



From the Pastor's Desk

The month of May is one of my favorite times of the year. Since 1973, May has been the month that I began to enjoy being me. For as long as I can remember, I have been painfully shy and would go to great lengths to avoid interpersonal contact with strangers. Early in the month of May, in 1973, one of my classmates, a girl, was having a birthday party dance and she invited me to attend. It was a mystery to me why she asked me and it was equally challenging to think that I might go. What would I do? Would I stand along the wall with all of the other shy folk or would I make a fool of myself? Not being one to hurt anyone's feeling, at least on purpose, I said yes. The Saturday night "torture time" was approaching and I became more and more anxious about this experience. What if a girl asks me to dance? What if no one asks? Oh yeah, I don't know how to dance! The days, and especially the nights were agonizing. This party was the talk of the school and listening to the "cool" kids talk about dancing "slow" gave me a stomach ache. How was I going to survive this? All I could think about was this incredibly stupid thing that I had done; I said yes!

Well, the night arrived. I had Mama press my pants and shirt and I polished my shoes; at least I would look the part, anyway. That was the longest day I had ever lived and when my friend knocked on our door, I was committed. Kenny said, "Let's go, we don't want to be late." So, off we went, walking to Cheryl's house. My feet were as heavy as concrete blocks and my mind was cluttered with doubt, worry and fear! Why am I doing this? What a dummy! We were greeted by Cheryl's Mom and Dad, given a simple set of instructions and then told to "have a good time." Yeah, sure! My friend Kenny, who never met a stranger, quickly became the life of the party. The music was loud and the food was amazing and I was a mess. I began to notice that I wasn't the only one "hugging" the wall. There were guys that I thought were "hip", just standing around. Then it happened, my fears were realized; a girl, a tall girl, a pretty, tall girl asked me to dance

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Memory Verse



"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalm 27:1 (KJV)

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Food For Thought

The Creator created people, gave to them words for communication and thinking, settled them in the fertile valley at the foot of the mountains, gave them longevity and started to observe, how they will aspire to the development.

The time has passed, but people did not develop. They did not go beyond their village and did not climb up the mountains. Their eyes did not look at the sky and did not look in the Heart.

So they became old. The Creator decided to find out, what was the matter.

He became a man and came to them as a traveler. Before sunset people gathered at the square to talk with the traveler. He described for them a life beyond the horizon and suggested:

– Do you want me to lead you there, and you will see how people live in these places?

— Oh, — they answered sadly, — it is late, we became old ...

– Then come with me to the mountains to look at the world from the top!

— Oh, — they suspired, — it is too late, we have no energy ...

— Look at the sky, — the traveler said them, — and I

will tell you about the life in the Kingdom of Heaven!

They answered again:

— It is late; our mind will not understand your story

...

The traveler became sad. He decided to cheer people.

— Let's sing a song! — he said and was going to sing first, but people noticed that the sun went down.

— It is late, — they said, — it is time to sleep... —

and went to their huts. The traveler shouted them:

— People, when life is continuous and infinite, it is not late for any achievements!

But they did not turn back. Then the Creator told himself:

— I will take away all words of limitation from people: “late”, “not”, “impossible”, “far”, “high”, “hard”, “will not understand”, and will place in their hearts the joy of infinity. Maybe they will perceive my Law: nothing is late, because there is no end, there is only the beginning! He did so and waited for the morning: will people change and will they go with him to the mountains?

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From the Pastor's Desk, Continued

with her. My life, although short, flashed before my eyes as I stumbled for words. She took me by the hand and hauled me out onto the dance floor. I was satisfied that I was going to die! What would these people think? How am I going to survive this humiliation? I quickly scanned the dance floor to find one guy that seemed to know what to do and copy him. Wouldn't you know it, it was Kenny. He was twisting and jerking around as if he was having a fit. So, I did exactly like Kenny! Guess what? I began to focus on my partner, and she was actually no better dancer than me. Wait a minute! Am I having fun? Could it be that all of the worry and stress was for nothing? To make a long story short, I did dance with many girls that night (most were taller than me, go figure), and that dance, that time, that night, helped me to understand the scripture that tells us to, not be anxious! What a waste of energy and time I was involved in.

