



# FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**August 20**

**Doors Open  
5:30pm**

**Movie Starts  
6pm**

FBC Sunday  
School Ministry  
invites you to a free  
family movie night.

Come out and enjoy the  
movie "Jesus Revolution" with free pizza, popcorn and drinks. Volunteers needed for greeting,  
concessions and clean up. Contact Tanya Jackson for more information.



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## Church Events

- August 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am- Gideon Speaker, Larry Heustess
- August 20<sup>th</sup> Following Worship- Called Conference to Vote on '23-'24 Deacons and Nominating Committee Report
- August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm- Family Move Night
- August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm-End of Summer Celebration
- August 31<sup>st</sup> - 2024 Budget Requests Due



# It's Time We Admitted It— Disney isn't Disney Anymore

For generations, the name “Disney” has been synonymous with family-friendly entertainment. So Christians have been comfortable with Disney. We have connected with the universal themes of fun and family, bravery and sacrifice, imagination and fantasy, love and joy, that previously dominated most of Disney’s entertainment industry.

The family-oriented focus of Disneyland, and its larger sibling in Orlando, Disney World, was intentional. In the 1950s, Walt Disney dreamed of a place that families could enjoy, and which would inspire the imaginations of children.

In addition, Walt Disney envisioned movies, TV shows, and animated films undergirded by pro-America themes, encouraging kids to aspire to heroism, to dream big and to be great citizens.

And he never intended for any political viewpoint to be favored or excluded. Both his stories and his theme parks were for everyone. He advanced no political or ideological agenda. His goal was to entertain and to inspire.

He cared about people, not politics. Entertainment, not ideology. Childhood, not agendas.

## Disney wandered away

But since the 1960s, the “wonderful world of Disney” has been drifting from the moorings of Walt Disney’s original vision. At first, it was a slow slide, likely held in check by those universal aspirations.

But it’s not as if we didn’t see it coming. For two decades, Disney theme parks have gladly celebrated Pride Month and LGBTQ causes.

And since the pandemic, Disney has plunged ahead, embracing a new “woke” identity that should make us pause and reconsider our allegiance to this entertainment powerhouse.

In other words, this is not the Disney you used to know and love.

## But, after all, Disney was never “Christian”

Disney is a secular company. No one expects the company to advance explicitly biblical values. Even so, when the company decides to advance ideologies and political agendas it forces Christians to reconsider our stance toward Disney as a source of entertainment.

But now Disney’s secularism, which once reflected universal human values, has succumbed to an agenda of progressivism, which promotes the values of a small but aggressive fringe element of humanity.

For Disney to presume to remain family-friendly while hosting drag shows isn’t just contradictory. It’s duplicitous. It’s lying to the public, deceiving families, and aligning with the progressives’ concept of childhood as a means to an end. Rather than fostering imagination and universal values, Disney is overtly cultivating predatory and unrighteous values. To put it another way, when Disney hosts drag shows, it has shifted from family-friendly entertainment to providing Adult Entertainment—and has invited children to participate.



## And then there’s the movies

Disney’s live-action adaptations of its beloved animated films illustrate how far the entertainment giant has drifted from its original ideals.

In a few instances, Disney has diversified the races of characters in these classic movies. That’s good if it doesn’t alter the story itself and if it is not purely gratuitous or pandering to progressives.

But Disney is also rewriting stories in order to depict characters who are more sexually diverse and gender fluid. That’s ridiculous progressivism at its worst.

For instance, Disney took heat when images leaked of its new live-action “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.” The images showed the titular character in a field followed by her seven colleagues. But only one appeared to be a “dwarf.” The other original six had been replaced with multi-racial, mixed-gender “magical creatures.”

At first, Disney claimed that the photo was a fake, but then later owned up to it and accepted the backlash without apology.

## How do you respond?

So it’s time to admit it. This is not the Disney we used to know. Disney has made its choices. And as a result we are watching the collapse of a once-great family-friendly entertainment powerhouse.

So the question for Christians is simple: Is this new Disney what we want for our families and for our kids?

When the culture imposes a response, we are obligated to do so. So here are a few thoughts that might be helpful:

### • Support healthy human values.

Christians should advocate for universal values that make us all better humans and better citizens. We agree that some values are always good, no matter who advocates for those values.

