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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
 P.O. BOX 85  
 NINETY SIX, SC 29666



**LIFELINE MINISTRIES  
 FOOD PANTRY**  
 Open Each Monday, 2:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

**MAY**

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Eileen Huffman, Gail Reid, Sue Jacobsen
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Clara Able, Sherry Call, Sue Jacobsen, Peggy LaCons
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Celeste Hill, Ila Stephens, Sandra & Danny McCormack
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Clara Able, Diane Bryan, Sue Jacobsen, Peggy LaCons

During the month of April Lifeline Ministries served  
 28 families representing 66 individuals.

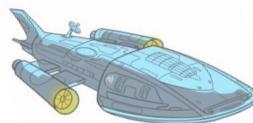
**MAY NEEDED ITEM: CANNED FRUIT**  
 Lifeline Ministries is open each Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to serve the 96 community. If you know of a family that is in need of food and they cannot wait until Monday to be served, please call the church office 543-2333 and we will make sure someone serves them.



**First Baptist Church**  
 Ninety Six, SC 543-2333  
[www.fbc96.org](http://www.fbc96.org)

Chuck Sprouse, Pastor  
 Michael How, Student Pastor  
 Iris Riddle, Music Director / Adm. Assistant  
 Linda Womack, Secretary

The News..... May 2018



# STAR QUEST

**Search for the  
 Stolen Scriptures**

**A Scripture Memory Musical for Kids**  
 Created by Christy Semsen  
 Arranged by Daniel Semsen

**SUNDAY, MAY 27th**  
**6:00 PM**  
**MPB**



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|---|---|
| 2 - Caleb Clark   | 16 - Ricky Able,<br>Monia Gragg,                        |
| 6 - Bryan Roller,<br>Shannon Williams   | Blaize McGinnis   |
| 7 - Blair Benjamin,<br>Coltley Anne Gibert,<br>Jack Roberts,<br>Blake Roller,<br>Corey Williams | 18 - Jenny Barbee,<br>Elizabeth Hunt                    |
| 8 - Amanda Johnson  | 18- Chuck Sprouse                                       |
| 9 - Kate Timms  | 19 - Mary Gardner                                       |
| 10 - Victoria Hunt  | 20 - Susan Jacobsen<br>Matthew Walton<br>Larry Wightman |
| 11 - Phil Hodgens   | 24 - Vicki Reese  |
| 12 - Becky Eddy,<br>Susan Morris,<br>Ken Polatty,<br>Jeff Sargent                               | 25 - Ethel Banks  |
| 14 - Will Clegg   | 28 - Mary Price Burch                                   |
| 15 - Judy Ouzts   | 29 - Tina Price   |
|   | 31 - Joi Kyzer,<br>Lee Terry,<br>Jennifer Williams      |



The SonShiners will have their regular monthly covered dish luncheon on Tuesday, May 1st at 11:00 am.



Allan, Cheryl, Mitchell, Jacob and Corrine Stiles  
 By Baptism



**PRAYER WARRIOR SCHEDULE**  
**MAY**

- |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 6 - Barbara Clark | 20 - Lisa / Kyle Neal |
| 13 - Wade Harter  | 27 - Alisa Smith      |

**Regular Sunday Services:**

8:00 AM / 9:15 AM Prayer Times  
 8:15 AM Worship  
 9:30 AM Sunday School  
 10:45 AM Worship  
 5:00 PM Choir Practice  
 6:00 PM Evening Worship  
 Music & Missions



# MAY 2018

**Regular Wednesday Services:**

10:00 AM Wednesday Prayer Time  
 11:00 AM True Answers Bible Study  
 6:30 PM WayFinders  
 6:30 PM Youth Bible Study  
 6:30 PM True Answers Bible Study

