

the Vision

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FIRST BAPTIST SHALLOTTE | MARCH 2019



NOW SHOWING
I CAN ONLY
IMAGINE

Family **MOVIE NIGHT**

Sun, Mar 31 at 5:30pm

Bring the family and invite a friend to enjoy a free movie and concessions.

Events

- Mar 8th-9th—
Disaster Relief Training
- Mar 11th—Ladies'
Ministry Meeting
- Mar 17th—Spaghetti
Lunch & Dessert
Auction Fundraiser
- Mar 21st—50's Plus
- Mar 24th—NGU Life
Answers Team
- Mar 31st—Family Movie
Night

Who Defines You?

Pastor Bob

We can't help ourselves. If Tim Tebow speaks, we listen. Not just Christians, but everyone.

Christians love his testimony, and non-Christians hate it. But no one ignores it. And almost no one ignores him. Why? Well, because sometimes—ok, nearly all the time—he says things that make even the most cynical unbeliever perk up, be encouraged, and go out the door for another day.

In mid-February he was, once again, defending himself against naysayers who sniff at his baseball career, or lack of it, depending on which side of the arrogance isle they sit. He was reminded that some people think he is overrated, don't like him, evaluate his skill and find it lacking.

Before I continue, think of the way most athletes today respond to criticism, especially at a press conference. Huff, puff, cuss. Arrogance, pride, diminish the other side.

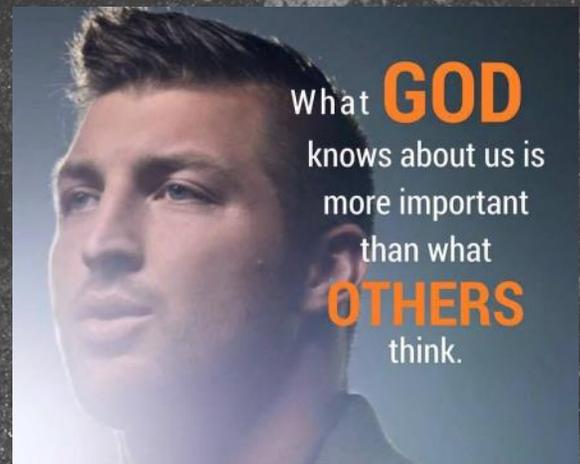
And then there's Tebow. His response went viral and was heralded on Yahoo Sports. Read it for yourself: "It's really about keeping perspective and not letting other people define you because they sure want to. Shoot, I try to encourage young people all the time to not let the world or outside sources define you because you are always going to have critics and naysayers and people that are going to tell you that you won't, that you can't, that you shouldn't. Most of those people are the people that didn't, that wouldn't, that couldn't. . . . I think the reason people don't go after things is because how much you will be criticized. What if I fall flat on my face? Fear and doubt and all these things creep in. I just don't believe that is the healthiest way to live. I don't want to have to live with fear or doubt every day, regardless of what everybody here says about me. It doesn't define me."

And here it is. Here's what you need to take home, to remember, to post on your mirror:

"There is one thing that defines me and that's what God says about me. Besides that, I get to go live out my dreams and help as many people along the way as possible."

I'm not one to rely on positive thinking to live, but I firmly believe that it is far better to think positively than negatively to have a good life. That's how God wired us. So we gravitate toward someone who not only says it, but lives it.

In our time people are critical, cynical, and callous. Every day on social media it's another diatribe or argument to see who can yell the loudest,



be the crudest, and criticize the quickest. We yearn for affirmation from people we barely know in a place we've never been for reasons we cannot explain. We are driven to be accepted and have no idea any longer what is acceptable and what's not.

But one thing hasn't changed. Deep inside, where our heart beats and our dreams thrive, we need to be encouraged, affirmed, inspired. We need someone to say, yeah, you can do this. Who cares what other people think? God made you, He knows you, and He loves you.

So why all that negativity? Why listen to the naysayers and the social media trolls? Blame Adam. Yeah, really. When he nibbled on the wrong fruit and suffered the consequences, he and Eve were the first people in history to lose a dream and to fail, instilling doubt and the fear of failure in all of us.

And that's why people lean in when Tebow speaks. He's real. He inspires us. And in one sentence he says what we all need to hear again. "There's one thing that defines me and that's what God says about me."