From that night on, I realized that all of us have fears and dreads, yet when we are grounded in faith and are walking with Jesus, our fears and anxiety should no longer dominate our lives. You see, when our faith increases, our doubts and fears decrease! Remember the scripture: *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

Are you a worrier? Do you realize that most of what you worry about will never happen? I challenge you to “walk in faith” and claim His promises!

Remember... THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

From the Administrative Team

This month we continue with explanation of the responsibilities of the Administrative Team by reviewing The Administrative Team's responsibility to recommend the salaries of the Church Staff. This includes the Pastor, the Youth Director, and the Church Secretary. Once the salaries are decided, the proposed salaries are included in the annual Church Budget which is submitted for Church approval during the December Church Conference.

Pastor Salary – The Administrative Team works with the Deacons to establish the Pastor's salary, since they are responsible to perform the annual evaluation of the Pastor. The Administrative Team also researches salaries of other pastors within North Carolina, using the size of the Church, annual budget of the Churches, and average attendance. Lifeway compiles this data from churches all over the state and prepares a report. This report is available to churches that input their data into their database. By searching that information, we can determine if our Pastor's salary is comparable to churches similar to us. Then, with the recommendation of the Deacons and comparison to other churches, we determine the proposed salary that we recommend for our Pastor. This recommendation is in the annual budget proposal.

Youth Director – The Administrative Team determines the Youth Director's salary in a similar manner as with the Pastor. They

work with the Pastor and the Deacons to establish the proposed salary of the Youth Director. Additionally, the same Lifeway database is utilized to evaluate the salary based on other Youth Directors throughout North Carolina. Again, by doing this, we can make sure that our salaries are comparable to those within the state.

Church Secretary – The Administrative Team also uses the Lifeway database to evaluate other church's secretary salaries and consults with both the Pastor and the Deacon's to derive the proposed salary. It is usually based on a recommended increase from the Deacons and the Pastor and then compared with other church secretaries throughout the state.

Again, by comparing our staff salaries with others within our state, we can make sure that we are competitive with other churches as well as maintaining the salaries within an acceptable level.

We hope this continued effort to explain the duties of the Administrative Team helps you understand better what the Administrative Team does for the Church. And as always, if you have any questions, comments, or recommendations for the Administrative Team, please feel free to contact any member concerning any of these items. Next month we will detail the Administrative Team's role in compiling other Ministry Teams' budget requests into the annual Church Budget.

The Missions Team

A big Thank You to everyone for the great support shown during our annual BBQ. No part was too small, from selling tickets to the very last detail of clean up. This was a wonderful yet exhausting day of fun Christian fellowship and we hope that you enjoyed the day with your church family. Our profit total right now is \$14,753.60.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering has been a missions focus since the latter part of March and we closed out that offering

the end of April. Thank you for the prayers and support of this special offering that supports missionaries in the US and Canada.



The children headed the campaign to collect paper & pantry items for The Kennedy Home Food/Supply Roundup. A total of 83 items was collected and delivered. Congratulations Mission Friends, RA's, & GA's for a job well done!

Youth Happenings

YOUTH REMINDERS...

The last \$50 deposit for youth camp in Myrtle Beach is due **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, May 3rd. Please make checks payable to BTC.

YOUTH SPONSORED MOVIE NIGHT

As a thank you to our church family for your outstanding support of our youth program this year we are holding a youth sponsored movie night!! This will take place on **Friday, May 29th @7:00 p.m.** We have several movies in mind, but will announce soon what we will be showing! We will again serve popcorn, snacks, and drinks. This is youth sponsored and **NOT** a fundraiser so please come and enjoy yourselves!



