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THE LIGHTHOUSE

The Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church of Carolina Beach



ECCLESIOLOGY

What is it? Why does it matter? To whom does it matter?

This is one of those words like Anthropology, Bibliology, Christology, Eschatology, Pneumatology, Soteriology, and Theology...which basically mean, "The study of...". The Study of the Bible, Christ, End Times, The Holy Spirit, Salvation, and God. Ecclesiology is a fancy and 'simpler' way of saying "Study of the Church". The reason for the fancy words is that they say more with less. If I asked what your ecclesiology was, that is a much easier way of asking what all do you believe about the Church.

So does it even matter? Does it matter what you believe about the Church? Obviously we all have our opinions on how our Sunday morning church going experience should look, but does it really matter to God if we do things, this way, or that? If these people lead, or those people, if we baptize babies, or only professing believers, do these things really matter? Is there room theologically for us to land in different places on these things and still worship together, or is that why denominations exist? The answer to that is yes...there is room theologically, and that is also why denominations exist.

Mark Dever said *"The doctrine of the church is a crucial component of Christian truth. It is the most visible part of Christian theology, and it is vitally connected with every other part."* The Bible tells us that the Church is Christ's Bride, and He laid His life down for her...for you, and for me. Yeah, it's safe to say, how we think about Christ's prize possession matters, not just to Him, but it should matter beyond words to us, His Bride.

Starting June 30th we're going to start a brief study in Jude, just week in, and week out, walking through this letter written by Jesus' half brother. During this time they were facing similar perils as us today, and the wisdom we stand to glean from this letter is invaluable. Warren Wiersbe said this in regards to the letter from Jude: *"All is not well in the professing church. There are dangerous people and dangerous doctrines abroad, and God's people need to be alert. The church is suffering from a false view of separation, as well as a false view of cooperation. Too often we are aiding the enemy and injuring the brotherhood by attitudes and actions that are contrary to God's Word."*

God's Word is perfect, timely, and always beneficial. May we prepare our hearts to think deeply about Christ's Bride, and approach His Word with expectation that it WILL change us, and we will be all the better for it.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Tyler

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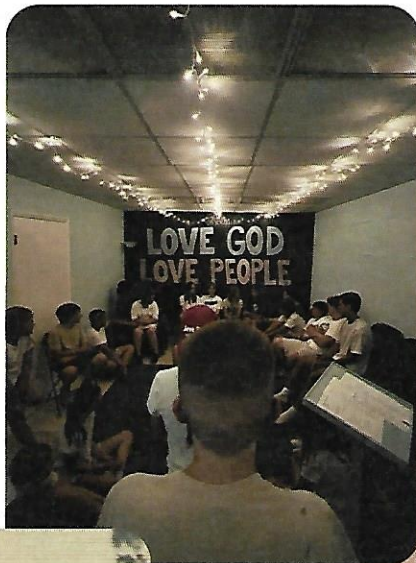
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MOMENTS THAT "MARK" US

To kick off the summer for youth group we had a color war. We had worship, a message, a taco bar, & played games with food-colored corn starch & paint. Hair, skin, and clothes transformed by different shades of color forced the students and leaders to think of the marks that were made on them that night. Some colors washed out easier than others. For those who saw these students after, it was clear that we should not use pink-colored powder for the next color war.

Our prayer is that moments like this would spiritually mark the students who joined that night with an eternal reminder of how God changes those who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. 25 students left that night stained in color and marked with the memory of a youth ministry that loves Jesus and loves one another. Would you join us in prayer that this summer would prepare these students to launch into the school year as missionaries in their home, schools, and neighborhoods?

Pastor Gabe



CB Youth July Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	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	31			



- 3rd PICKLEBALL 6-8PM
- 7th MOVIE NIGHT 6-9PM
- 10th GAME NIGHT
- 14th BEACH DAY 11:30-2PM
- 17th VBS SERVE DAY
- 22-25th MISSION TRIP!!!
- 28th YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE 10AM
- 31st NEON PUTT PUTT \$8

Events 6-7:30pm Unless Specified

It's summertime, school is out, our Fellowship Ministry Team will be working on plans to celebrate maybe sometime in August with a **"Cookout on the grill Luncheon"** showcasing our Discipleship Ministry!

