

# From the Pastor's Desk

“We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation” (Romans 5:11). God’s grace is hard to understand because we live in a world where we receive what we earn. When I was selling for a living, I was always told and always taught, “Sell more, earn more.” In this life, when you perform, you prosper and when you don’t, you don’t. I used to act as a “coach” for my sales staff, a lot like a sports team, and I would encourage and instruct them to perform at maximum capacity. In the game of life, we have a “coach” called God, and we are now members of a very special team. He lays out the rules by which we will perform, and He has divine hopes that we will live better and be better. When we stumble or fail to meet expectations, He simply points us to the cross and says, “Do not worry, I will not drop you. I love you regardless and nothing that you do will make me stop loving and forgiving you.” God loved us enough that He sent His only Son to die for us. How about the Cross? Picture Jesus hanging there and remember: He died on that Cross, was buried in a borrowed tomb, and the glorious truth, that we can shout and sing about, is that He arose and He is alive! May our prayer be this April/Easter season that we never forget that His grace is not given for what we do, but what Jesus did for us. May we start each day by embracing His wonderful promise of reconciliation and a fresh and renewed vision for the future! Remember, He loves us, scars, warts, faults and all...Keep looking up, THE BEST IS YET TO BE!!

Pastor Glen

## Memory Verse



*“No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”*

*Luke 16:13 (KJV)*

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## Food For Thought

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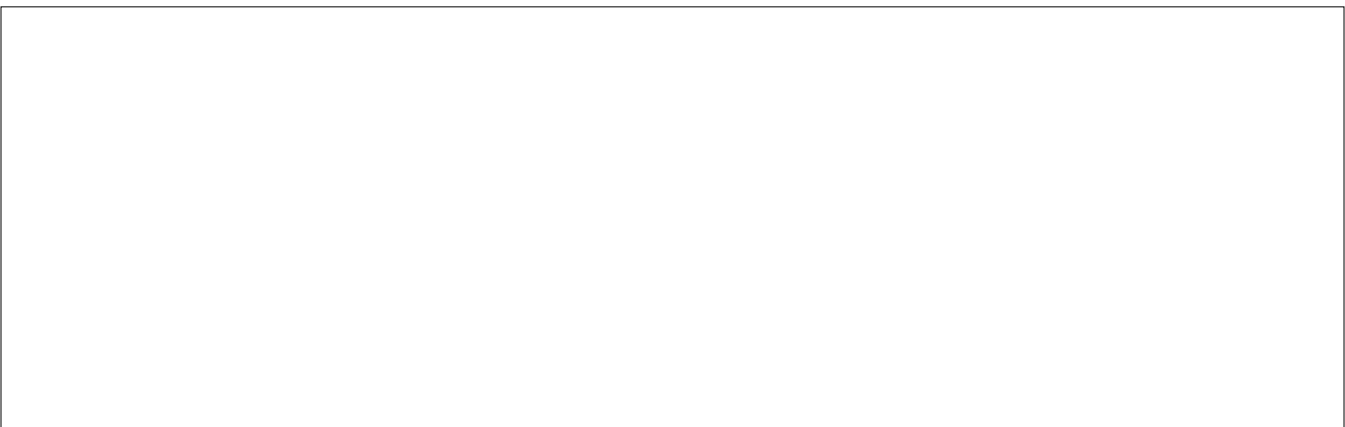
### It Couldn't Be Done

Somebody said that it couldn't be done, but he with a chuckle replied that maybe it couldn't, but he would be one who wouldn't say so "till he tried." So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin on his face. If he worried, he hid it. He started to sing as he tackled the thing that couldn't be done, and he did it. Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that; At least no one ever has done it." But he took off his coat and took off his hat and the first thing he knew he'd begun it. With the lift of his chin and a bit of a grin, without any doubting, He started to sing as he tackled the

thing that couldn't be done, and he did it. There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done, there are thousands to prophesy failure; there are thousands to point out to you, one by one, the dangers that wait to assail you. But just buckle right in with a bit of a grin, then take off your coat and go to it; just start in to sing as you tackle the thing that cannot be done, and you'll do it. (Edgar A. Guest )

**Four steps to achievement:** Plan purposefully. Prepare prayerfully. Proceed positively. Pursue persistently... (William A. Ward) .

