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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | MAY 2021
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHALLOTTE

Church Events

- May 16th at 6:30pm
Evening of Praise
Outside Only
- May 24th at 6:30pm
Ladies Ministry
Meeting
- May 31st Office Closed
for Memorial Day

Weekly

- Sundays at 11am
Worship
- Wednesdays at 12pm
Reset Bible Study w/
Pastor Bob
- Wednesdays at 6pm
Youth & Fusion

*GOD IS WITH
HER SHE WILL
NOT FAIL.*

Psalm 46:5

Happy Mother's Day!

What's Your Orientation?

In 2001, NASA launched a probe named "Genesis" to gather fragile dust from the sun's wind. Three years later the probe returned with its precious cargo. Using helicopters and expert pilots, NASA tried to snag it on re-entry. But it didn't work, and the Genesis Probe plummeted to earth at a blinding 200 miles per hour and smashed into the Utah desert, shattering the gizmos that had collected all that precious solar dust.

But what about parachutes? In a \$264 million project, didn't NASA think of that? Sure, the probe had parachutes. But they did not open. And the problem wasn't the equipment. The problem was its awareness. The probe never opened its chutes because it didn't know it was in the grip of gravity and about to crash.

Apparently, the problem had existed since the craft was built. Constructed by Lockheed Martin Astronautics, the probe contained switches that were supposed to inform the ship that it had entered earth's atmosphere and signal it to open its parachutes. But the switches didn't work. Why? They were installed backwards, a flaw extending to the original design of the spacecraft. And since the switches tell the craft what is up and what is down and when to open its chutes, bad switches result in a disoriented spacecraft. And a disoriented spacecraft equals a crash landing.

We have begun re-entry from the pandemic. Re-entering life, work, school, activities, and church. How's your orientation? One thing is for sure. However, you are oriented, it will be revealed on re-entry.

If you have been away from the Lord, now is the time it will show. If you have adjusted your habits to life without

church, now's the time it will show. If you need a reorientation, of getting back to His Word, His church, and His people, now is the time it will show.

I want to challenge you to pay attention to the signals that reveal that the orientation of your life is pointed in the wrong direction and to correct it right away. Get back in Bible study, join a D4 Group, worship with us in person again as soon as you can.

Because if you are not oriented toward the things of God and His church, the results could be disastrous.

I sent out to you our plan for phasing in, and I want to include it here to be sure you have all the information you need to get back in action. Or, maybe, to get started for the first time at FBCS!

Phase 1: Started April 25

- We reopened both parking lots and buildings.
- We discontinued the RSVP for the worship service.
- We removed Green and Yellow distancing bands and are offering the Red distancing bands only, to indicate those who want to retain that preference.
- We are keeping other precautions in place at this time.

Wednesday, May 5, 6 PM:

- Sunday School leaders will meet with Pastor Bob and Kristy Knisely to prepare for the classes returning in June. This is a very important in-person meeting in the Worship Center. All Sunday School leaders are asked to participate, preferably in -person, but using the Zoom option if needed. See the email I sent out Wednesday, April 21. If you need help with Zoom, contact Kirsty in the church office.

Phase 2: May 9, Mother's Day!

- **May 9:** We will modify separators for distancing in the Worship Center to permit more people to be seated. Ushers will receive information and training.
- Ministry leaders should regroup with all participants in their ministries. Be sure everyone is aware of the phase-in strategy and whether they are prepared to participate.
- We will begin equipping and preparing Sunday School classrooms for hybrid options.
- **May 16:** We will open Sunday Worship Care (contingent on leadership and volunteers).
 - We will provide training for workers.
 - We will provide information for parents.

Phase 3: June 6, Graduate Recognition Sunday!

- Sunday School regathers!
 - Masks required in Sunday School classes.
 - Adult and Youth Sunday School classes will have hybrid option.

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*HER
CHILDREN
RISE UP
AND CALL
HER
BLESSED;*

Proverbs 31:28



What's Your Orientation?

- Adult members register with teachers to maintain appropriate capacity.
- Worship reopens without separators.
 - Masks requested in Worship, with respect for those around you.
 - Ushers will accommodate those who prefer distancing.
 - Overflow will be accommodated by additional chairs at the back.

