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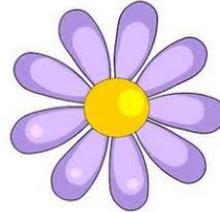
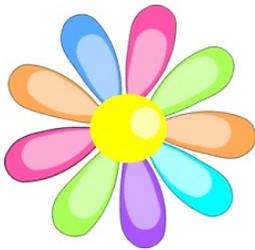
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Proverbs 31:28

Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:



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Pastor,  
Dr. Andy DeWitt

Dear Church Family:

Most people are on a quest. The quest is to discover and experience happiness. Some people believe that wealth is the path to true happiness. To those who lack wealth, this certainly seems the case. Surely the “Rich and Famous” have it made. They appear so happy, so content. The Lottery industry paints images of people who win and live their dreams. Surely money, lots of money, can cure every problem. This is; however, an illusion. Mel Gibson confides that when he was at the height of his fame, is when he was the most discontented; even to the point of considering suicide.

Others believe that accumulating “things” is the answer. This, too, seems reasonable. It is fun to get something that you have long and pined for—surely it will result in immeasurable happiness. But, it happens all the time—people finally get what they have longed for only to discover that the joy of the new thing is like a vapor, it lasts for a while; only a short while and it’s gone. Happiness slides away.

King Solomon attempted to find happiness and meaning in the pursuit of wealth, possessions, and even pleasure and discovered that finding true happiness in these pursuits is a fantasy that never comes true (You can read about Solomon’s quest for happiness and meaning in life in his journal titled Ecclesiastes.).

Jesus, on the other hand, tells us exactly how to discover and experience happiness and meaning in life. It sounds strange to the natural ear, but to those who know Jesus personally, it makes perfect, logical sense. “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33, NASB). This is shocking to most people—happiness and meaning are found in prioritizing, that is, placing God and His objectives as foremost in one’s life. Then, it is discovered, that happiness and meaning are the byproducts of seeking God first. If you seek happiness first, you will never experience it like the Bible promises.

Consider the following: “Setting out from Bannock, Montana in search of gold, a group of prospectors went through hardships. Several of their company died en route. They were overtaken by Indians who took their good horses. Discouraged, the prospectors sought to make their way back to Bannock.

“As they journeyed back, one of them casually picked up a little stone from the creek-bed. Upon cracking the rock with a hammer, he declared, ‘There may be gold here.’

“The company panned gold in the same creek and realized fifty dollars—a great sum in those days. They said: ‘We have struck it rich!’

“Making their way to Bannock, they vowed not to breathe a word concerning this gold strike—and they kept their word. Quietly they equipped themselves with supplies for another prospecting trip. But when they were ready to go back, three hundred men followed them. Who had told on them? No one! The writer of the book accounted this for the incident: ‘Their beaming faces betrayed the secret!’”

You suspect what my conclusion is: if prospectors were joyous about discovering gold, how much more should we rejoice in finding the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords? Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full” (John 15:11, NASB).

In His Abundant Grace,  
Andy

Associate Pastor,  
Jon Bell

## CALLED TO SERVE

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” 34 But they were silent, because on the way they had been arguing with one another about who was the greatest. 35 Sitting down, he called the Twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be last and servant of all.” — Mark 9:33-35

On more than one occasion I have been welcomed into the home of a believing family in a third world country. The people I came to try to help would welcome me with opened arms. I would enter their home, typically made out of stacked blocks or mud and straw, with leftover tin as a roof. They would have me sit and then begin serving me everything at their disposal. They would send someone to the store, spending the little money they had so I could have clean water or a coke to drink. Then they would prepare one of the few chickens they had so I could have a meal while I was with them. They would go out of their way to care for me, and they did it because they wanted to serve.

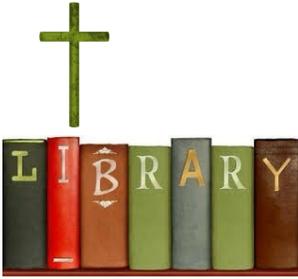
These experiences are among the most humbling experiences I have ever had. I came to serve, but instead I was served. The people in these homes will, in my heart, always rank higher than anyone with an abundance who serves so they can proclaim their wealth and/or service. Their servant hearts help me want to be a better servant and show me that the goat, clean water well, bicycle, or teaching I have sought to provide them all pale in comparison to what it means to truly serve someone with everything you have.