# Prayer is the Answer!



## From the Administrative Team

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The Administrative Team is currently taking resumes for Church Secretary candidates. We placed an advertisement in the Eastern Wake News for the opening and have received five responses. We indicated that we would accept resumes through March 23. Once we have received all resumes, we will screen and prioritize them and then begin the interview process. Per the Constitution & By-Laws, the interviews will be conducted by The Administrative Team and Pastor Glen. Once a candidate is selected, they will be recommended to the Church at a Special called Church Conference for that purpose. The vote will be by secret ballot, with a majority vote of those members voting necessary to extend an offer to hire the secretary. Please continue to be in prayer for us during this process.

In the meantime, we are working as best as we can to continue to provide all the necessary services provided by the Secretary. We need to express special thanks to Pastor Glen and Annette for all they are doing to fill the void. Pastor Glen has been keeping up with any inquiries on the use of the Church Buildings on the calendar as well as providing the necessary paper work for building

use. Both he and Annette have been working together to prepare the bulletins each Sunday as well as preparing the weekly prayer letter sent to those in need of prayer. Then on top of that, they both are working to keep the Church Newsletter on schedule. We appreciate all they are doing in this effort, so please give them a special thanks for taking on these additional responsibilities.

Hopefully, within a few weeks, we will have a new Church Secretary back in place and all activities will be back to normal (well as normal as they can be). Thanks for your patience during this transition period. It is not always easy to handle any transition; however, with everyone's continued prayer, we hope to make it through this one soon and everyone can continue with their regular responsibilities.

Thanks,

Administrative Team

Leaders: Ricky Watson and Paul Brown

Members: Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, David Hughes, Billie Faye Wilson, Joyce Creech (ex-officio)

## Sense of Humor

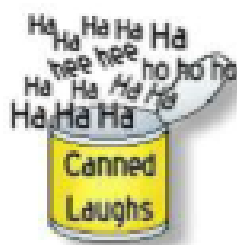
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Here's a dropout named Bobby and a super genius named Greg sitting on a bench waiting on a bus.

The genius gets bored, leans over to the dropout and says, "Hey, I'll tell you what, I'll ask you a question and if you don't know the answer you have to give me five bucks. If you ask me a question and I don't know the answer I have to give you 50 bucks."

The dropout says, "Alright, man."

The genius asks the dropout, "What is the Py-



thagorian Theory?"

The dropout replies, "I don't know." and hands the genius five bucks. "Okay," the dropout says, "What has three legs going up a hill and four legs going down?"

The genius thinks real hard and finally gives up. He hands the dropout 50 bucks then asks, "So, what is the answer?"

The dropout says, "I don't know." and hands the genius five bucks.

## Inspirational People-Anne Graham Lotz

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**Anne Graham Lotz** (born **Anne McCue Graham** May 21, 1948) is an American Christian evangelist. She is the second daughter of evangelist Billy Graham and his wife Ruth Graham. She founded AnGeL Ministries, and is the author of 11 books, of which her best known is Just Give Me Jesus.

Lotz was born Anne McCue Graham, in 1948 in Montreat, North Carolina. The Graham Family had settled near Ruth's parents in Montreat in what remains today as the Graham Family Home, Little Piney Cove. Ruth was often the single parent for months at a time to the five Graham children. Of her upbringing, Lotz says, "[My Father] was away almost full time. I was raised pretty much by single parents and grandparents, and then I didn't know any different." Lotz accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at the age of about eight years old after watching The King of Kings, a Cecil B. DeMille film. Lotz graduated from high school and shortly thereafter, married Dr. Daniel Lotz on September 9, 1966 at the age of 18. The young couple lived in Raleigh, North Carolina where Dr. Lotz was beginning his dental practice. She had her first child at the age of 20, with two more in the three years that followed, and she did not work outside her home. Anne says this was a hard time in her life saying: "Early in my marriage, I felt like I drifted from God just because I was busy – you know, small children, small house, all the business of being a housewife. But I sought God through the Scripture. That's when I got into the Bible myself."

In 1975, Anne heard about Bible Study Fellowship, a Bible class for women that used a highly structured study method, and wanted a class to be offered in her hometown of Raleigh. She waited for a year for someone else to teach the class, but when no one else did, she decided to teach the class herself. The class immediately filled up with 500 people and had a waiting list. Anne continued to teach the weekly class for 12 years. During this time, she began to receive many speaking invitations and in 1988, Lotz left BSF for an itinerant teaching ministry.