Respect, life, liberty, honesty, courage, and many others fall into this category (Phil. 4:8). When an industry or company advocates for these values, we can support that.

In a film, for instance, a character may not pray or profess Christ, but he may demonstrate the universal value of sacrifice and courage. As long as the character is not otherwise displaying unbiblical values or behavior, we can support that.

### • Teach and advocate for biblical values.

Even so, Christians cannot be idle or passive when it comes to entertainment. Sadly, Christians have so desired to be accepted that we have often overlooked or, worse, ignored values that





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undercut a biblical worldview.

Let's be clear about this—Christians must strive for the biblical values that make us Christian. We must cultivate godly character, personal holiness, and a stewardship of the gospel in every area of life (1 Cor. 4:1-2, 2 Cor. 5:9).

We are not called to cloister away into caves and monasteries, but we are called to live for Christ. And the world should see the difference.

Our higher calling is to pursue holiness (1 Peter 1:15). And that includes our choices in entertainment.

Progressive ideologies are so disturbing because they are so inherently unholy.

### • Acknowledge that maturity matters.

Protect your children.

By its nature, progressivism destroys childhood. Progressive ideologies force everyone to accept and then adopt an agenda that is inherently destructive. And progressives prey on children. They know what we often forget—whoever owns the minds of the next generation owns the future.

Forcing children into environments for which they are clearly not ready is not liberal or loving. It's dangerous, cruel, and strategic.

### We are strangers here

The fact is, as our culture caves to the progressive agenda, it becomes less and less friendly to Christian values. More and more, we will be forced to respond, take a stand, and experience the repercussions and consequences of our counter-cultural beliefs—at work, at school, in meetings, and in our choices of entertainment.

We may not always agree on those responses or how we apply our ethics and values. What matters most is that we agree on the essentials of the faith and that we take seriously God's mandates to stand apart from the world (Rom. 14:1, 1 Peter 1:16).

But one thing is certain. If you are a fan of Disney, you have decisions to make. If you choose to patronize Disney, its movies, and its parks, don't be naïve. This is not the Disney you used to know.

## 2024 Budget Requests

All committee and team leaders that have budget line items will receive an email with your 2024 Budget Request attached on August 1, 2023. The form will show your current budget, amount spent through June 2023 and provide a space to submit your request for your 2024 Budget. Don't forget to prayerfully approach completing the request as you think through your plans for 2024 and what finances will be needed for your ministry. Also, be sure to include any upcoming leadership in your decisions. Budget requests are due by August 31, 2023 and can be emailed to [finance@firstbaptistshallotte.com](mailto:finance@firstbaptistshallotte.com).

*Looking Ahead:* Keep an eye out for announcements on Pastor Bob's leadership training in September. We will be rolling out an updated system for submitting receipts, check requests, approving expenses. Details will be provided at the training.

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## Progress to New Associate Pastor

- ☒ With prayer and input from ministry sources, Pastor Bob drafts a new job description
- ☒ The Personnel Committee and the Deacons review the job description
- ☒ The Personnel Committee reviews a second draft of the job description
- ☒ The church adopts the job description in the April Quarterly Ministry Meeting
- ☒ The Nominating Committee activates a Search Committee in a called business conference on May 7 following morning worship
- ☒ The Search Committee begins the process of searching for a new Associate Pastor
- ☒ The Search Committee interviews candidates
- ☒ The Search Committee prayerfully seeks God's choice for the Associate Pastor
- ☐ The Search Committee notifies the church of its unanimous decision
- ☐ The Search Committee brings a candidate to the church in a called business conference
- ☐ The new Associate Pastor begins service at First Baptist Church of Shallotte!