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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|   |   | 1<br>11:00am Sonshiners Luncheon<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry<br>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice<br>Team 1 | 2   | 3<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry<br><br>★NATIONAL★<br>DAY of PRAYER  | 4   | 5<br>5:45 am Men's Fishing<br>Tournament<br>11:30 am Girl's Tea   |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 6<br>7:00 pm Sound/Media Ministry<br>Meeting<br>7:00 pm SNAC  | 7<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry<br>6:00 pm Men's Prayer Group  | 8<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry<br>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice<br>Team 2                                | 9   | 10<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry  | 11  | 12<br> Stamp Out Hunger<br>Food Drive  |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 13<br><br>No Evening Activities | 14<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry<br>6:00 pm Men's Prayer Group   | 15<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry<br>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice<br>Team 1                               | 16  | 17<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry  | 18  | 19  |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 20<br>12:00 pm Youth Fundraiser<br>Luncheon<br>6:00 pm Adam's Call in Con-<br>cert                                | 21<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry<br>6:00 pm Men's Prayer Group   | 22<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry<br>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice<br>Team 2                               | 23  | 24<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry  | 25  | 26  |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 27<br>10:45am Graduate Recognition<br>6:00 pm Star Quest Children's<br>Youth Musical<br>7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting  | 28 5:45 pm Exercise Ministry<br>6:00 pm Men's Prayer Group<br><br> | 29<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry<br>6:30 pm Praise Team Practice<br>Team 1                               | 30<br>Wayfinders End of Year<br>Celebration | 31<br>5:45 pm Exercise Ministry<br><br> |     | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">June 2018</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | June 2018 |  |  |  |  |  |  | S | M | T | W | T | F | S |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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I was driving to one of my favorite hunting spots (in the rain) a couple of weeks ago to check on one of my turkey blinds and I almost got stuck in the mud. I had to use my four-wheel drive to continue forward. It was 40 degrees that day and the wind was blowing hard, but I was sweating as I wondered if I would make it back to the paved road. I knew that turning around wasn't an option, I had to press forward. Well I made it, but I brought a little mud out on my truck tires, fender wells and the side-body of my trusty 4x4.

To be honest with you today, I'm sweating a little as I see our church and others struggling to get on solid ground and moving forward. I feel like we are getting mired down and spinning our wheels. There are thoughts about turning around and getting back to where we were safe and comfortable, but God requires that we press forward. We are called to move forward down a road that we cannot travel in our own power and strength. Perhaps we need to stop and engage God's spiritual four-wheel drive for the journey ahead.

The culture around us is miring us down. Our Christian values and Biblical worldview is leading to confrontations in our homes, communities, schools, workplaces and government institutions. We are told that we should be tolerant of those who believe and behave differently than us. We are told that tolerance will lead to mutual acceptance. Tolerance has emboldened those who believe and behave differently than us and now that they are established, they no longer tolerate us and are pressing to destroy our influence. What do we see? We see lost people acting like—lost people. The way towards peace isn't tolerance of evil but witnessing to those who are lost without Jesus. We will not see their beliefs and behavior changed through tolerance. Beliefs and behavior doesn't change until hearts are changed. We tend to get our nose bent out of shape when a story of immorality makes the news and we have a short-term passion to act. What we need is a daily resolve to share truth with those caught up in evil and pray that we will see change one soul at a time.

The "church-culture" is miring us down. The longer we exist and operate the more complex we become. First, some still make church about their own needs and not about glorifying God. They often ask what is the church doing for me rather than asking what can I do to serve God through my church. Second, we have become so complicated that new additions to the family sometimes struggle to get connected so that they can become an active part of the Body. There are some who want to use their spiritual gifts, but like a game of jump-rope things are moving so fast they don't know how to step in. We must figure out how to keep things organized but simple enough that others can be added as God sends new parts to help the Body fulfill His purpose. Third, our walk with God has been pushed into a corner as our lives have become so busy. We are busy with our work, our families, our hobbies, with our responsibilities and with our church activities/responsibilities. When we are always grinding away, it is difficult to remain under God's control and we start journeying down a miry path in our own strength. Before long—we are struggling, digging ruts, moving slow and sweating as we wonder if we are going to make it.

It is time to stop and lock our spiritual hubs and engage a power that is greater than our own. How do we do this? (1) Be faithful to your daily

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→ study of the Word of God. (2) Deal with ANY unconfessed/ ignored sin in your life. (3) Develop a burden to reach our wicked culture for Christ. Develop a belief that culture will change as people come to Christ one soul at a time. (4) Develop a desire to see the church operating like a well-oiled machine under the power and leadership of the Holy Spirit. (5) Serve God in the present tense as you look forward not backwards. (6) Surrender to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, when He leads us to keep things the same and when He leads us to make changes along the way. (7) Resist the temptation to believe that everyone understands things just the way that you do. Take time to see through the eyes of others. (8) Accept God's command to make your walk, your witness, your work and your worship about Him and not about you. (9) Stay devoted in prayer. (10) Don't go forward sweating in fear; instead, go forward trusting in faith. Nothing under God's control is ever out of control. See you Sunday!