Upon leaving her BSF teaching class, Lotz founded AnGeL Ministries, a non-profit organization based in Raleigh, NC to undergird her ability to accept teaching invitations. Anne says the name "AnGeL Ministries" takes her initials "AGL" and adds the "n" and "e" to form the word "AnGeL" because "angels in the Bible were messengers of God, and they went where God sent them and they give the message you put on their heart, and I felt that describes what I do." In the early years of AnGeL Ministries, Anne accepted invitations to speak all over the world: at pastor's conferences, at women's conferences, and world evangelism conferences. By the year 2000, she felt her ministry taking a different direction.

Although as a female evangelist she's encountered some resistance from conservative Christians, her popularity is such that she draws large crowds across the world, and the New York Times in 1999 considered her one of the five most influential evangelists in the United States. In the late 1990s, though AnGeL Ministries was growing, Anne's personal life became very stressful. Within two years, a hurricane devastated their property, her husband's dental office burned to the ground, their son was diagnosed with cancer and went through major surgery and radiation, all three of her children got married within an eight-month period, and her mother's health was failing, requiring multiple hospitalizations. Once again, Anne turned to her study of Scripture for comfort. This time, she immersed herself in the Gospel of John and from that study, came her book Just Give Me Jesus.

Having experienced a personal revival herself as the result of her study of John, Anne felt called to begin offering Just Give Me Jesus revivals in major arenas, both domestically and internationally for women who also desired a renewing of their walk with God.

Though the revivals are aimed at teaching women, men are not turned away should they desire to come, and there is no admission charge for anyone. Over the course of 10 years, Anne has offered Just Give Me Jesus in 34 cities around the world, 11 of those internationally.

## Bible Reading Schedule

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Day 1	Act 1-3	Day 16	Joshua 19-21
Day 2	Acts 4-6	Day 17	Joshua 22-24
Day 3	Acts 7-9	Day 18	Romans 1-3
Day 4	Acts 10-12	Day 19	Romans 4-6
Day 5	Acts 13-15	Day 20	Romans 7-9
Day 6	Acts 16-18	Day 21	Romans 10-12
Day 7	Acts 19-21	Day 22	Romans 13-16
Day 8	Acts 22-24	Day 23	Judges 1-3
Day 9	Acts 25-28	Day 24	Judges 4-6
Day 10	Joshua 1-3	Day 25	Judges 7-9
Day 11	Joshua 4-6	Day 26	Judges 10-12
Day 12	Joshua 7-9	Day 27	Judges 13-15
Day 13	Joshua 10-12	Day 28	Judges 16-18
Day 14	Joshua 13-15	Day 29	Judges 19-21
Day 15	Joshua 16-18	Day 30	Ruth 1-2



## Inspirational People Continued-Anne Graham Lotz

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In addition to her itinerant teaching ministry, Lotz is author to 11 books, including her signature book, Just Give Me Jesus. She also wrote The Vision of His Glory, God's Story, and My Heart's Cry, and many other titles. Additionally, she produces daily radio messages, Daily Light for Daily Living, that are heard on more than 700 outlets worldwide.

Daniel Lotz, 78, Anne's husband, died on August 19, 2015. He was discovered unresponsive in their backyard swimming pool.

Though Lotz did not attend college and she has chosen to not pursue becoming an ordained minister, she has been awarded the following six honorary doctorates for her extensive work in the area of Bible study and exposition:

- Houghton College – Honorary Doctorate of Divinities
- King College – Honorary Doctorate of Humanities
- Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary – Honorary Doctorate of Divinities
- Dallas Baptist University – Honorary Doctorate of Humanities
- Seoul Women's University – Honorary Doctorate

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary – Honorary Doctorate of Divinity

Lotz has been awarded four Gold Medallion Book Awards from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association for excellence in Christian publications:

Anne Graham Lotz is an inspiration to all!

**(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)**

## Interesting Bible Facts

The Old Testament has 17 Historical, 5 Poetical, and 17 Prophetic books in it.