Our Lord has given us a new life so we will serve Him with all we have. In the chapter preceding this text, Christ asked His followers to take up their cross daily and follow Him. He asks us to serve Him in the same way He has served us. In the passage immediately before this one, our Lord tells His disciples for the second time what He came to do, and how He has offered us the greatest act of service ever. The Lord of all the universe humbled Himself not only to the point of becoming one of His created, but He also chose to die for His created so that through His resurrection we could live eternally in the light of His glorious grace. He is the true servant to all. He truly is the greatest of all. He is our example to follow.

My prayer is that we will serve our Lord with all we have, by showing to others the same love He has shown us. May we praise Him with each act of service, and seek that only He be glorified.

### Questions

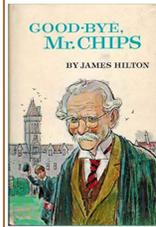
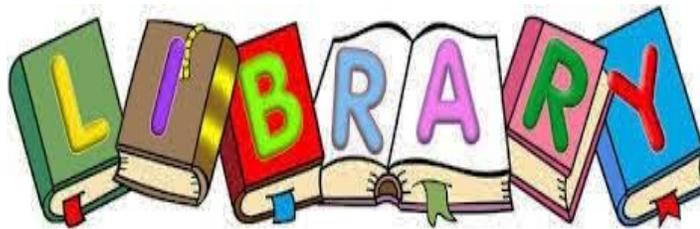
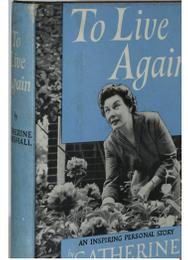
1. How can I serve my Lord today?
2. How can I show Jesus to someone through an act of service today?



Your Librarian  
Sharon Dennis

If you are going to do something well, be sure its something that needs to be done. Find out by asking if what I am doing will bring glory to God.

For more than forty years *To Live Again* has been treasured by readers as a true story of divine comfort, human love, and spiritual adventure. It's the intimate account of Catherine Marshall's triumph of faith over grief and love over loneliness. Catherine candidly shares the frustrations, anger, confusion, and "soreness of heart" that she experienced after the death of her husband, Peter. As a young widow and single mother, she felt so vulnerable without love, strength, or financial resources. Yet she confronted her grief with a powerful faith in the goodness of God, and her journey provides inspiring answers for those wrestling with loss, as well as for everyone who seeks to live with wisdom and courage.



Mr. Chipping, the classics master at Brookfield School since 1870, takes readers on a beguiling journey through the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Sometimes Chips, as he is affectionately known, is an old man who dreams by the fire; then he's a difficult young taskmaster schooling his students, or a middle-aged man encountering the lovely Katherine, whose "new woman" opinions work far-reaching changes in him. As succeeding generations of boys march onward through Chips' mind, Hilton's narrative remains masterful. He seamlessly interweaves a poignant love story with the jokes and eccentricities of English public school life, while also chronicling a new, uncertain world full of conflict and upheaval that extends far beyond the turrets of Brookfield.



*At our April monthly meeting , twenty-one ladies including three young ones enjoyed an evening of food, fellowship and mission involvement. We welcomed a guest, Marlene Hilger and we appreciate her participation in our mission projects.*

*Our May meeting will be Monday, May 6th at 6:00 PM. In the Fellowship Hall. The ladies will each be bringing their favorite salad to share with the group. May is the month in which we promote the Mother's Day Offering and our goal this year is \$1,000. This offering helps support the ministries at Carmi Children's Home, Angle's Cove and provides opportunity for those individuals seeking needed counseling. Beth Hoffman, a councilor will be sharing with us during the worship service on Sunday, April 28th about how her role in this ministry.*

# Announcements/Poems

**"Power Packs" is a ministry of the Salem Ministerial Alliance that provides food for children that might otherwise go without on weekends during the school year. The cost is \$85 per student per school year. If you would like to sponsor a child, please make checks payable to the Salem Ministerial Alliance. Thank you for prayerfully considering this need.**



Thank You

I can only attempt to express the heart felt thanks to everyone at First Baptist who served in so many ways during the memorial service for Ranae Helpingstine. Thank you fro opening your hearts to me and my family. Your Christian love and Kindness is deeply appreciated. Thank you for showing the love of Jesus to me and my family in our deepest need.

In Christ's Love,  
Gale Helpingstine & Family

## The Meanest Mother In The World

We had the meanest mother in the whole world!  
While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast .  
When others had cokes and candy for lunch, we had to eat  
Sandwiches. And you can guess, our dinner was different from all other kid's too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang.  
She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing.

She insisted that if we said we would be gone an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.  
We are ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work! We had to wash dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, and all sorts of cruel things.