**Have a safe, fun filled, one of America's favorite Holidays, July 4th!
Fellowship Ministry Team**



Marie Underwood WMU News

Thanks so much to AnnaGrace Arnold who came to our meeting on June 10 and shared with us her vision for using sustainable farming to spread the Gospel in Central America. AnnaGrace will be leaving for a three month mission in Costa Rica at the end of June. She is hoping to make missions her full time vocation. We are so excited for her.

We are taking a bit of a break over the summer but we will still meet for coffee at Island Bagel on June 28, July 26, and August 23.

We hope to have a church wide ladies' prayer breakfast on October 5, to pray for our church, community, and our country in the upcoming elections.

Our next meeting will be on September 9 at 1:00 in the fellowship hall.



"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

In this world today we have many things to worry about with our government, our children, and our safety, I look to these chapters and verses for the inspiration to understand that God is there for us.

-Phil Denston

THE DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Discipleship Ministry helps believers to grow in their faith, to grow in maturity and wisdom, and build their faith on a strong foundation so that they can then disciple and lead others towards Christ.

We have made an improvement in our Ark, we now have a monthly schedule of our Youth Helpers assisting our leaders in the Ark each Sunday morning. Each Youth Helper has their own schedule of what Sunday they serve and assist the Ark leader, copy on the fridge. Our 3 Nursery times 9am, 10am on Sunday and Wednesday's at 5:30pm are growing and we are always recruiting for qualified volunteers. Our adult women's Bible Study class started back on Tuesday, June 25th at 5pm, and they meet every other Tuesday night. If interested in attending, contact Julie Bowden or Heather Simmons.

Discipleship Ministry is gearing up, plans are now being tweaked under the direction of Saybrin Thomas for VBS. If interested in volunteering let Saybrin know asap. Our Bible Study/Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9am, classes for everyone, and don't forget to drop by for coffee and sweet treats in our Fellowship Hall at 8:30am.

**May we, the USA, continue to shine and prosper
in the light of Freedom, Happy July 4th!
Discipleship Ministry Team**





WORSHIP TEAM NOTES

JULY 2024 WORSHIP EMPHASIS:

JULY 22-25: Youth Mission Trip

July 28: Youth Sunday

Worship Ministry Update:

As you know we had to say goodbye to Sherrie, our Worship Coordinator, when Pastor Hal retired. Sherrie met with the Worship Team on June 3rd to discuss moving forward without her as our leader. We divided responsibilities between us to ensure continuity in the future.

We are always excited when the Spirit leads someone new to join the Worship Ministry. Please contact Jeannie Arnold or Joey McLeod if you have questions about joining us. Choir practice is at 6:30 on Wednesdays and Praise Team at 8:15.

All of the Worship Leaders covet your prayers as we seek the guidance and the power of The Holy Spirit. Our desire is to give our best offering to God as we lead you in Worshipping in Spirit and in Truth.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 7/1 Jeff Gaskell | 7/16 Lily Gore |
| 7/3 Dianne Tucker | 7/18 Leo Simmons |
| 7/6 Josh Tucker | 7/21 Tyler Simmons |
| 7/10 Doss McLeod | 7/26 Tina Stanley |
| 7/15 Josh Gaskell | 7/31 Madison Leary |

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FREE DINNER
EVERY THURSDAY // 5:30PM

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

First Baptist Church of Carolina Beach 489 N. Lake Park Blvd

Martha's Kitchen has been serving hot meals in Carolina Beach since 2005. Come on in, have a seat, enjoy being served a delicious meal, and even take one with you for a friend or family member. Baked goods are also available for pick up. Contact Lisa with questions at 910-617-1139

St. Pauls United Methodist Church 300 Harper Ave

Martha's Kitchen On-The-Go provides fresh food including meat and prepared meals every Friday morning from 10-10:30a.m. at St. Pauls. Contact Archie at 910-617-0825 in advance to reserve your food based on your family size



PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Jesus' brother, James, said that we are to confess our sins to one another, and pray for each other so that we may be healed. The God of the universe tells us to pray about all things, to come to Him.

If you have a prayer request, please don't hesitate to let us know. You can email George Pinkston at pinkdc@aol.com, or call (910) 617-3043, or complete a prayer card in the pew rack and drop in the basket as you leave.

OR EVEN BETTER, JOIN US FOR PRAYER, every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am in the sanctuary.