People don't define people. Christians don't define Christians. Churches don't define other churches. God does.

Other people don't define your value, your future, or your standing in the universe. God does. His Word, His will, and His love for you.

So get up again. Dust yourself off again. Go out the door again. And do what God made you to do. Let God define you. Let God lead you. Let God love you.

Love your kids. Do your job. Lead your family. Serve your community. Serve through your church. And dream bigger things. It's not over yet.

"For this is what love for God is: to keep his commands. And his commands are not a burden, because everyone who has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith. Who is the one who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:3-5).

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Bob

Visit Pastor Bob's Blog: BOBWEATHERS.NET



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

All Proceeds to Benefit Romania and Centrifuge Trips

- **Envelope Challenge**
Visit the display of envelopes on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary and choose an envelope with the amount that you feel led to give. Drop your donation in the dropbox provided.
- **Change for Change**
Drop your loose change in the wheel barrow in the family life center. Let's fill it up!
- **Spaghetti Lunch and Dessert Auction**
The youth ministry will host a spaghetti lunch and dessert auction on Sunday, March 17 immediately following the morning worship service. Please make plans to stay for great fellowship and a wonderful lunch. Volunteers needed to make desserts and help with the lunch. Contact Pastor Michael to help at (910) 231-9060.
- **More Great Opportunities Coming Up:**
Boston Butt, BBQ Plate & Car Wash
Romania Mission Team T-shirt Fundraiser



NEW TO OUR FAMILY

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



Charles Bess
joined Feb 3



Steve Coleman
joined Feb 10



Mary Nell Page
joined Feb 17

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
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
LEARN MORE AT
FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/STUDENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

MAR 17 | 12:30PM
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH MEAL AND MAKE DESSERTS
CONTACT PASTOR MICHAEL
910-231-9060

message series

CURRENT 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
MAR 11 | 6:30PM

DANCE FOR JOY
TUESDAYS | 6:30PM

WOMEN'S RETREAT
APR 5-6

FBCS HOSTS "WHAT TIME IS IT?" RETREAT FOR LADIES BY CORNERSTONE MINISTRY. MORE INFORMATION: EMAIL, CALL OR TEXT - PHYLLIS
BZB@ATMC.NET OR 910-540-5270

men

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30AM

missions

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
MAR 24 - APR 14, 2019
GOAL: \$5,500
WEEK OF PRAYER: MAR 14-21

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
\$141,944

DISASTER RELIEF FUND BALANCE
\$10,872

fifty plus

MONTHLY MEETING
MAR 21 | 11:30AM

movie night

SHOWING "I CAN ONLY IMAGINE"
MAR 31 | 5:30PM

INVEST AND INVITE A FRIEND!
PLEASE CONTACT TANYA JACKSON AT 910-617-9409 IF YOU CAN HELP WITH WELCOMING, CONCESSIONS OR CLEANUP

special guests

TONY BEAM & NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY LIFE ANSWERS TEAM
MAR 24 | 6PM

"ANSWERING 8 MYTHS PEOPLE BELIEVE ABOUT CHRISTIANITY"

disaster relief

NCBM DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING
MAR 8-9 |
SCOTTS HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FIND OUT MORE & REGISTER AT
BAPTISTSONMISSION.ORG

NCBM Disaster Relief Training

March 8—9, 2019

Scotts Hill Baptist Church

NCBM Disaster Relief Basic is an orientation to the Disaster Relief ministry which includes history, policies, procedures, and technical training in the field you choose.

NCBM Disaster Relief Training is available to all believers who have a passion to serve others. Disaster response is a

unique mission experience because of the sudden nature of the event, difficult conditions, and high expectations from other relief organizations and survivors. We hope you desire to serve God in this type of ministry and that you fulfill that desire through NCBM Disaster Relief.

ACCOMMODATIONS

3 meals (Fri. supper, Sat. breakfast and lunch). This is an OVERNIGHT training. Participants will sleep at the facility/church dormitory style, men and women separated. Bring your cot/air mattress (no doubles) and anything you need for sleeping. We do NOT provide sleep gear, only space! Showers provided.

COST FOR TRAINING

Training: \$40 includes training manual, hat, shirt, id badge, background check (if needed), housing, up to 3 meals, and temporary accident insurance.