On Eagles' Wings,  
*Chuck*



**GRADUATE RECOGNITION  
SUNDAY  
MAY 27<sup>th</sup>  
10:45 AM SERVICE**

If you or anyone in your household is graduating from high school, college or any institute of higher learning this year, please pick up a Graduate Recognition Form in the Welcome Center and return it to Michael by May 20th. We would like to show individual pictures of our graduates on that day. If possible, please email to Michael@fbc96.org a recent picture, senior picture or cap & gown picture of your graduate along with a favorite childhood picture.



**GIRL'S TEA** The Women's Ministry will be sponsoring a Girl's Tea on May 5th from 11:30 - 1:00 pm. We invite all ladies to attend and to bring your daughter, granddaughter or one of our girls in our Wednesday night program to attend with you. We will need a few ladies to decorate a table in fun colors. Sign up in the Welcome Center. We will also be taking up donations for the Pregnancy Crisis Center - diapers, wipes, baby items.



**Growing Forward Together** Your sacrificial offering is making a difference. The parking lot across the road from the church is almost finished. Thank you for your continued support of our GFT Capital Stewardship Campaign. At the time of Newsletter printing we have received \$73,431.12 through our GFT Campaign with our balance at \$39,416.12



**EIGHTH ANNUAL 96 FBC FISHING TOURNAMENT** You are invited to join in a friendly competition among Christians on Lake Greenwood May 5, 2018. Participants will

blast off from the Highway 34 boat ramp at safe light (We will meet at the landing at 5:45 AM). There will be a five-fish limit per two-man team. Weigh-in will be at 1:30 at the boat landing. A sign-up sheet and list of tournament rules can be found on the table in the Welcome Center. You can receive information by email by contacting Preacher Chuck at 992-8392 or [csprouse@fbc96.org](mailto:csprouse@fbc96.org).

**GEM MINISTRY** Each week we have people visiting members of our church and community who are no longer able to attend worship services. It is our goal to Go to them, Encourage them and to Minister to their needs. If you would like to know more about our GEM Ministry, contact Barbara Clark or Sandra Lockaby.

**BOSTON MISSION TRIP** How would you like to spend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Boston? We are planning to mission trip to help King's Hill Church Plant July 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. We will canvas the neighborhood and help with a Saturday night "Movie Night." The cost of the trip is approximately \$450.00. For more information, contact Preacher Chuck

**EVANGELISM PROJECT** We are collecting Crystal Light canisters. If you drink Crystal Light, save your containers and place them in the designated collection box in the Welcome Center.

**EXERCISE MINISTRY** Our Exercise Ministry meets on Mon & Tues and Thurs at 5:45. We begin with a devotional and prayer that is followed by a time of exercise and fellowship. For additional info, see Linda Womack, Stacy Sargent, or Barbara Clark.



*Thank You Notes*

To Our Church Family, Rick and I want to thank you for all your prayers, your love and support during Rick's accident. We cherish you and your continued prayers!!

Love Rick & Alisa Smith

On behalf of my love & joy for this ministry of the Joshua Blueprint, I just want to say thank you! The Ministry itself is preparing a thank you to include pictures of kids on the new instruments. Your generosity and kindness is opening up doors of music and the arts as a means to disciple hearts for Christ, including my own kids. Thank you for not just blessing and loving on my family but also many Kenyan kids around us.

Love The Lawson Family



"Hold On To Your Wigs and Keys!"

That's a fun phrase that David Letterman used to use on the Late Show to let his audience know something fun, exciting, and fast was about to happen. I'm often reminded of that phrase around this time of year because I am bracing for the craziness that is summertime in Student Ministry. In just a couple of weeks the 2017/2018 school year will come to a close and the official Summer of 2018 will be here! I am excited to have a variety of fun, exciting, and meaningful activities planned for our youth and children all this summer. From summer camps and swimming pools to trips to water parks and splash pads, my goal is to make this a summer to remember for young folks and their families! By the time you read this article I will have a summer schedule ready to put in your hands. Hold on to your wigs and keys... its gonna be a great Summer!!!