PRAYER REMINDERS...

Please continue to keep our youth and leaders in your prayers as camp is quickly approaching! I truly believe that God is going to do some great things while we are there. Pray for our travels, for safety as we serve and minister to others, and for God to open all hearts and minds in a mighty way! Thank you all!

God Bless,
Carrie

Mother's Day Offering

Our missions focus for the month of May is the NC Baptist Hospital, Mother's Day Offering. God's love is giving hope and changing lives through the Mother's Day Offering! The gifts of North Carolina Baptists help patients in serious financial need at NC Baptist Hospital (Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center) pay their hospital bills in the name of Jesus Christ and His love. The experience of such compassion draws them closer to the heart of Christ.

How is my gift used? Every dollar you give helps patients in need pay their hospital bills in the name of Jesus Christ. They are hardworking people

who face overwhelming financial crises because of serious illness. They have too much to qualify for government assistance or charity care-but not nearly enough to pay their hospital bills. They are carefully screened by financial counselors.

Who decides the amount to give? A group of NC Baptist ministers and laypersons prayerfully determine how much assistance to provide, from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand per patient.

Prayer guides and envelopes will be available beginning Sunday, May 3rd. Please prayerfully consider your gift. Our goal is set at \$1200.



Sense of Humor

A man from the back mountains of Tennessee found himself one day in a large city, for the first time standing outside an elevator. He watched as an old, haggard woman hobbled on, and the doors closed. A few minutes later the doors opened and a young, attractive woman marched smartly off.



The father hollered to his youngest son, "Billy, run git yu mama."

Bible Reading Schedule

May 1	Ruth 3-4	May 16	1 Samuel 28-31
May 2	1 Corinthians 1-3	May 17	2 Corinthians 1-3
May 3	1 Corinthians 4-6	May 18	2 Corinthians 4-6
May 4	1 Corinthians 7-9	May 19	2 Corinthians 7-9
May 5	1 Corinthians 10-12	May 20	2 Corinthians 10-13
May 6	1 Corinthians 13-16	May 21	2 Samuel 1-3
May 7	1 Samuel 1-3	May 22	2 Samuel 4-6
May 8	1 Samuel 4-6	May 23	2 Samuel 7-9
May 9	1 Samuel 7-9	May 24	2 Samuel 10-12
May 10	1 Samuel 10-12	May 25	2 Samuel 13-15
May 11	1 Samuel 13-15	May 26	2 Samuel 16-18
May 12	1 Samuel 16-18	May 27	2 Samuel 19-21
May 13	1 Samuel 19-21	May 28	2 Samuel 22-24
May 14	1 Samuel 22-24	May 29	Galatians 1-3
May 15	1 Samuel 25-27	May 30	Galatians 4-6
		May 31	1 Kings 1-3

Bible Character-James, the Elder

James, also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater was born in Galilee. He was one of the Twelve Apostles, distinguished as being in Jesus' innermost circle and the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament (Acts 12:2). James and his younger brother, the apostle John, are designated "sons of thunder" (Mark 3:17), perhaps because of their characteristic fiery zeal (Mark 9:38, Luke 9:54). With Peter and Andrew, James and John were the first four disciples whom Jesus called (Mark 1:16-19) and whose question ("Tell us, when will this [the end of time] be, and what will be the sign when these things are all to be accomplished?") sparks Jesus' eschatological discourse in Mark 13. As a member of the inner circle, James witnessed the raising of Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:37, Luke 8:51), the Transfiguration (Mark 9:2), and Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:33, Matthew 26:37). James and John asked Jesus to let them sit, one at his right and one at his left, in his future glory

(Mark 10:35-40), a favour that Jesus said was not His to grant. James was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa I of Judaea; according to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, where his shrine attracts pilgrims from all over the world, even today. (Encyclopedia Britannica)

