

# *the* VISION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST SHALLOTTE SEPTEMBER 2019



## Church Events

Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Church Office Closed

Sep 9<sup>th</sup>

- Ladies' Ministry Meeting

Sep 11<sup>th</sup>

- Back to School Bash

Sep 15<sup>th</sup>

- Called Conference

Sep 18<sup>th</sup>

- Disciplelife Classes Start

- Fun Day Wednesday

Resumes

# bash

*back to school*

**Sep 11, 2019 5:30-8:30pm**

Super Atomic Rush Obstacle Course! Food! Sunset Slush! Axe Throwing! Pedestal Jousting!

*Bring Donations of Backpacks & School Supplies to Help Students in Need*

*Fun for the entire family!*

# The Impact of A Faithful Servant

## *Pastor Bob*

In mid-August, a friend passed away, and I was reminded of the impact one faithful servant can have.

It was 1995, and I was 5,000 miles from home, sitting at a small table in a Ukrainian house and talking to my companion from the US. We had traveled to Kiev to lead a pastor's conference, which was scheduled to begin the next day. But we had been there less than twenty-four hours, in a house where no one else spoke English, and we had just learned that the coordinator for the trip and the conference, our liaison on this two-week adventure, was not coming.

Now what? We were stumped, alone in a foreign country, and confused. We even discussed cancelling the conference and returning home. But too much was at stake, and too much had been invested by lots of people to get us there and to make it happen. Worse, we would be letting down a host of pastors, some of whom came from miles to be there (I would learn later of a pastor who had borrowed a bicycle so he could come from Chernobyl, his skin still showing whelps from the nuclear fallout). No. It was clear. Quitting was not an option. But it was equally clear that we were out of our depth.

And, as usual, that's when God shows up. And He doesn't just slink in quietly and hope you notice. Nope. He makes an entrance.

We were staying with a Baptist leader and his wife, and the next day two visitors arrived at the same house. Two pastors. From Georgia. That is, the Georgia in the US.

One of the men, Larry Draper, led a ministry that planted churches in the former USSR. He and his friend had been on their way to Moldova to check on churches there, but at the last minute they could not enter the country. So, they diverted to Kiev to visit friends in Ukraine. Larry was embraced warmly by the leaders and pastors in Kiev. He was a respected leader, pastor, and friend to the Ukrainian Baptists.

As usual, God's timing was perfect. It quickly became obvious that God had rerouted his faithful servant, Larry Draper, to Kiev because he was needed there more than in Moldova.

He was the mentor that I needed in the moment that I needed it. He helped me with protocol, kept me from making foolish mistakes, and gave me credibility by introducing me as if he had known me all of his life. He plugged into the pastor's conference as a teacher and his experience and gracious attitude, humor and wisdom, strengthened every session he attended.

After 1995, Larry and I stayed friends. He preached a revival at my church in SC. I would occasionally call him for wisdom. Off and on, we talked on the phone and we stayed in touch by email and mail. At

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## Letter to Pastor

*Thank You for Giving \$3,213.76 to The Gideons After Robert Ball's Message on Sunday, August 18.*

Pastor Bob,

I don't know how to thank you for all your support the past few weeks telling the church when I would speak and letting the church know you support The Gideons.

I received the largest offering I have ever received. We can place 692 Bibles in a lot of poor countries because of First Baptist and you!

Thank you for opening your pulpit to me and The Gideon Ministry. I felt real comfortable when I went to the pulpit because I knew I had your support.

I am so glad to be a member of a mission church like First Baptist.

Robert Ball

Visit Pastor Bob's Blog:  
**BOBWEATHERS.NET**



# Monthly Ministry Info

## children

**FUN DAY WEDNESDAY**  
STARTS SEP 18 | 5:30PM

**QUEST FIRST KIDS MINISTRY**  
WEDNESDAYS | 6:15PM

## fusion

**FUN DAY WEDNESDAY**  
STARTS SEP 18 | 5:30PM

**BIBLE STUDY**  
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30PM

**SMALL GROUPS START SEP 8**  
SUNDAYS | 5:30PM  
FBCS  
STARTS SEP 8

## youth

**FUN DAY WEDNESDAY**  
STARTS SEP 18 | 5:30PM

**BIBLE STUDY**  
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30PM

**SMALL GROUPS START SEP 8**  
SUNDAYS | 5:30PM  
RODNEY & JENNIFER BROWN'S HOME  
885 VILLAGE POINT ROAD, SHALLOTTE

**FALL RETREAT**  
Nov 1-3  
YOGI BEAR CAMPGROUND  
TABOR CITY, SC  
\$75 PER PERSON DUE NOW

**YOUTH CONFERENCE**  
JAN 17-20, 2020  
STRENGTH TO STAND  
PIGEON FORGE, TN  
\$50 NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE NOW