In His Service,  
Michael

Highlights of Upcoming Events

May 3

20th: Summersalt Fundraiser #2

27th: Graduate Recognition  
Children's Musical

30th: WayFinders End of Year Celebration

June

3rd: S.N.A.P. Begins

10th: Summersalt Fundraiser #3

11th: Children to Discovery Island Waterpark

25th- 27th: Shipwrecked VBS!!

July

1st: Summersalt Fundraiser #4

2nd – 6th: Summersalt

17th: Youth to Discovery Island Waterpark

23rd – 27th: McCall Crusader Camp



**VBS**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**June 25th - 29th**

**TRUE ANSWERS TO TOUGH QUESTIONS** Does feeling inadequate keep you from inviting people to church? Does a lack of confidence to answer "tough questions" keep you from inviting people to be reconciled to God through Jesus? Is living the Christian life hard for you? In May we will continue a study on Wednesday mornings and Wednesday nights that focuses on evangelism and apologetics. We will be learning to answer "tough questions" with Biblically "true answers." The topics that we will study in April include **Why does God allow evil? Where does evil come from? How did we get the Old Testament? How did we get the New Testament?** Join us at 11:00 AM or 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Bring the whole family, we have a nursery and children's programs for your children that also begin Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM.

**ONE-CHURCH MORNING WORSHIP** Our next One Church Worship services will be on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> in the MPB. We will also have a One Church Worship on July 29<sup>th</sup>. We are thankful that although we worship three times each Sunday that we remain One Body in vision, purpose and fellowship.

**BAPTISM SERVICE** Our next baptism services are scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> during the 10:45 worship service. If you are a candidate for baptism and would like to participate in this service, please contact Preacher Chuck.



**CHURCH APPAREL** We have new items and additional sizes now available for purchase. We have T-shirts - short sleeve (\$10) and long sleeve (\$15), Polos for men & women (\$22), caps (\$10-\$12) & Pullover windshirts (\$25).

You may contact the church office. We will also make available during our One Church Worship Services.

**EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN** Sign up to receive prayer request and the daily PACES devotion through emails by contacting the church at [csprouse@fbc96.org](mailto:csprouse@fbc96.org).

**NINETY SIX FIRST BAPTIST FACEBOOK** Please take time to like the 96 FBC Facebook page. You can help us get [free advertising](#) to our church and community by sharing our posts on your page.

**NINETY SIX FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WEBSITE** Visit [www.fbc96.org](http://www.fbc96.org) to keep up with church events and ministry.



*I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalm 104: 33*

Can you believe May is here? In just a few weeks we will be half way through 2018!! My parents and grandparents always talked about how time flies, but of course I didn't really believe them. Guess what? They were right! Time is a precious commodity, and something that we are not promised. God does instruct us to use our time wisely—easier said than done, is it not? Let's thank God for the time He gives us and thank Him by using it to love the world around us. We don't have to look very hard to see the needs all around us.

On May 13, Mother's Day, we will have an all ladies choir. We are asking all ladies and girls to join us in the choir room immediately following Sunday School.

Adams Call, an award winning Southern Gospel Trio from Nashville, TN, will be with us on May 20 at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. This will be a love offering concert. Adams Call has a great sound that will really bless your heart and encourage you in your walk with the Lord. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us!

Also coming up on May 27 at 6:00 PM in the MPB will be our Children's and Youth Musical, "Star Quest." They have really been working hard to present this musical, so be sure to invite everyone you see!

I also want to issue this important bulletin: **MISSING CHOIR MEMBER ALERT!!!** If you have noticed, we are missing some very important choir members. We sure would love to have them back! If you spot someone who you used to see in choir, but haven't lately, please let them know how much they are missed... And, by the way, we would love to have some new faces as well. Practice is at 5:00 PM each Sunday afternoon in the choir room. So, if you have a heart that belongs to Jesus, and love to sing, please prayerfully consider joining our team!

**Because of Grace,  
Iris**



**Mother's Day - May 13th**