Interesting Bible Facts-Words

In the Old Testament: 592,439 words

In the New Testament: 181,253 words

Complete Bible: 773, 692 words

Longest word in the Bible (18 letters): Maher-shalal-hash-baz (Isaiah 8:1)

Words occurring only once in the Bible: eternity (Isaiah 57:15); grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5); gnat (Matthew 23:24)

Fabulous Fellowship

As our busiest days are behind us, we pray everyone enjoyed all the delicious food and fellowship. It has been a great year and we appreciate all the time spent with us celebrating. Please continue to pray about our Wednesday night meals. I know I have missed the time together. We hope some groups will feel led to begin serving in September.

God Bless You– The Fellowship Team

Notable Quote

“The middle of the road is a poor place to walk. It is a poor place to drive. It is a poor place to live.”

-Vance Havner



2nd	Faye Creech	17th	Montana Jackson
	Shannon Melvin	18th	Tim Bailey
6th	Kenneth Bunn		Steve White
7th	Joey Renfrow	21st	Jerry Lee
8th	Cathy Sasser	22nd	Jack Bunn
9th	Robert Edwards		Stan Pruden
	Jake Strickland	25th	Scott Creech
12th	Tony Wilson	26th	Ryan Alford
13th	Nicolas Earp		Nicholas Carlyle
	Jessica Pulley	28th	Hayden McCall Liggins
14th	Walt Dillon	29th	Delanie Gilmore
	Tommy Moore		Larry Price
	Rose Pope	30th	Nicholas Stevens
15th	Sonja Lee		
16th	Zachary Adams		
	Michael Brown		



May

3rd	Randy & Joyce Creech
	Wayne & Clara Hocutt
4th	Gerald & Charlene Price
9th	Tommy & Christy Moore
11th	Bruce & Cheryl Whitley
12th	William & Erin Bell
	Steve & June White
18th	Sean & Shannon Melvin
20th	Ricky & Joan Watson
23rd	Richard & Phyllis Langston
24th	Alton & Charle' Johnson
25th	Jackie & Joan Hunter
26th	Ricky & Susan Andrews
	Ray & Allette Hale
30th	Craig & Wanda Custer



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

May 2015

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 FMC & Sanct. RSVD-Pam Earp	2 FMC & Sanct. RSVD-Pam Earp
3 Regular Schedule	4 6:30pm Baptist Men 7pm Kay Nowell BW at Sandra Weathers'		5 10am -Triple L-prepare meal	6 Regular Schedule	7	8	9
10 Regular Schedule 7pm Pastor Glen at Robinwood <i>Nowell's Day</i>	11 7pm Leadership Trm Mtg	12 10am Prayer Time in the Sanct.	13 Regular Schedule	14 5-8pm Ed Bldg RSV-D-Ken Nowell Hunter Safety	15 5-8pm Ed Bldg RSV-D-Ken Nowell Hunter Safety	16	
17 Regular Schedule	18 1pm Vera Hocutt Circle at 7pm Admin Trm Mtg	19 10am Prayer Time in the Sanct. 7pm LDBW at Franceline Price's	20 Regular Schedule	21	22	23	
24 Regular Schedule	25 Office Closed 	26 10am Prayer Time in the Sanct. 7pm Deacons Mtg	27 Regular Schedule No Choir	28	29 7pm FMC-Youth sponsored Movie Night	30	
31 Regular Schedule							

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Let every day be Mother's Day.
Make roses grow along the way
And beauty everywhere.
Oh, never let her eyes be wet
With tears of sorrow and regret,
And never cease to care.
Come, grown-up children, and rejoice
That you can hear your mother's voice.

A day for her? For you she gave
Long years of love and service brave,
For you her youth was spent.
There was no weight or hurt or care
Too heavy for her strength to bear?
She followed where you went;
Her courage and her love sublime
You could depend on all the time.

-Unknown



Happy Mother's Day

