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Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church of Shallotte

the Vision



What Does God's Love Look Like?

Pastor Bob

When Shay Roberson was 11 years old, she was scooped up and shuffled into Indiana's child welfare system. Her mother was a drug addict and her father couldn't take care of her and her siblings. But at about that same time, when Shay started sixth grade, she met someone who would change her life. She just didn't know it yet.

Ginnie Wing was the school resource officer at the middle school. Shay says that she remembers that meeting her was the first positive interaction she had with a police officer. "I always thought she was pretty cool," Shay said.

For the next few years Shay, along with her siblings, was in and out of foster homes and the homes of relatives, while at the same time getting closer to Ginnie and her family. The Wings began inviting Shay to holiday meals and to special

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Mark Your Calendar

2.1 & 2.2

Marriage Conference

2.11

Ladies Ministry Meeting

2.20

New Disciplelife Classes Begin

2.21

50's Plus Meeting

2.26

Disciple Making Conference

events. And Ginnie would attend Shay's school events and basketball games if her biological family was not around. And sometimes even if they were.

Ginnie's influence in Shay's life grew. She became a constant presence to the teenager who was becoming an adult, encouraging her to keep working hard and making a life for herself. Shay did just that, graduated, and headed for college.

Wing and Anna Coyne, a school counselor, threw Shay a graduation party and helped her move into her dorm room at Indiana University in Bloomington. And they stayed for the parent meeting after move in. And when neither of Shay's parents could come to the IU Family Weekend because they were incarcerated, Ginnie Wing came.

Then in 2018, at 24 years old, Shay was out of college and starting her life, and she still didn't have a family. But, she wondered, if she had a family, if she belonged to someone, who would it be? The answer was clear.

After church one Sunday, Shay spontaneously shot a text to Ginnie Wing, "Can you think about adopting me one day?" she asked. "I really want a mom."

Shay was immediately embarrassed. What was she thinking! What if Ginnie rejected her? Or worse, pulled away altogether? She quickly fired off another text: "You don't have to respond, just think about it."

But it was too late. And next was that pause that seems like forever, when the person on the other end doesn't text back, and you have no idea what's going on, and you wonder if...

And then Ginnie Wing responded: "Sorry, I was driving. You know I would in a heartbeat!"

And Ginnie's husband, Matt, was immediately on board. So they consulted their attorney. But he cautioned them against the adoption. He suggested Shay just change her name. He was concerned that adopting Shay meant she would become one of the Wings' heirs.

"I'm like, yeah, that's kind of what we're looking for," Ginnie said. "If something would happen to me or my husband, that she's ours and we're hers. And we wanted that to become official."

They got a new attorney.

And on April 20, 2018, Shay Roberson became Shay Roberson-Wing, daughter of Matt and Ginnie Wing. New name, new family, new future. Shay said all she could do was cry when she found out it was official. Matt Wing loved her enough to give her his last name. No matter her age. No matter her stage in life. And Ginnie Wing loved her enough to

make her a daughter. As if she always had been.

Because that's what adoption is, and that's what it does. It makes you part of the family you didn't expect and yet, somehow, knew you desperately needed. New name, new family, new future. And the kind of love that would offer a birthright—an inheritance.

When the Bible speaks of God adopting us into His family, that's the image we are to have in mind. It's a spiritual adoption echoed in every earthly, bodily adoption. Like the Wings, God is there all along. Watching us live our lives apart from Him, yet somehow connected.

But the difference is, He is waiting for us to ask.

He waits for us to understand, to grasp that we should belong to His family. He is patient, but in the meantime He never goes away. He loves, and in His love He shows up and stays and keeps loving us, calling us into His family. And He waits. He waits to hear our voice suddenly, desperately call back to Him, "I get it now! Your family is the family I should belong to!"

And as soon as we have said it, as soon as we have declared our faith, our trust, our hope, we wonder—will He accept us or reject us? Will there be silence as heaven pauses in dismay that we would ever ask such a thing?

And that's when we find out the staggering truth. He has already prepared for this moment. He loves us so much that He sent His Son to offer a way to make us sons and daughters. And He prepared the way so perfectly we could not mess it up. "He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will" (Eph. 1:5).

So now, while we are here, and until God finishes His work in us, "The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him" (Rom. 8:16-17).