I believe she lay awake nights thinking of mean things to do to us.  
She always insisted on our telling the truth– the whole truth, and nothing but the truth . By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser and our lives became even rougher.

None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us.

Oh, I forgot to mention: while our friends where dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, our old-fashioned mother refused to let us date until we were 15 and 16.

Our mother was a complete failure as a mother, None of us has ever been arrested. And who do we have to blame for this terrible way we turned out ? You're right! Our mean mother!

Look at all the things we missed. We never got to take part in a riot, smoke pot, get drunk, or a million and one things our friends did. She made us grow up into  
God-fearing ,educated, honest adults.

Maybe that's what's wrong with the world. There just aren't enough mean mothers these days!

(-Anonymous Quoted by Orien Fifer in Phoenix Gazette)

## "Let Me Be a Blessing"

Forever longing to be free,  
To hear your voice so sweet...  
To be a blessing in the world  
To others that I meet.  
To kiss the face of a crying child  
And know it's you I see...  
Giving, caring, everyday-  
Lord work your way in me .  
To soften someone else's steps,  
To know its not by chance...  
That only you prepare the way  
And from each circumstance.

By: Carrie Braden



## "As Child to Father"

As child to father  
I come to you  
Seeking your love and help  
I cannot make it on my own

You're always with me  
There is no searching,  
No waiting  
You are ever so near

Throughout life's laughter and tears  
Highs and lows  
You can fit everything  
Into a pattern for good

I call to you  
Pour out my heart  
Ask your forgiveness  
Leave it there

Never to be recalled again

The joy of knowing you  
Excels all earthly pleasures  
Help me to share this with others

I speak as a child to father, my heavenly father

*BY Bev Smith*



WELCOME  
TO  
OUR CHURCH



REMEMBER TO  
PRAY FOR



DATE	GREETER	ON CALL	SECURITY
May 5	Ronnie Donoho	Gary Watson	Ken Smith
May 12	Roy Rodgers	Myron Lloyd	Gerald Purcell
May 19	Tyler Lux	Dale Helpingstine	Ronnie Donoho
May 26	Greg Strother	Jon Wieldt	Gary Watson
June 2	Gerald Purcell	Roy Rodgers	Tyler Lux

DATE	BUTTERFLIES	LADY BUGS
May 5	P & G Hampton	A. Hardcastle
May 12	L. Bell / E. Dice	T. Huffine / E. DeWitt
May 19	Susan Murfin	U. Smith / S. Peradotti
May 26	J. Watson	S. Dennis / D. Bundy
June 2	P & G Hampton	A. Hardcastle

DATE	TEACHER	LESSON
May 5	Deanna Buerster	Angry Words– Don't Be A Pig
May 12	NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH	NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
May 19	Deanna Buerster	Angry Words– Ruffle Some Feathers
May 26	Kay & Roy Rodgers	Angry Words– Use Your Slingshot
June 2	Deanna Buerster	Angry Words– Kind Words

North Entry	East Entry	South Entry	Welcome Center	Head Greeter
Seth & Danelle Sands	Sharon Dennis, Carol Creed & Carrie Braden	Darrell McGrew	Lois McGrew	Carrie Braden

DATE	VOLUNTEER	PIANIST
May 5	Dallas Bundy	Lynette Wiedle
May 12	Roy Rodgers	Judy Bundy
May 19	Sheila Burgess	Neva Isett
May 26	Sharon Dennis	Kathy King
June 2	Steve Smith SSDir.	Lynette Wiedle

**MANOR AT SALEM WOODS—441 HOTZE RD, SALEM:**  
Faye Wood #103

**Twin Willows—1600 N Broadway:**  
Donna Shoemaker

**Odin Care Center 300 Green St.:**  
Earline Kohrig

**Doctors Nursing Home 1201 Hawthorn Rd:**  
Sadie Word Room 302 Bed #1

KAIDEN'S HELPERS	
May 5	Tyler Lux
May 12	Karen Watson
May 19	Vernon Wiedle
May 26	Janet Smith
June 2	Tyler Lux

# Deacons

If you don't have time to **pray & read scriptures**, you're busier than **God** intended you to be.

[www.gregstrotherdeacons.com](http://www.gregstrotherdeacons.com)

## GREG STROTHER, DEACON CHAIRMAN

### FAITH IN PRAYER

God is always faithful. Our faith must be in Him. And be thankful for Christ, His Son and Savior as He gave Himself for all of us, His livelihood given on the cross. (It was good to have another special beginning in Easter with our church family.) Also, please don't forget the faithfulness of the humble and sweet Holy Spirit.