## message

UPCOMING SERIES: "BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS: RESOLVING CONFLICT IN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS"

## men

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30AM

## ladies

**MINISTRY MEETING**  
SEP 9 | 6:30PM  
ALL LADIES WELCOME

**DANCE FOR JOY**  
TUESDAYS | 6:30PM  
RESUMES SEP 3

## missions

**NC MISSIONS OFFERING**  
SEPTEMBER  
GOAL: \$4,000

**FRANKLIN GRAHAM CRUSADE**  
OCT 5 | 4PM  
FREE EVENT AT LEGION STADIUM

## finance

**CAPITAL FUND BALANCE \$93,940**  
**DISASTER RELIEF FUND**  
**BALANCE \$9,212**

## disciplelife

**NEW CLASSES START**  
SEP 18 | 6:00PM  
DINNER FELLOWSHIP | 5:30PM

## called conference

**DISCUSS MAIN STREET SIGN**  
SEP 15 | 6:00PM

## prayer

**DEACON LED PRAYER**  
SUNDAYS | 9:30AM

## strategy 2019

**WORSHIP CENTER UPGRADES**  
FINAL IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

**PROPERTY REPAIRS/UPGRADES**  
DOOR REPAIRS IN PROGRESS  
MAIN STREET SIGN IN PROGRESS

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENOVATIONS**  
LOAN SECURED & FINAL PLANS BEING DEVELOPED

*KEEP UP TO DATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THESE PROJECTS ON THE BACK WALL OF THE WORSHIP CENTER*

## coming soon

**FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT**  
OCT 30 | 6:30PM

DESSERTS AND CANDY DONATIONS WILL BE NEEDED. ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO HELP CAN CONTACT HEATHER BATH AT (910) 470-8972, KATHY COLLINS AT (804) 873-3358 OR ANY MEMBER OF THE FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE.

**YOUTH MINISTRY TALENT SHOW & DINNER FUNDRAISER**  
OCT 16 | 6:00PM  
PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT WINTER CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH

# Fifteen Years Ago This Month

*A GLIMPSE BACK AT WHAT WAS HAPPENING THIS MONTH FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.  
HONORING OUR FIFTEEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN THIS BUILDING.*

- Hurricane Jeanne makes landfall near Port Saint Lucie, Florida, near the location Hurricane Frances hit two weeks earlier. Jeanne kills over 3,030, mostly in Haiti.
- First debate of the U.S. presidential election, 2004.
- Barry Bonds hits his 700th home run.
- In a Beslan, Russia, school armed terrorists take hundreds of school children and adults hostage. Crisis ends with the deaths of 344 children and adults
- The Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) People's War and the Maoist Communist Centre of India merge to form the Communist Party of India (Maoist).



## The Impact of A Faithful Servant .... continued from page 2

one point we were trying to put together a trip for me to teach at a Bible college he had started in the former USSR.

And then those days drifted away, and we didn't chat as often as we had before. Then Larry became ill. And his earthly ministry concluded when he went home to be with Lord August 21.

Larry Draper's influence on my life was due to one simple thing: He was a faithful servant of Christ. Sure, he was a gifted evangelist, a passionate preacher, and a skilled church planter, but before all that, he was a dedicated follower of Christ. And because he was faithful to Christ, God was able to send him where he needed to be. Right time. Right place.

You and I can have that same kind of influence and impact. To do so, we need to remember three biblical truths: First, we need to grasp that God is all about timing. Even sending His Son into the world was carefully orchestrated for the greatest impact (Rom. 5:6, Gal. 4:4). And God times the placement and actions of His faithful servants to achieve the greatest results (Rom. 8:28).

Then, second, we have to be willing to serve Christ wherever He sends us. To be available and know that we are at His disposal. Unselfish faithfulness to Christ is the key to participating with Him in what He wants to do and to having an impact in the lives of people around us (Rom. 12:1, Col. 3:23-24).

And, third, we must live in expectation that God will use us to influence others and to be part of His great work (Eph. 2:10). Keep your eyes open and look around! When we ignore this truth, we diminish our role in what God is doing. In fact, we diminish our lives! We treat God's work in the world as a mundane and trivial thing, and our part as insignificant, when God is actually calling us to serve His great kingdom!

So look around and pay attention. Where does God want you to go, and who does God want you to impact today?

