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*THE RIGHTEOUS MAN WALKS IN HIS INTEGRITY;
HIS CHILDREN ARE BLESSED AFTER HIM.
PROVERBS 20:7*

Church Events

- June 2nd—Grad Sunday
- June 8th —Cars & Coffee
- June 11th @ 6:30-8:30p—
Men's Ministry Meeting
*Speaker Ian Carico Meal
Provided*
- June 11th-12th—
Southern Baptist
Convention Meeting
- June 19th—Family Fun
Splash Night
- June 20th-24th—
Centrifuge Youth
Summer Camp
- June 23rd-27th
6:30-8:30p—VBS



June 23 - 27 6:30 - 8:30

*Preschool
through Adult*

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The Role of the Church and Raising Godly Men

The Boy Scouts of America finally admitted what we all knew—it's no longer the Boy Scouts of America. Founded in 1910, the BSA served for decades as a trustworthy institution for helping families initiate boys into the fellowship of manhood. In those years, churches enjoyed a healthy relationship with the BSA due to our shared values and goals. Many churches, like ours, chartered a Boy Scout Troop.

But that ended when, in 2014, the BSA started caving to cultural whims, and in 2015 it lifted its ban on homosexuals serving as leaders and employees.

In 2017 the BSA decided to include girls and rebranded as "Scouts BSA" (see my FBCS newsletter column from November 2017). And last month, the organization finally dropped any pretense of its former self by rebranding again, this time as "Scouting America."

And with that, we have conclusively lost one of the great organizational mentors for manhood, swept away by the steady, rushing torrent of cultural anti-biblical ideologies.

Enter Trail Life

But where organizations such as the BSA have caved to culture and abandoned their purpose, ministries such as Trail Life USA are fostering biblical manhood.

That's why we chartered Trail Life USA at our church, and, with the decision of BSA, I see God's timing more than ever in our decision!

Officially, we are Troop NC117. Families are bringing their boys to our troop, and we expect even more in the Fall! (Men, we are going to need you as this ministry grows. To volunteer, contact Drew Sellers at 910-619-1819 or ndsellers@gmail.com).

The mission of Trail Life is "to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure." And that's what we need. Godly men who can show boys how to be godly men.

Maybe with this, our church can be part of turning the tide back toward biblical manhood. But that also raises a question—what does it mean to practice biblical manhood? What does a godly man act like? What sets him apart from his peers?

But first, remember two things

Before I go further, let's be clear about two things. First, if you are a single mom (or other family unit, such as grandparents) raising a boy, God is gracious. He is with you. Single Moms are fully capable of raising godly men who model healthy, biblical manhood. But along the way, God expects the church to provide for those boys the male role models they will need (See my June 10, 2019, blog at bobweathers.net).

Second, whether boys come to Trail Life or not, men in the church should be aware of the young men God has brought into our fellowship. Shape, sharpen, and cultivate manhood in these boys. I appreciate all of the men who step up to serve in our children's and youth ministries, and all who come alongside our boys to model for them godly manhood.

See, the truth is, with or without the BSA, the church has always been the place where boys would be taught to be godly men.

So, what does that mean?

Men who practice biblical manhood are not perfect. Our objective is to be role models of faithfulness, not perfection.

What does that mean? In Ephesians 5, a passage well-known for advice for married couples, Paul's instruction reflects the traits that are expected of godly men. These are traits which we can model and which we can pass along to the next generation. Here are five traits



Paul includes:

- Godly men cultivate a personal relationship with Christ (Eph. 5:1-2).

Or, as Paul says, they are "imitators" of God and they "walk in love." Their relationship with Christ impacts all other relationships. Since God created men, all men will have certain characteristics in common. So, what sets apart godly men from all other men is that they intentionally cultivate a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

- Godly men protect their purity (Eph 5:3-5).