Our faithfulness shows as faith in communication with God in prayer. It's a personal encounter with our heavenly Father. Are we all really needy people? Truly this is so. But a promise in Paul's writing in God's Word: Phil 4:19 says, "And my God will meet all your needs according to His riches in heaven."

Trials and temptations may come, but the Words of God are always true.

And again, sharing Paul's words to the Philippians 4:8, "Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think about such things,"

Truly, may we look forward to Praising God together in worship, Bible study and prayer.

He is Worthy,  
Greg

## Prayer



## Awana News!

**Awana 2018-2019 is ending the year at full speed and grateful for all God has done this year!**

### **Our March Mission Project was Feed the Children Worldwide.**

Awana clubbers and leaders filled, weighed, sealed and boxed 1,080 food packages, which is a triple packing.

This provides enough food for 6,480 meals to children all over the world. **Great Job Clubbers!**



**A MASSIVE  
THANK  
YOU**

**Awana Leaders/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00**

**FBC Fellowship Hall**

**Please RSVP the Church Office by 3:00 Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

# MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		31.  6:00PM Training Night	1  6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM Prayer  Chicken Celery Casserole with Potatoes	2 7:00PM Men's Event Kingdom Men Rising  12:00PM Court House Lawn. In the case of rain it will be moved to The Methodist Church  National Day Of Prayer	3	4
5 10:45AM Dixie Echoes 4:00PM Church Council 5:00PM AWANA Appreciation Dinner	6 6:00AM Morning Prayer  6:00PM WMU	7	8 3:00PM Franklin Park Mentor Program 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM Prayer 7:00PM Deacons Meeting  Inside Out Peppers with Potatoes	9  6:30PM Wee Learn & Play Graduation	10	11
 Mother's Day Offering Pregnancy Care Center Baby Bottle Pick up Lord's Supper  Happy Mother's Day	13	14	15 8:30AM Trustees Meeting 3:00PM Franklin Park Mentor Program 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM Prayer	16	17	 Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22 3:00PM Franklin Park Mentor Program 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM Prayer  Baked Spaghetti & Salad	23	24	25
26	 Memorial Day	28	29 3:00PM Franklin Park Mentor Program 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM Prayer  Ham & Cheese Casserole with Potatoes	30	31	



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|--------|---------------|--------|--------------------|
| May 1  | Tara DeWitt   | May 16 | Robert "Leon" Tate |
| May 2  | Kathleen King | May 17 | Andrew Howard      |
| May 2  | Aaron Watson  | May 18 | Beulah Lupkey      |
| May 7  | Wanda Keele   | May 18 | Dorothy Schaubert  |
| May 7  | Mark Tabor    | May 21 | Shirley Garden     |
| May 8  | Calvin Albert | May 28 | Anson Meador       |
| May 11 | Katie Shelton | May 29 | Neva Isett         |
| May 11 | Jan Womack    | May 29 | Lauryn Shelton     |
| May 12 | Ashley Brooks | May 30 | Bonnie Becker      |



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**Join Us . . .**

**Sundays**

**8:30 –9:20 AM**

**In the  
Fellowship Hall**

**We serve bagels with  
cream cheese, donuts,  
fresh fruit, coffee, juice  
and milk.**

### ***Our Vision***

The vision of Salem First Baptist Church is to become a growing family  
Of committed believers with an increasing

- Passion for God
- Passion for People
- Passion to Serve

#### **Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday 9:00 to 4:00

Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch

Friday 9:00—12:00 Noon

Closed Friday after noon

#### **Sunday Morning and Evening**

- 8:30—9:20 AM Café Agape - Donuts & Coffee
- 9:00—9:30 AM Media Center Open
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:40 AM Nursing Home Ministry
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship
- 5:00—7:00 PM AWANA (Fall—Spring)  
Youth

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

Dr. Andy DeWitt	Pastor
Jon Bell	Associate Pastor
Rick Meador	Financial Secretary
Danelle Sands	Secretary
Kevin Keele	Maintenance and Security
Candace Howard	Custodian
Judy Bundy	Organist
Joyce Scrivner	Pianist
Deanna Buerster	Minister to Children

#### **Wednesday Evening**

- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper  
(Fall-Spring)
- 5:00 PM Women's Chronological Bible Study
- 5:30—6:00 PM Media Center Open
- 6:00—7:00 PM Adult Bible Study  
3D Youth, Praise Team-  
Rehearsal, Nursery  
CIA, Mission Friends (Fall-Spring)