With love in Christ,  
Pastor Bob



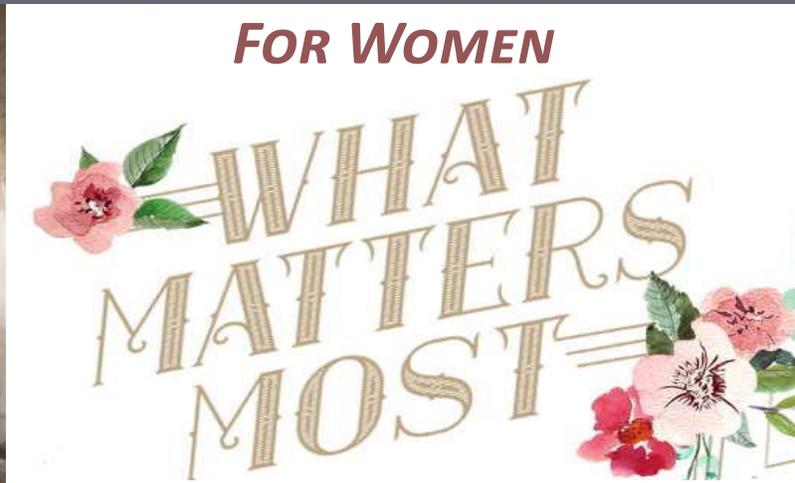
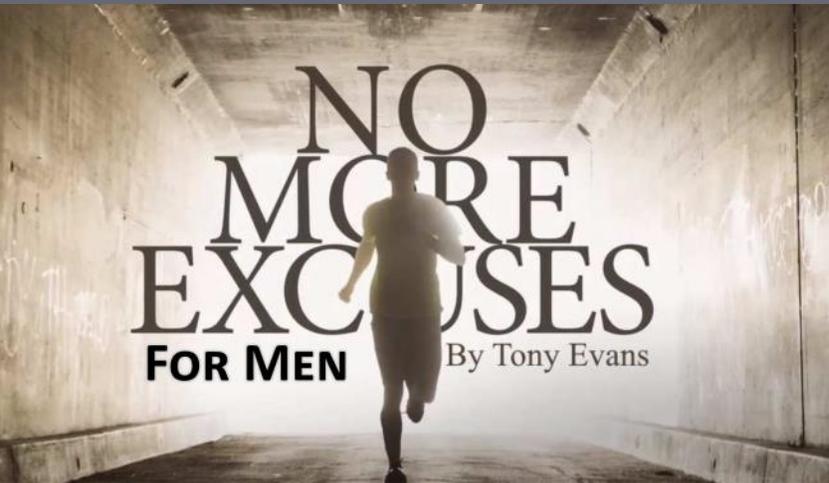
# disciplelife classes

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

LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP AT [FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/WED](http://FBCSHALLOTTE.ORG/WED)

## Grace Filled Marriage

# JESUS, CONTINUED...



## Discovering Church Membership

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Learn More About Our Church...



Starts 9/18  
5:30pm

All Ages  
Eat & Play

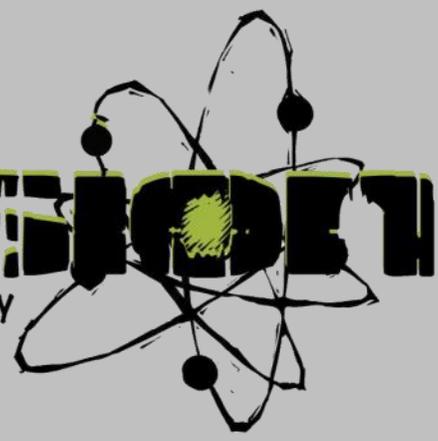


**Quest**

Preschool—4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Fusion**

Pre-teen Ministry  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades



**YOUTH MINISTRY**

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

**Wednesdays at 6:15pm**

# NC Missions Offering

*Opportunity to Give Each Sunday Through the Month of September*

North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) is a special offering received during the month of September that supports the ministries of Baptists on Mission, Church Planting, mission camps, associational projects and mobilization ministry projects. NCMO is your opportunity to impact lostness as God accomplishes

many wonderful things through these various ministries.

Your faithful prayers and gifts to the NCMO help share the love of Christ through a number of vital ministries and missions efforts that impact our state, nation and world. One of the most visible ministries that

the NCMO supports is disaster relief, which is one of the 18 different ministries of Baptists on Mission.

In 2018, their team of church planting consultants worked with 80 new congregations that are reaching their respective communities with the gospel.