For Paul, purity arises from our character in Christ, and it shows in our language as well as our actions. Godly men avoid profanity and "course jokes." Sexual immorality is a trait of the ungodly. God abhors impurity in men who claim to follow Christ (Ps. 1:1-6).

- Godly men stand firm against spiritual darkness (Eph 5:6-12).

Men who are growing in godliness stay away from the deeds of "darkness." Before they came to Christ, their thoughts and behaviors exhibited the "fruitless works of darkness." But for godly men, darkness has been overcome by the light of Christ. It takes courage to live for Christ, and godly men are courageous in the fight against evil (1 Cor. 16:13).

- Godly men are leaders in the church (Eph. 5:15-21).

As they grow in personal godliness, men who follow Christ show this in their service in the church. They practice and teach a biblical worldview. In particular, Paul says, the way they worship shows the rest of the congregation how to do it. It's a key attribute of godly men—men show up for worship and participate in worship! If we want our boys to be leaders in the church, men around them need to start by showing them how to worship and serve the Lord.

- Godly men are spiritual leaders at home (Eph 5:25-6:4).

This, of course, applies mostly to husbands and dads. But all men who strive to live for Christ should honor homes and families and do their best to represent Christ whenever kids are around. They should set an example as coaches, teachers, employers, business owners, and leaders in the community.

With the demise of organizations like the Boy Scouts, the need for the influence of godly Christian men has only increased. Let's be sure we do our part to shape the next generation of men.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Bob

Visit Pastor Bob's Blog:
BOBWEATHERS.NET



Compassion Sunday

Amy Myers

On April 28, First Baptist Church of Shallotte joined churches across the country for Compassion Sunday by setting apart the day to change the future for children living in poverty around the world. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you about Compassion International! It was a pleasure to help several of you sponsor a child – truly showing the love of Christ to each of them! Eleven children were sponsored through FBCS this year, bringing our three-year total to 33! Not to mention the countless others of you who shared amazing stories of the children that you already sponsor through Compassion International and other organizations. Your faithfulness to care for “the least of these” and share the love of Jesus around the world is so awesome!



If you didn't get a chance to sponsor and would still like to, simply visit <https://cintl.us/firstbaptistshallotte>. And if you have questions, always feel free to email me at amyers@us.ci.org. Thank you again for the opportunity to share with you and to serve alongside such an awesome church!

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June 30th– July 6th

Summer Ministry Update

On most movie sets, the phrase “action!” kicks everything off, and everyone scrambles to assume their role and recite their lines and accomplish the scene. For our kids & youth ministries, that term is “summer!” Warm weather and school ending means game time for student ministries. Leaders are prepping, VBS supplies arriving, buses are chartered, vans are rented, and summer camp is drawing near! We have a ton of fun to have both near and far, and lots of serving to do this summer!

I want to share all the ministry activity planned with you, as well as all the opportunities you have to serve and support our students and our community.

Summer Activities

- ⇒ June 19th: Family Fun Splash Night
- ⇒ June 20th-24th: CentriFuge Youth Summer Camp
- ⇒ June 23rd-27th: Vacation Bible School
- ⇒ July 3rd: Independence Day Cookout
- ⇒ July 10th: Youth Pool Party
- ⇒ July 12th-14th CentriKid Kid's Summer Camp
- ⇒ August 3rd-10th: ServeNC Week (Aug 7th ServeNC Banquet)
- ⇒ August 21st: Back to School Bash

Opportunities to Serve

- ⇒ Splash Night (6/19): Volunteers are needed to run stations, set up/break down, cook/prepare food, and assist with parking.
- ⇒ CentriFuge Youth Camp (6/20 - 6/24): join campers and parents in the church parking lot at 6am, June 20th, to pray for our students and chaperones. Contact Pastor Kevin to see if any students need a scholarship for camp.
- ⇒ Vacation Bible School (6/23 - 6/27): Sign up via our church website and contact Dean Carroll for opportunities to serve.
- ⇒ Independence Day Cookout (7/3): Church family invited to bring your own food and cook it here on site! Volunteers are needed for set up & break down of games/activities.
- ⇒ CentriKid Camp (7/12 - 7/14): join campers and parents in the church parking lot at 6am, July 12th, to pray for our students and chaperones. Contact Pastor Kevin to see if any students need a scholarship for camp.
- ⇒ ServeNC Week (8/3 - 8/10): FBCS is joining hundreds of other NC Baptist churches August 3rd through 10th in loving on our local communities! We will be mowing yards, trimming trees, passing out water bottles at the beach, and finding other ways to love on our community through service!