- **The 17 Historical Books are:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

- **The 5 Poetical Books are:** Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon,

**The 17 Prophetic Books are:** Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

 HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st	Taylor Cooke	13th	Amy Lewis
2nd	Ginger Preddy		Delores Renfrow
3rd	Josh Hunter	15th	Susan Adams
4th	Robert Earp		H.E. Edwards
	Hannah Greene	16th	Lynn Bailey
	Jennifer Pulley		Tina Creech
	Kathy Smith		Harold Richardson
	Frances Wong	18th	Bailey Gilmore
6th	Natalie Shirley	22nd	Dianne Baggett
7th	Alec Bergeron		Hannah Driver
	Samuel Morris		Jennene Faulkner
	Jackson Trippe	23rd	Sarah Ide
8th	Mike Adams		Lenore Strickland
	Lauren Lane	24th	Harrison Hughes
	Christy Moore	25th	Wayne Batten
9th	Chris Andrews		Jason Hayden
	Spencer Ragan	26th	Emma Harris
	June White	27th	Justin O'Neal
11th	Linda Lee	30th	Aaron Johnson
	Johnny Mack	31st	Crystal Baker
12th	Beverly Batten		



 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*April*

3rd	Scott & Tina Creech
8th	Steven & Nicole Carlyle
9th	Roy & Rose Pope
10th	Neal & Kathryn Batten
	Tony & Billie Fay Wilson
12th	Fred & Patsy Coates
22nd	Christopher & Christin Brown
25th	Jimmy Rex & Emma Harris



Regular Schedule of Ministry Opportunities:

**Sunday** 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Regular Worship

**Wednesday** 6:30-7:15pm Youth Meet  
 6:30-7:15pm RA's, GA's & Mission Friends  
 6:30-7:15pm Adult Bible Study  
 7:15pm Adult Choir Practice

**BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH**

**April 2016**

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Regular Schedule Communion <b>1-5pm</b> FMC RSVD- Patsy Coates	4 <b>6:30pm</b> Baptist Men <b>7pm</b> Kay Nowell BW	5 <b>10am</b> Triple L/ prepare meal	6 Regular Schedule	7	8 <b>11am-7pm</b> BBQ	9	
10 Regular Schedule Movie "God's Not Dead" after worship <b>7pm</b> Pastor Glen at Robinwood	11 <b>7pm</b> Leadership Tim Mig	12 <b>10am</b> Judy Strick- land prayer group	13	14	15	16 <b>7am-1pm</b> Youth Yard Sale	
17 Regular Schedule	18 <b>1pm</b> Vera Hocutt Circle at <b>7pm</b> Administrative Tim Mig	19 <b>10am</b> Triple L- fun/games/out to eat <b>7pm</b> Levada Driver BW at Carol Bailey's	20 <b>6:30pm</b> Church Conference	21	22	23	
24 Regular Schedule	25 <b>7pm</b> Deacons Mtg	26	27	28	29	30	
		Sr. Adults at Myrtle Beach					

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## Youth Happenings

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It's hard to believe that April is already here and we are gearing up for camp, in just a couple months! We are grateful for the love and support our church family and friends have already shown us this year. We are preparing for our upcoming fundraiser on **Saturday, April 16th**. Our youth yard sale/bake sale/hotdog lunch fundraiser will be from **7:00-1:00**.

Thank you to those of you who have already donated items for this event. We will continue to accept items until Wednesday, April 13th so we can organize and prepare all items! Also, if you are willing and able to donate whole or sliced/individual bake sale items please see me and let me know! Thank you so much again for your help with this event. We are looking forward to a great day of fun and fellowship!

### **Sunday School & Bible Study**

In our Sunday school department we have started 2 new studies. The girls class is looking at "*A Young Woman After God's Own Heart*" by Elizabeth George. Here they are learning what God has to say about friends, faith, family, and their future. The boys

class are studying "*A Young Man After God's Own Heart*" which focuses on the adventure and challenges of becoming a Godly man. I would like to take a moment to thank Glenn Bunn, Bobby Sellers, Dana Hocutt, and Christin Brown for partnering with me and being willing to help out with our youth Sunday School. I really appreciate all you do to help serve our youth!

On Wednesday nights we have started a study about "Friends & Peer Pressure". Here we are examining how to become a stand-strong, clear-headed teen who is fearless of making healthy, positive choices even if it means going against the flow. We are examining the challenges and pressures of growing up and choosing appropriate and Godly friendships.

We thank you all for your continued prayers and support of our youth and youth team!

God Bless,

Carrie