FIND OUT MORE & REGISTER AT BAPTISTSONMISSION.ORG

1 Peter 1:3

"...He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

AAEO Scripture Verse

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Sending Hope

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist Missionaries serving across the United States and Canada.

The AAEO week of prayer for our church is March 14-21, 2019. Please be in prayer during this week about what God would have you give to this offering. Our AAEO offering will be March 24-April 14, 2019. The goal for this year is \$5,500.

Trophy Case

Buildings and Grounds is planning to relocate the trophies in the classroom entry way to the media center. Please call the church office or contact a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee if you would like to have the trophy case or know someone that does. If there are no requests, they hope to donate to an organization that could use it.

Fifteen Years Ago This Month....

- NASA announces that the Mars rover MER-B (Opportunity) has confirmed that its landing area was once drenched in water.
- Ireland becomes the first country in the world to ban smoking in all work places, including bars and restaurants.
- Terry Nichols is convicted of state murder charges and being an accomplice to Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh
- A new constitution is signed by Iraq's Governing Council.





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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

- Mar-01 PROMISE #60 The earth belongs to Me and all that is in it. Psalm 24:1
- Mar-02 PROMISE #61 My throne will stand forever and justice will reign in My kingdom. Psalm 45:6
- Mar-03 PROMISE #62 The grass will dry up and flowers will fall, but My Word will endure forever. 1 Peter 1:24-25
- Mar-04 PROMISE #63 Though the mountains vanish, My unending love will never leave you. Isaiah 54:10
- Mar-05 PROMISE #64 I have called you out of darkness into My glorious light. 1 Peter 2:9
- Mar-06 PROMISE #65 I have chosen the weak things of this world to confound the strong. 1 Corinthians 1:27
- Mar-07 PROMISE #66 I delight to reveal My kingdom to those with a childlike heart. Matthew 11:25-26
- Mar-08 PROMISE #67 I have brought you close through the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:13
- Mar-09 PROMISE #68 Your old life has died and your new life is hid with Christ in Me. Colossians 3:3
- Mar-10 PROMISE #69 The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to you. Romans 8:11
- Mar-11 PROMISE #70 I have blessed you in Christ with every heavenly blessing. Ephesians 1:3
- Mar-12 PROMISE #71 Commit all that you do to Me and your plans will be successful. Proverbs 16:3
- Mar-13 PROMISE #72 I am with you and I will help you because I am your God. Isaiah 41:10
- Mar-14 PROMISE #73 I will never abandon you. Hebrews 13:5
- Mar-15 PROMISE #74 I see all your hardships and I care about your suffering. Psalm 31:7
- Mar-16 PROMISE #75 When you pass through turbulent waters, I will be close to you. Isaiah 43:2
- Mar-17 PROMISE #76 My anointing will teach you all you need to know. 1 John 2:27
- Mar-18 PROMISE #77 If you live in My secret place, you will find rest under My shadow. Psalm 91:1
- Mar-19 PROMISE #78 I will give you My strength to help you stand in high places. 2 Samuel 22:33-34
- Mar-20 PROMISE #79 Thousands may fall around you, but you will not be harmed. Psalm 91:7
- Mar-21 PROMISE #80 I provide food for the hungry and justice for the oppressed. Psalm 146:7
- Mar-22 PROMISE #81 My divine power will give you all you need to live a good life. 2 Peter 1:3
- Mar-23 PROMISE #82 My mercy will overrule judgment. James 2:13
- Mar-24 PROMISE #83 I will cause all things to ultimately work for your good. Romans 8:28
- Mar-25 PROMISE #84 Humble yourself before Me and in time I will exalt you. 1 Peter 5:6
- Mar-26 PROMISE #85 I have carved your name in the palms of My hands. Isaiah 49:16
- Mar-27 PROMISE #86 Never tire of doing good, for in time you will reap a harvest. Galatians 6:9
- Mar-28 PROMISE #87 An eternal crown awaits you at the finish line, so keep running your race. 1 Corinthians 9:24-25
- Mar-29 PROMISE #88 I prepared a kingdom inheritance for you when I created the world. Matthew 25:34
- Mar-30 PROMISE #89 It is precious for Me to see My faithful ones come home. Psalm 116:15
- Mar-31 PROMISE #90 I will not forget My promises because I am a merciful God. Deuteronomy 4:31