Nothing can change that. We are His and our "citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20).

New name. New family. New future. That's God's love.

Welcome to the family.

With Love In Christ,
Pastor Bob

Visit Pastor Bob's Blog: BOBWEATHERS.NET



Monthly Ministry Info

WEDNESDAY DINNER | 5:30-6:15PM

children

QUEST FIRST KIDS MINISTRY
WEDNESDAYS | 6PM

fusion

BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6PM

SMALL GROUPS

5TH & 6TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME
TO JOIN ONE OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SMALL GROUPS OR FIRST KIDS CHOIR
LEARN MORE AT
FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/FUSION

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 CENTER, PANAMA CITY, FL

CENTRIFUGE CAMP CONTINUED...

COST: \$350 (\$60 DUE NOW)
\$60 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE APR 24
\$230 BALANCE & NOTARIZED
FORMS DUE MAY 29, 2019
CONTACT PASTOR MICHAEL FOR
MORE INFORMATION

SMALL GROUPS

SUNDAYS 5:30-7:30PM
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message series

UPCOMING SERIES: "BAD KARMA:
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
CHRISTIANITY, CULTS, AND OTHER
RELIGIONS?"

LISTEN TO SERMONS ONLINE AT
FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/SERMONS

women

LADIES' MINISTRY MEETING
FEB 11 | 6:30PM

DANCE FOR JOY

TUESDAYS | 6:30PM

men

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30AM

missions

ROMANIA MISSION TRIP

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

finance

CAPITAL FUND BALANCE
\$141,543

DISASTER RELIEF FUND BALANCE
\$10,872

fifty plus

MONTHLY MEETING
FEB 21 | 11:30AM

prayer

HOUSE OF PRAYER
FEB 10 | 6PM

jars needed

PINT SIZE JARS WITH LIDS NEEDED FOR
VBS (IE: EMPTY AND CLEAN MAYON-
NAISE, PICKLE OR JELLY JARS)
COLLECTION CONTAINER IN BACK OF
WORSHIP CENTER

Jehovah-jireh

Pastor Michael

Throughout the Scriptures we see many different names and attributes associated with God. Here are a few: God is omnipotent, meaning all-powerful; God is infinite, meaning beyond measurement; God is Jehovah M'Kaddesh, meaning the God who sanctifies; God is good, God is love, God is just, God is holy; God is Jehovah-rophe, meaning Jehovah heals; God is Jehovah-nissi, meaning God is our banner; God is El-Shaddai, meaning God is almighty; God is Adonai, meaning Master or Lord; God is Elohim, meaning strength or power; and God is Jehovah-jireh, meaning the Lord will provide.

One name that has stood out to my wife & I as we have been praying nightly together since the start of this new year is Jehovah-Jireh. At this season in our life we have been praying over God's promise to be our provider for our family as we have sought to trust Him in all areas of our life. This was extremely difficult back in September 2018 when my wife and I decided that she would quit working at the golf course and stay at home to focus on building her love and hobby of breeding and showing Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. This decision cut our income substantially and caused us to learn to be wiser in spending habits. Although this decision at first, seemed about finances, it was truly more about where we placed our trust, in ourselves or in God. Since we stepped out in faith, we have seen God show us month after month at exactly the right time that He is our Jehovah-Jireh. As a family we have grown closer and have been able to spend more time together enjoying doing life together. Additionally, we have grown spiritually closer as a family as we have been open in our prayers with our children about our trust in God to be our Jehovah-Jireh and they too have seen God provide all our needs!

In Genesis 22, we read the story of Abraham being commanded by God to take his son Isaac to Mount Moriah and sacrifice him. Isaac was the promised child whom God had promised to make into a great nation. He was God's provision, or so it seemed until God said to lay him on the altar and offer him as a sacrifice. "After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only



son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.'... When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son." (Genesis 22:1-2; 9-10). Abraham obeyed in the belief that God would provide a miracle of some kind, and God did – a ram caught in a thicket as a substitute sacrifice.

"But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So, Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide" as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." (Genesis 22:11-14).

