

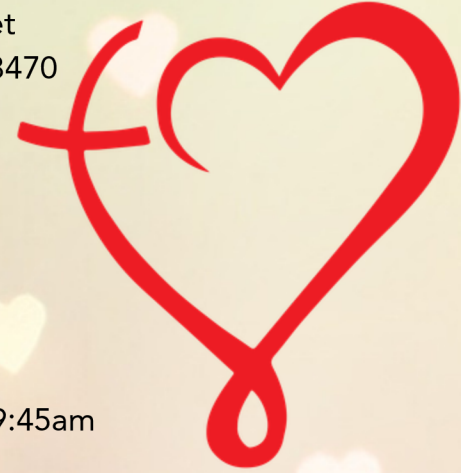
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HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

"SHE IS
CLOTHED WITH
STRENGTH AND
DIGNITY; SHE
CAN LAUGH AT
THE DAYS TO
COME."

PROVERBS 31:25



MAY SCHEDULE

May 7th

National Day Of Prayer

Church will be open all day for prayer. Group led prayer every hour from 7a-7p.

Commit to Joining Together in Prayer at the Start of Every Hour from 7a-7p, No Matter Where You Are or What You Are Doing
thefbcs.com/twelve-hours-of-prayer/

May 17th

Guest Speaker Quintell Hill

Quintell is the Pastor at Multiply Community Church, a church plant in Monroe, NC. He also serves as the Black/Multi-Ethnic Network Strategist with the International Mission Board of the SBC. In 2022, Hill made N.C. Baptist history by becoming the first African American to be elected president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Hill was re-elected to a second term in 2023.

May 23rd

Bags of Hope Distribution

Take part in providing food to those in need by helping to distribute bags starting at 10:30a.

May 25th

Office Closed for Memorial Day

May 9th

Car Show Fundraiser

Enjoy a day of free family fun at the third annual car show fundraiser. Check out all the awesome cars and trucks. Slow cooked boston butts, BBQ plates, t-shirts, Sunset Slush and more.
thefbcs.com/car-show

Preorder boston butts and bbq plates at thefbcs.com/boston-butt

May 17th

Centrifuge & Centrikid Parent Meeting

Immediately Following Worship.

May 31st

Graduate Sunday

Sign up at thefbcs.com/grad

May 10th

Mother's Day

May 18th

Men's Ministry Meeting

Fellowship and dinner from 6:30-8:30p.

Coming Up Next Month:

- Vacation Bible School, June 21-25, 6:30-8:30p
Volunteers and participants register at thefbcs.com/vbs

May 11th

Ladies Ministry Meeting

Fellowship and dinner from 6:30-8:30p.

May 21st

Bags of Hope Packing

Take part in providing food to those in need by packing bags starting at 10:30a.

MEANWHILE.... SABBATICAL AND THE MONTH OF MAY

In 1995, I joined a team to go to Kiev, Ukraine, and teach two weeks in a Pastor's Conference. Kaitlyn was three years old, and this was my first lengthy time away from family since she had been born.

Communication in 1995 was quite a bit different than it is in 2026. No cell phones. International calls would be few and expensive, and the time difference nearly assured it would be difficult for me to talk with Kaitlyn even when I called.

So, to connect with her while I was away, I wrote her notes in advance. Using the plan for the trip, I figured out roughly where I would be and what I would be doing and then wrote a note for Kim to read with her at bedtime each night in my absence. In each note I reflected on what I had been doing that day and then asked her and her Mommy to pray for me with specifics on what was coming up. That way, we stayed connected, prayed for each other, and lived the experience together.

Church family, consider this column my note to you while I am away.

First, thank you!

First, I want to thank you for respecting the boundaries of my sabbatical. It can be pretty tough to suppress the urge to text, call, or email your Pastor! But it's a crucial component to the sabbatical that I am able to disconnect and refresh outside of the normal, often demanding, routines of ministry. (By the way, it is just as tough for me to disconnect from you and suppress the urge to check in!)

And it is possible because of our wonderful staff and Pastor Kevin! They are more than capable of handling any need or ministry event that comes about. Trust them. They know what they are doing!