The theme for this love offering this year “Known by Love” and our church offering goal is \$4,000.

John 13:35

*“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”  
(HCSB)*

## First Kids Choir

*K-4<sup>th</sup> Grades Welcome!*

Children in grades Kindergarten through 4th are invited to join the First Kids Choir. The choir meets on Sundays at 6pm.

Children will experience worship and develop musical skills as they learn to love and adore God through singing and performances.

First Kids Choir participates in our annual Christmas program and will lead worship songs during special Sunday morning worship services.

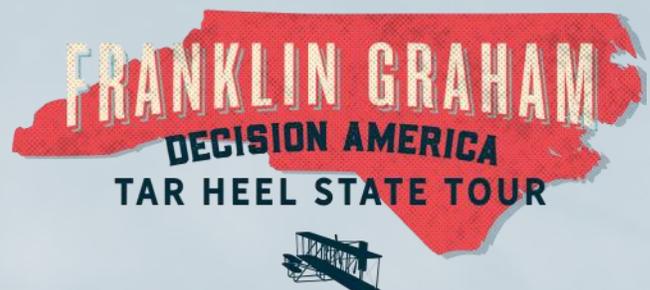
Join us on Sundays at 6pm starting September 8. Contact Sara Carico or call the church office for more information.

## Fall Festival Coming Soon

The annual Fall Festival is right around the corner (October 30) and we need plenty of volunteers. Committee members will be contacting people soon to see if you can help. Don't wait for the phone call, reach out and find out how you can get plugged in to this great outreach opportunity.

## Franklin Graham October 5 at 4pm

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to this free event with music from Jeremy Camp and a message of hope from Franklin Graham. Gates open at 2:30pm. No ticket required. Event held at Legion Stadium, 2149 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, NC 28412





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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"/> Sep-01 PROMISE #244 I spoke the universe into existence. Genesis 1:1   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-16 PROMISE #259 You will find safety in My everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-02 PROMISE #245 I give life and breath to all things. Acts 17:24-25  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-17 PROMISE #260 I carry your burdens every day. Psalm 68:19   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-03 PROMISE #246 You can rest in My love, for I have power to save you. Zephaniah 3:17                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-18 PROMISE #261 I have called you to inherit My blessing. 1 Peter 3:9                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-04 PROMISE #247 My thoughts toward you outnumber the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-19 PROMISE #262 If you honor Me with your firstfruits, you will overflow with abundance. Proverbs 3:9-10  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-05 PROMISE #248 All the days of your life are written in My special book. Psalm 139:16                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-20 PROMISE #263 If you help the poor, your light will shine like the dawn. Isaiah 58:7-8                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-06 PROMISE #249 I will carry you in My arms just like a father carries his child. Deuteronomy 1:31           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-21 PROMISE #264 If you wait for Me, I will renew your strength. Isaiah 40:31                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-07 PROMISE #250 I will give you a double portion of your inheritance in exchange for your shame. Isaiah 61:7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-22 PROMISE #265 I will give you a peaceful sleep surrounded by safety. Psalm 4:8                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-08 PROMISE #251 I made you alive in Jesus simply because I love you. Ephesians 2:4-5                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-23 PROMISE #266 I will enrich your life and renew your youth like the eagle's. Psalm 103:5                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-09 PROMISE #252 I will forgive your sins and then forget them. Hebrews 8:12                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-24 PROMISE #267 I will not reject the sacrifice of a broken spirit and a contrite heart. Psalm 51:17      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-10 PROMISE #253 Your old life has ended and now everything is new in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-25 PROMISE #268 I will always be close when you need My comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-11 PROMISE #254 Reach out and you will touch Me, for I am not far from you. Acts 17:27                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-26 PROMISE #269 When you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will be with you. Psalm 23:4   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-12 PROMISE #255 Before you even call out to Me, I will answer you. Isaiah 65:24                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-27 PROMISE #270 I will keep you from falling until you joyfully stand blameless in My presence. Jude 1:24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-13 PROMISE #256 I will be the voice behind you, guiding you in the way you should go. Isaiah 30:21           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-28 PROMISE #271 I will soon crush the evil one under your feet. Romans 16:20                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-14 PROMISE #257 I will train you for battle with My shield of salvation. Psalm 18:34-35                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-29 PROMISE #272 You have an everlasting inheritance reserved in heaven for you. 1 Peter 1:3-4             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-15 PROMISE #258 I will be faithful to give you My strength and protection. 2 Thessalonians 3:3               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep-30 PROMISE #273 I have the ability to do all that I have promised. Romans 4:20-21                         |