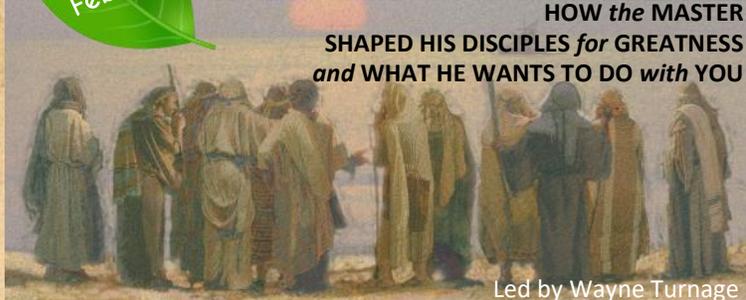
I am not sure how this devotional may speak to you but my prayer is that you will look to God as your Jehovah-Jireh and take time to pray over His names and His promises He provides through Scripture. I pray God shows you that He alone is your provider whom you can trust to give you what you need when you need it as you follow Him! For those who are parents, you have little eyes who are listening and watching your prayers and every move! May God use you to teach and train your children that He alone can be their Jehovah-Jireh as well!

disciplelife classes

classes
start
Feb 20

Wednesdays @ 6pm | Dinner Fellowship @ 5:30pm

HOW *the* MASTER
SHAPED HIS DISCIPLES *for* GREATNESS
and WHAT HE WANTS TO DO *with* YOU



Led by Wayne Turnage

TWELVE ORDINARY MEN

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

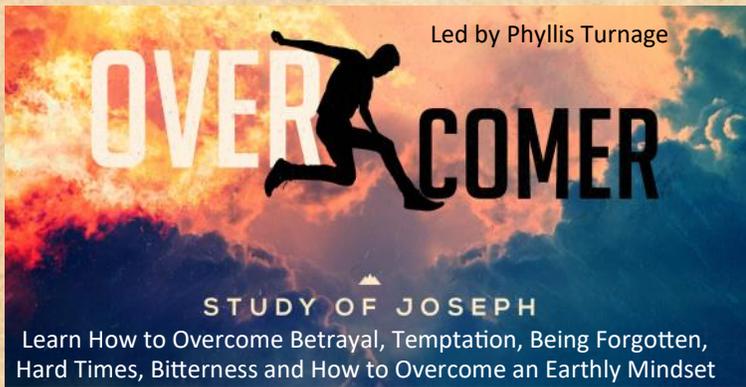
It's Impossible to Be Spiritually Mature,
While Remaining Emotionally Immature



Led by Wanda Truesdale

Led by Phyllis Turnage

OVERCOMER



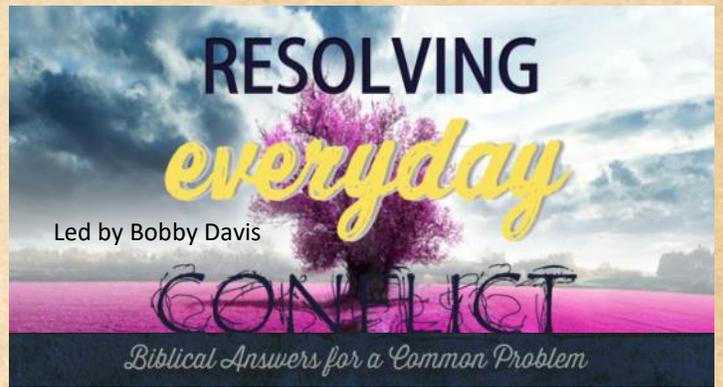
STUDY OF JOSEPH

Learn How to Overcome Betrayal, Temptation, Being Forgotten,
Hard Times, Bitterness and How to Overcome an Earthly Mindset

RESOLVING *everyday* CONFLICT

Led by Bobby Davis

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Pictures and Video Needed

In celebration of our 15 year anniversary in this building, we are compiling a video. Pictures and videos of any church events held here are needed. (i.e. baptisms, ordinations, dedications, etc.)

Email admin@firstbaptistshallotte.com or drop off in the church office.

Fifteen Years Ago....

- The New England Patriots win Super Bowl XXXVIII.
- The City and County of San Francisco began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples as an act of civil disobedience.
- The United States lifted a ban on travel to Libya, ending travel restrictions to the nation that had lasted for 23 years.
- Facebook was launched.
- The movie Passion of the Christ was released.



