we get to know them. In other words, they let people know they are "welcome" and they help people get "connected."

To be honest, I think they have the most fun ministry in the church!

For that reason, we want to help them facilitate their ministry. Updates in the foyer, a new Welcome Center, and a new coffee station (coming soon) all add to this atmosphere and say to anyone coming in the door, "Welcome! We're glad you're here

and we want you to have a good experience!"

But what happens next is up to us--to you and to me. What happens next is making sure that every person who comes through the doors of FBCS knows that we mean it when we say "Welcome!" We greet them. We seat them. We pray with them. We love on them. We follow up on them. We help them get connected to the life of FBCS.

And if needed, we introduce them to Jesus.

We want to send a simple and biblical message. FBCS is not a place to hide your problems. It is the place to meet the Savior who can solve your problems. Like He did for us.

So let's not be picky, elitist, or more concerned about outward appearances than we are about people. This Sunday, let's talk to someone we've never met before, sit with someone we've never sat with before, reach out to someone who seems lonely, and invite someone to serve in ministry with us. In other words, let's follow the lead of the Welcome Team and say without hesitation, "Welcome! We are glad you're here!"

See You Sunday!

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Bob

Visit Pastor Bob's Blog
bobweathers.net 

Opportunities to Serve

upward

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS OPEN:

- K4-K5 COMMISSIONER
- 1ST-2ND COMMISSIONER
- 3RD-4TH COMMISSIONER
- OFFICIAL COMMISSIONER
- HALF TIME COMMISSIONER
- SET UP/CLEAN UP COMMISSIONER

CONTACT NOMINATING COMMITTEE OR PASTOR MICHAEL TO FIND OUT MORE.

movie night

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH CONCESSIONS, GREETING FAMILIES AND CLEANUP ON SEPTEMBER 23 AT 5:30PM.

CONTACT TANYA JACKSON AT 910.617-9409.

kids ministry

SIGN UP NOW TO HELP WITH THE NEW CHILDREN'S ON WEDNESDAYS STARTING IN THE FALL

SIGN UP AT
FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/ISERVE

CONTACT PASTOR BOB FOR MORE INFO.

fbcshallotte.org/iserive

Monthly Ministry Info

message series

SERIES: "BORN FOR A
PURPOSE: THE LIFE OF MOSES"

LISTEN TO SERMONS ONLINE AT
FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/SERMONS

men

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30AM

women

LADIES' MINISTRY WILL
RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

DANCE FOR JOY (FREE)
MONDAYS | 6:30PM

business

2018-2019 NOMINATING
COMMITTEE REPORT VOTE
AUG 19 | 12:00PM

prayer

PRAYER FOR OUR STATE, NATION
AND BOSTON MISSION INITIATIVE
TUESDAYS | 5:30PM
CONFERENCE RM

fusion

BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30—7:30PM

finance

BUILDING FUND BALANCE
\$51,875

2019 BUDGET REQUESTS
DUE AUG 31

baptism

BEACH BAPTISM
AUG 26 | 5:00PM

CONTACT PASTOR BOB IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO BE BAPTIZED. NO
EVENING SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES
AT THE CHURCH.

missions

ROMANIA MISSION TEAM REPORT
AUG 5 | 6:00PM

JEFF CLEMMONS, GIDEON SPEAKER
& LOVE OFFERING FOR GIDEONS
AUG 12 | 11:00AM

NC MISSIONS OFFERING
AUG 27—SEP 3
GOAL: \$3,000

children

MISSION CLASSES
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30—7:30PM

youth

BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30—8PM

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

AUG 12 & 19 | 5:30-8:00PM
MEET AT OIB COMMUNITY CENTER

COMING NEXT MONTH....

back to school family fun night

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
SEP 5 | 5:30—8:30PM
CELEBRATE BACK TO SCHOOL AND
NEW CHURCH YEAR WITH THE
WHOLE FAMILY

disciplelife

CLASSES START
SEP 12 | 5:30PM
SIGN UP AT
FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/WED

movie night

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
SEP 23 | 5:30PM
FELLOWSHIP WHILE WATCHING THE
MOVIE "GOD'S NOT DEAD 2" AND
ENJOYING CONCESSIONS
SPONSORED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL



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M-Th 9am—3pm; F 9am—1pm

Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Worship 11:00am
Evening Worship 6:00pm
Wednesday 6:30pm

«Family Name»

Or Current Resident

«Street Address»

«City», «State» «Zip»

Daily Prayer Focus for Our Schools

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Aug | School Board | <input type="checkbox"/> 17-Aug | Students with Violent Backgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Aug | Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-Aug | Students Who Are Questioning Their Identity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Aug | Early Elementary School Students & Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> 19-Aug | Students From Broken Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Aug | Late Elementary School Students & Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> 20-Aug | Financial Situation of School System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Aug | Middle School Students & Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> 21-Aug | Strong Influence of Christian Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-Aug | High School Students & Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> 22-Aug | Safe, Non-Violent School Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7-Aug | School Guidance Counselors & Student They Help | <input type="checkbox"/> 23-Aug | Substitute Teachers Who Love and Serve God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8-Aug | Local Churches to Partner With Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> 24-Aug | Bus Drivers and Aids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9-Aug | Special Education Students & Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-Aug | Boldnes in Christian Students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10-Aug | Cafeteria Workers & Students with Food Needs at Home | <input type="checkbox"/> 26-Aug | A Teacher You Know Personally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-Aug | Janitors | <input type="checkbox"/> 27-Aug | State Board of Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12-Aug | Coaches and Athletes | <input type="checkbox"/> 28-Aug | Authors of School Curriculum to Write Only Truths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13-Aug | Foreign Language Students& Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> 29-Aug | Increase Interest in Biblical Christianity Within Students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14-Aug | Curriculum that Teaches Truth | <input type="checkbox"/> 30-Aug | Parents to Become More Active in Their Child(ren)'s Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15-Aug | Boldness in Christian Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> 31-Aug | Homeschooling Students & Teachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16-Aug | Left Our or Lonely Students | | |