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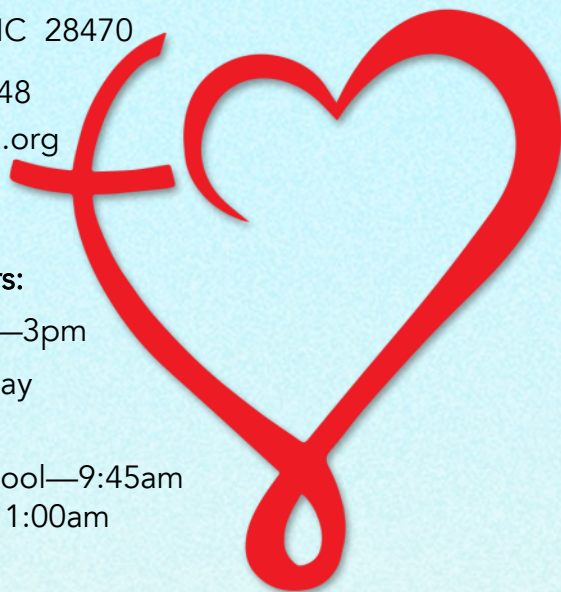
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Sunday School—9:45am

Worship—11:00am



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## THE WORD OF GOD IN A YEAR

*O send out thy light and thy truth! Let them lead me.*

| READ WITH FAMILY |          | DAY  | READ IN SECRET |              | READ WITH FAMILY |                 | DAY  | READ IN SECRET |              |
|------------------|----------|------|----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------|----------------|--------------|
| Judges 15        | Acts 19  | 1st  | Jeremiah 28    | Mark 14      | 1 Samuel 9       | Romans 7        | 17th | Jeremiah 46    | Psalms 22    |
| Judges 16        | Acts 20  | 2nd  | Jeremiah 29    | Mark 15      | 1 Samuel 10      | Romans 8        | 18th | Jeremiah 47    | Psalms 23–24 |
| Judges 17        | Acts 21  | 3rd  | Jeremiah 30–31 | Mark 16      | 1 Samuel 11      | Romans 9        | 19th | Jeremiah 48    | Psalms 25    |
| Judges 18        | Acts 22  | 4th  | Jeremiah 32    | Psalms 1–2   | 1 Samuel 12      | Romans 10       | 20th | Jeremiah 49    | Psalms 26–27 |
| Judges 19        | Acts 23  | 5th  | Jeremiah 33    | Psalms 3–4   | 1 Samuel 13      | Romans 11       | 21st | Jeremiah 50    | Psalms 28–29 |
| Judges 20        | Acts 24  | 6th  | Jeremiah 34    | Psalms 5–6   | 1 Samuel 14      | Romans 12       | 22nd | Jeremiah 51    | Psalms 30    |
| Judges 21        | Acts 25  | 7th  | Jeremiah 35    | Psalms 7–8   | 1 Samuel 15      | Romans 13       | 23rd | Jeremiah 52    | Psalms 31    |
| Ruth 1           | Acts 26  | 8th  | Jeremiah 36&45 | Psalms 9     | 1 Samuel 16      | Romans 14       | 24th | Lamentations 1 | Psalms 32    |
| Ruth 2           | Acts 27  | 9th  | Jeremiah 37    | Psalms 10    | 1 Samuel 17      | Romans 15       | 25th | Lamentations 2 | Psalms 33    |
| Ruth 3–4         | Acts 28  | 10th | Jeremiah 38    | Psalms 11–12 | 1 Samuel 18      | Romans 16       | 26th | Lamentations 3 | Psalms 34    |
| 1 Samuel 1       | Romans 1 | 11th | Jeremiah 39    | Psalms 13–14 | 1 Samuel 19      | 1 Corinthians 1 | 27th | Lamentations 4 | Psalms 35    |
| 1 Samuel 2       | Romans 2 | 12th | Jeremiah 40    | Psalms 15–16 | 1 Samuel 20      | 1 Corinthians 2 | 28th | Lamentations 5 | Psalms 36    |
| 1 Samuel 3       | Romans 3 | 13th | Jeremiah 41    | Psalms 17    | 1 Samuel 21–22   | 1 Corinthians 3 | 29th | Ezekiel 1      | Psalms 37    |
| 1 Samuel 4       | Romans 4 | 14th | Jeremiah 42    | Psalms 18    | 1 Samuel 23      | 1 Corinthians 4 | 30th | Ezekiel 2      | Psalms 38    |
| 1 Samuel 5–6     | Romans 5 | 15th | Jeremiah 43    | Psalms 19    | 1 Samuel 24      | 1 Corinthians 5 | 31st | Ezekiel 3      | Psalms 39    |
| 1 Samuel 7–8     | Romans 6 | 16th | Jeremiah 44    | Psalms 20–21 |                  |                 |      |                |              |