2019 Missions Conference

HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — APRIL 5–6, 2019

Worship led by Laura Story. Speakers are Bob Goff, Karen Kingsbury, Jennifer Rothschild, D.A. Horton, Tom Richter, and Bryan Loritts.

Special features include Mission Breakout Sessions, Volunteer Supper, Mission Testimonies, Mission Fair Exhibits and much more.

For more information visit baptistsonmission.org/events/missions-conference

\$20 Registration Fee by March 26, 2019

And the second is
like unto it, Thou
shalt love thy
neighbor as thyself.

New to Our Family

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

Charles & Diane Bennett
joined Jan 20



Tim & Kathy Collins
joined Jan 20

Don & Sherol Gibbs
joined Jan 13



Dana (Honey) Honeycutt
joined Jan 13

BOSTON MISSION INITIATIVE

*Ministry in MetroWest Boston for
Over Two Years—
Doing Whatever It Takes*

Pastor Jay Mudd and Milestone Baptist Church in Natick have seen people profess Christ and be baptized. They have added an additional worship service on Sundays.

In Framingham, a new church was launched in September.

In Wellesley, God has provided them with a facility and they currently have 25 people and two lay leaders.

Prayer needs:

- Funding a remodel for the old building
- Multiple training for our current and future leaders

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M-Th 9am—3pm; F 9am—1pm

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

365 Days of Scriptures Revealing God's Promises

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Feb PROMISE #32 I am seated in the heavens and My kingdom reigns over all. Psalms 103:19 | <input type="checkbox"/> 15-Feb PROMISE #46 I am your Shepherd and I will meet all your needs. Psalm 23:1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Feb PROMISE #33 All My plans will be fulfilled, for I know the end from the beginning. Isaiah 46:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 16-Feb PROMISE #47 I will keep you safe because no one can snatch you out of My hand. John 10:29 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Feb PROMISE #34 I knew you before you were born and I designed you for My purposes. Jeremiah 1:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 17-Feb PROMISE #48 I will heal your broken heart and mend all your wounds. Psalm 147:3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Feb PROMISE #35 You are holy and free from blame because of Jesus Christ's death. Colossians 1:21-22 | <input type="checkbox"/> 18-Feb PROMISE #49 I will bless you in times of mourning with My comfort. Matthew 5:4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Feb PROMISE #36 I have blotted out your sins and dissolved them like the mist. Isaiah 44:22 | <input type="checkbox"/> 19-Feb PROMISE #50 You will find freedom wherever My Spirit dwells. 2 Corinthians 3:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-Feb PROMISE #37 I have sealed you with My Spirit to guarantee your coming inheritance. Ephesians 1:13-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20-Feb PROMISE #51 You can know and depend on the love that I have for you. 1 John 4:16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7-Feb PROMISE #38 I will be a real Father to you. 2 Corinthians 6:18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21-Feb PROMISE #52 You can trust in Me for I will never forsake you. Psalm 9:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8-Feb PROMISE #39 I will look after you and teach you the way that is best. Psalm 32:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> 22-Feb PROMISE #53 I put people who are lonely in families. Psalm 68:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9-Feb PROMISE #40 Trust in Me with all your heart and I will guide you. Proverbs 3:5-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 23-Feb PROMISE #54 I hear you when you ask for anything according to My will. 1 John 5:14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10-Feb PROMISE #41 I will give you peace at all times and in every situation. 2 Thessalonians 3:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 24-Feb PROMISE #55 I will reward those who diligently seek Me with a heart of faith. Hebrews 11:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-Feb PROMISE #42 Call on Me when you are in trouble and I will rescue you. Psalm 91:15 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-Feb PROMISE #56 I will sanctify you and keep you blameless until Jesus returns. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12-Feb PROMISE #43 I am your shelter and a place of safety from your enemies. Psalm 61:3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 26-Feb PROMISE #57 When your body fails, you have an eternal home waiting for you. 2 Corinthians 5:1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13-Feb PROMISE #44 If you wait for Me, I will work on your behalf. Isaiah 64:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 27-Feb PROMISE #58 Those who overcome will sit with My Son on His throne. Revelation 3:21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14-Feb PROMISE #45 My love will never fail you. 1 Corinthians 13:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> 28-Feb PROMISE #59 My promise of life is for you and for your family. Acts 2:39 |