In addition, the Deacons are there to serve you. If you have any ministry needs, be sure to call the church office or one of the Deacons and they will help you!

April: So far, so good

So, back to the sabbatical. You are reading this at the mid-point.

In April, you've enjoyed the regular church events like the Spring Fun Day and great preaching from Pastor Wayne Turnage and Dr. Richard Blackaby.



In the meantime, Kim and I took a quiet trip together, completed some projects at home, and, best of all, spent some time with the grand-girls!

During the rigorous long days of ministry, life can get crowded and priorities jumbled, and sometimes healthy lifestyle habits are inadvertently neglected. So, in the first leg of my sabbatical, I intentionally and prayerfully focused on my personal life. I inventoried my current well-being and spiritual condition. I have spent time with the Lord focusing on my personal rhythms in life and clarifying what I need to expel, add, or retain and sharpen. My goal is to return from sabbatical ensuring that I am cultivating healthy habits and personal priorities.

By this time in the sabbatical, I have completed two in-depth Bible studies, one in the Book of Galatians and one on the nature of God's grace. Outside of the Bible, my reading in April will focus on history, leadership, and culture.

As May begins

While I am away in May, remember to come out for the Third Annual Car Show! Our friend, Pastor Quintell Hill, will return May 17 to preach, and on the other Sundays in May Pastor Kevin will be preaching a series through the Book of Ezekiel! You'll enjoy Mother's Day and Graduate Recognition, two special days in our church family.

Meanwhile, in May, I will turn my attention toward my professional life, to refresh my passion for ministry. I've set aside some time to study in solitude, punctuated by intentional time with other pastors, seeking to rejuvenate creativity and productivity.

In mid-May, I will join a few pastor friends at a conference at the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove with Dr. Richard Blackaby! (He'll be fresh from preaching at FBCS, so maybe I'll get a report!).

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...CONTINUED MEANWHILE.... SABBATICAL AND THE MONTH OF MAY

In this conference, Dr. Blackaby will debut Experiencing God in Everyday Life: A Journey Toward Spiritual Maturity, the first-ever follow-up study to Experiencing God. After the conference, I will wrap up the sabbatical with Kim, Kaitlyn, and the grand-girls!

What you can do

First, continue to pray for us:

- Pray that God will refresh us in ministry and strengthen our relationship.
- Pray for me, that God will reignite creativity, rekindle the fire of ministry and my passion for serving, and that He will show me what He wants to do in my personal life in this season. Pray that God will speak to me in my Bible studies and quiet time with Him.
- And pray for my re-entry! I will officially return to FBCS in June, and I'll have a lot of catching up to do!

Coming up

On my return we will launch into a message series called "Strengthening Your Core: Christian Essentials from the Book of Colossians." We'll explore the non-negotiables of our faith through the mind of the Apostle Paul. This study will also help us respond to the dangerous ideologies that are corrupting our culture.

And, of course, in late Summer we will prepare to roll out the hard work of our Strategy 2030 Team! You will learn about our revitalized vision, values, and mission, and we'll look to the future of who God wants us to be!

So, I'll see you in June!

With love in Christ,
Pastor Bob

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COMPASSION SUNDAY

AMY MYERS

On April 19, First Baptist Church of Shallotte joined churches across the country for Compassion Sunday by setting apart the day to change the future for children living in poverty around the world. Thank you so much for the opportunity to share with you about Compassion International!

It was a pleasure for Brad Barth and I to help several of you sponsor a child – truly showing the love of Christ to each of them! Six children were sponsored through FBCS this year, bringing our five-year total to nearly 50! Not to mention the countless others of you who shared amazing stories of the children that you already sponsor through Compassion International and other organizations. Your faithfulness to care for “the least of these” and share the love of Jesus around the world is so awesome!

If you didn't get a chance to sponsor and would still like to, simply scan the QR code or visit <http://compassionsunday.com/firstbaptistchurchofshallotte1>. And if you have questions, always feel free to email me at amyers@us.ci.org. Thank you again for the opportunity to share with you and to serve alongside such an awesome church!



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



MAY SERMON SERIES

PASTOR KEVIN