- ⇒ ServeNC Banquet (8/7): We will meet midway through ServeNC week and fellowship with a meal as a church family and share all that God has done in our community and strategize on how to finish the week well! This is a great opportunity to invite the families whose yards were mowed or those that received water bottles on the beach. We will need volunteers to cook and prepare the meal, and folks to take plenty of pictures throughout the week to share at the banquet.

- ⇒ Back to School Bash (8/21): Volunteers are needed to run stations and man inflatables, set up/break down, cook/prepare food, and assist with parking.

In all of these service opportunities, I want to challenge you to make your default answer be “yes” until the Lord shows you otherwise. Let's be willing to serve this summer! Be available this summer to be the hands and feet of the body of Christ. Join me in showing our kid's ministry, youth ministry, and community at large that we care for them. Above all else, let Christ be glorified!

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

To Him Be the Glory,
 Pastor Kevin

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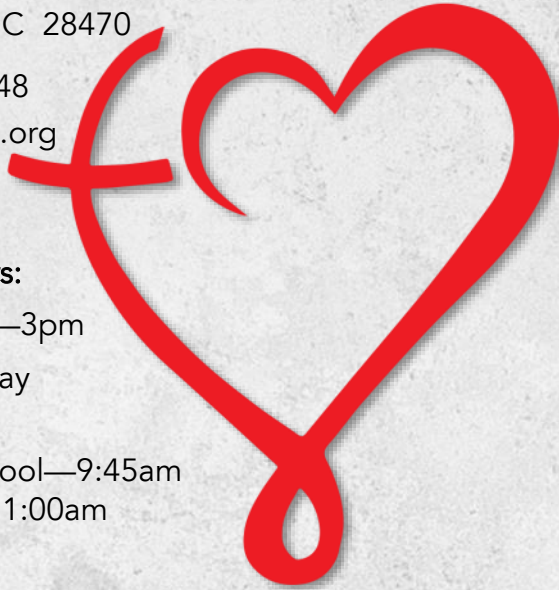
Office Hours:

M-Th 9am—3pm

Closed Friday

Sunday School—9:45am

Worship—11:00am



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Bible Reading Plan

With Daily Proverbs

6/1/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 18-20; Pro 29	6/16/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 67-69; Pro 13
6/2/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 21-23; Pro 30	6/17/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 70-72; Pro 14
6/3/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 24-26; Pro 31	6/18/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 73-75; Pro 15
6/4/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 27-30; Pro 1	6/19/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 76-79; Pro 16
6/5/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 31-33; Pro 2	6/20/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 80-82; Pro 17
6/6/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 34-36; Pro 3	6/21/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 83-85; Pro 18
6/7/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 37-39; Pro 4	6/22/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 86-88; Pro 19
6/8/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 40-43; Pro 5	6/23/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 89-92; Pro 20
6/9/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 44-46; Pro 6	6/24/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 93-95; Pro 21
6/10/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 47-49; Pro 7	6/25/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 96-98; Pro 22
6/11/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 50-52; Pro 8	6/26/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 99-101; Pro 23
6/12/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 53-56; Pro 9	6/27/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 102-105; Pro 24
6/13/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 57-59; Pro 10	6/28/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 106-108; Pro 25
6/14/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 60-62; Pro 11	6/29/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 109-111; Pro 26
6/15/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 63-66; Pro 12	6/30/2024	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 112-114; Pro 27