



“Being the presence of **Christ** in the world by **celebrating** the worship of God, **connecting** people to people and **caring** for others.”

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**On Being a Witness**

Several years ago while riding with some friends, a wreck occurred in the intersection in front of us. We hung around to make sure no one was hurt. In a minute the police arrived; they asked for statements and witnesses. They depended on someone reliable to tell them exactly what they had seen and what they knew.

Once I was a character witness for a friend who'd plead guilty for a felony. I said to the judge, My friend has plead guilty for this crime; he does not deny committing it, but here is what I know and have seen of his character over the past ten years. I asked that the sentence be fair but 'as kind as possible.'

In the days since Easter we've thought and talked about Jesus' post Resurrection appearances. Over and over again Jesus reminds his followers that they are to be witnesses.

Here's what Jesus said to the disciples in Acts, chapter one:

*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth...*

In the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of John Jesus appeared to the disciples huddled together in fear and said,

*"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

As Jesus shared a meal with the disciples Luke records:

*Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."*

This week as we seek to follow Jesus with our lives, may we each accept his call to witness and tell of his goodness!

Blessings,

Ande

**Mission Opportunities**

- ◆ Keep in prayer our students going on mission to **Haiti** in early June as well as those students going to Jonathan Creek Crossings Camp late in June.
- ◆ Are you interested in a **mission trip to Nicaragua** in July? Contact Lee Bryant for more information on this missions opportunity.
- ◆ Coming July 1-7, a **church-wide mission trip to Louisville, Kentucky**, for all ages and for families. We will be working with a Kid's Café and with the Dare to Care Food Pantry Warehouse. For more information, contact Mike Green or the church office.

Trailblazer Outdoor  
Adventures  
Saturday, May 31  
10:00 am—2:00 pm  
Christian Life Center at  
First Baptist

For all ages! Includes Trout Fishing Tank, Archery Range, Fishing Pole Casting Contest, Turkey Calling Booth, Crossman Air Rifle Range, Birds of Prey display, food, prizes, and lots more!

Volunteers are needed to help with activities, food and welcoming our guests. Call Lee Bryant or the church office to help!



**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 2-6**  
**6:00 - 8:30 pm**

Volunteer now to love kids in Bible study, crafts, recreation, refreshments!



**Food Pantry**  
**Wednesday,**  
**May 21**  
**6:00 pm**  
Volunteers,  
please report

to Fellowship Hall by  
5:30 pm.



**Sunday, May 18, 2014**

10:00 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Kids Connect  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
11:00 am Super Church  
12:00 pm Children's Teachers Meeting (FH)  
2:00 pm Garnet Chrisman Retirement Celebration (CLC)  
7:00 pm WHS Baccalaureate (Sanctuary)

**Monday, May 19, 2014**

1:00 pm Hymn Sing at Williamsburg Health & Rehab Center  
5:00 pm Zumba (CLC)  
6:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (Green's Home)

**Tuesday, May 20, 2014**

10:00 am Peace by Piece  
3:30 pm Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Trinity Fitness (CLC)

**Wednesday, May 21, 2014**

8:00 am Pack for Food Pantry  
5:00 pm Zumba (CLC)  
6:00 pm Food Pantry (FH)  
6:15 pm Center Shot & Devotions (CLC)  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 22, 2014**

6:00 pm Trinity Fitness (CLC)

**Sunday, May 25, 2014**

Communion in Morning Worship  
10:00 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Kids Connect  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
11:00 am Super Church

**Office Closed on Monday, May 26 Memorial Day**

**RECORDS**  
**May 4, 2014**

Bible Study: 129  
Budget: \$ 15,443  
Designated: \$ 2,901  
Budget Gifts 2014: \$ 108,640

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**

**May 18-May 24, 2014**

John Harris - 549-3035  
J. Don Faulkner - 549-2016

**May 25-May 31, 2014**

Rick Loudermelt - 258-2777  
Pat Ramey - 549-2871

**USHERS OF THE WEEK**

**May 18, 2014**

John and Erica Harris  
Tom and Tammy Stephens

**Sunday, May 25, 2014**

Mike and Gail Bordes  
Rick and Debbie Loudermelt

**SUPER CHURCH WORKERS**

**May 18, 2014**

Kathy Karr  
Janet Logan  
Emily Perkins

**May 25, 2014**

Steven and Julia Moses  
Bill Conn

*Don't forget  
"Forget-Me-Nots" for  
Nursing Home Residents  
and our Homebound!*