Phase 4:

- Wednesday night ministries and DiscipleLife. Start date TBD.
- Kids Own Worship TBD.
- Other ministries will return or be reconfigured as we continue through the summer.

I look forward to us being back together as a church family! As always, take your time. Re-enter

as you are able. And remember, we are guilt-free and grace-filled!

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Bob

Community Outreach

In Partnership with Baptist on Mission & American Red Cross

Have you heard the call delivered from Pastor Bob and Pastor Michael? We have been asked to be ready for the NEW plans GOD has for us. Well God has given us a NEW opportunity to serve our neighbors and to connect with them to share the love of Jesus.

Partnering with Baptist on Mission and the American Red Cross, First Baptist Church of Shallotte will be hosting the mobile health screening, and mobile dental bus on Friday, June 25th, and Saturday, June 26th. Also on Friday, June 25th our church will host a blood drive.

In 1 John 4:11 it is written, "Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we must also love another." This event is indeed an occasion for us to love on our neighbors, as God loves

us. And too we will have a tremendous opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with those of our neighbors who do not yet know Him.

Now you are asking how can I serve and participate – here's how:

- Doctors, dentists, physician assistants, nurses, dental hygienists, anyone with medical experience. You can man the stations inside the buses
- Volunteers will be needed for registration, prayer warriors, neighbors who want to make connections, assisting in serving light refreshments.
- Register to be a blood donor

Whatever skills God has blessed you with – He can use

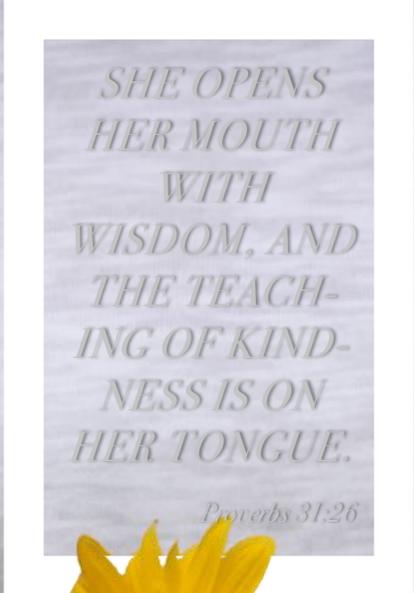
for His glory with this event – don't hide those talents under a bed.

Servants who come out to bless our neighbors will be asked to serve for a three hour shift – you can do that right? Lunch will be provided.

Ok...FBCS let's do this!! The first step is to sign up on our website at fbcsallotte.org/sign-up.

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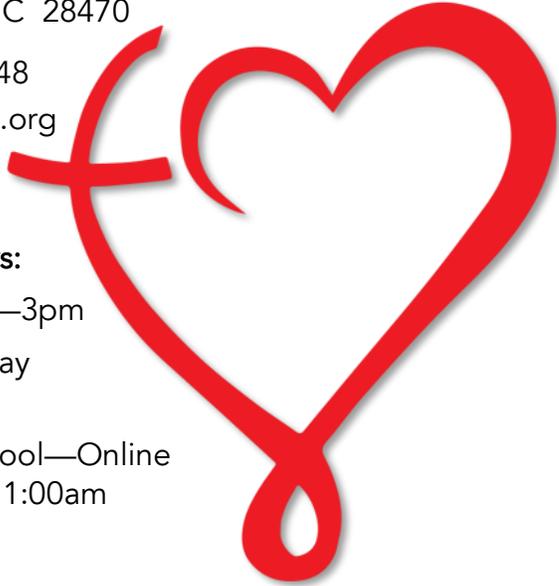
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Office Hours:

M-Th 9am—3pm

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Sunday School—Online
Worship—11:00am



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Bible Verses to Memorize Weekly

These scriptures are powerful, inspiring, yet short, easy and simple verses for everyone. Take time each week to focus on memorizing the weekly verse.

- Week 18 – “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”
– Romans 8:28, KJV
- Week 19 – “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”
– Romans 8:31, KJV
- Week 20 – “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” - 1
Thessalonians 5:18, KJV
- Week 21 – “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” –
2 Timothy 1:7, KJV
- Week 22 – “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” – John 14:6, ESV



*SHE IS CLOTHED WITH
STRENGTH AND
DIGNITY; SHE CAN
LAUGH AT THE DAYS
TO COME .*

Proverbs 31:25