

"Being the presence of <u>Christ</u> in the world by <u>celebrating</u> the worship of God, <u>connecting</u> people to people and <u>caring</u> for others."

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# **Mere Christianity**

A couple of weeks ago several of our members took some time to sit down and discuss a classic in Christian literature, Mere Christianity, by CS Lewis. The reflections in this book were originally composed as radio addresses to offer an explanation for the Christian faith.

Many of Lewis' thoughts were both challenging and encouraging. Here is one excerpt from the book:

The Christian way is different: harder, and easier. Christ says "Give me All. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half-measures are any good. I don't want to cut off a branch here and a branch there, I want to have the whole tree down. I don't want to drill the tooth, or crown it, or stop it, but to have it out. Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked—the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own will shall become yours."

These words of Lewis' remind me of the challenge Paul gave the Roman church: *I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.* Do not be conformed to *this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds...* 

My prayer is that all of us learn to give ourselves to God. We certainly are called to help each other along in this pursuit. We give ourselves to God in moments of quiet and when we lift up our prayers and in study and worship together and as we praise God with our songs and as we serve him in this place.

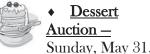
As this summer approaches I hope you will use the longer days to take time to reflect on God and his purposes in your life; I hope that you will make some down time; and I hope that you will offer yourselves to the Lord, for this is what we have been created to do.

Blessings, Ande



**Everest Vacation Bible School** 

# Summer Fun at First Baptist



after morning worship: A light luncheon in the Christian Life Center followed by a fun and rowdy dessert auction. All the funds will go to the youth summer activities. Let Mike Green know if you could make a dessert to be auctioned. Think fun and tasty! Mike's number is 859-940-2869 or call the church office at 549-0280.

- <u>Yard Sale Saturday,</u> <u>June 6, 9:00 am</u> in the Christian Life Center. Bring your good, used items to the church office. Goes to Youth Summer Events. No clothing please.
- Ice Cream Social-<br/>Wednesday, June 10<br/>at 6:00 pm: Bring<br/>your favorite<br/>homemade ice<br/>cream (or sort<br/>of homemade)of homemade)or topping and join us<br/>for a time of<br/>fellowship together in<br/>the Christian Life<br/>Center.
- <u>FBC Hikes</u> <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 14, at 12:30 pm</u>. Meet in parking lot.



Sunday, May 24, 2015 10:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Kids Connect 11:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Super Church 12:00 pm Reeves Deacon Family Group (Green's Home) 6:00 pm Youth Summer Sundays

> Monday, May 25, 2015 Memorial Day Office Closed

> Tuesday, May 26, 2015 3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 5:00 pm Firstercise (CLC) 6:00 pm Business Meeting/ Informational Meeting regarding Online Giving (FH) 6:05 pm Youth Worship 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

> <u>Thursday, May 28, 2015</u> 8:30 am Yoga (CLC)

Sunday, May 31, 2015 10:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Kids Connect 11:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Super Church 12:00 pm Dessert Auction and Luncheon (CLC) 6:00 pm Praise First

Monday, June 1, 2015 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 3:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School (No Prayer Meeting)

Thursday, June 4, 2015 8:30 am Yoga (CLC) 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 5, 2015 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 6, 2015 9:00 am Yard Sale (CLC)

Sunday, June 7, 2015 10:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Kids Connect 11:00 am Morning Worship

Monday, June 1-Friday, June 5 ~ 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm Ages Kindergarten through Sixth Grade

May 31, 2015

Mike and Gail Bordes

Eddie and Kathy Byrd

June 7, 2015

Ancil and Betty Collett

Rick and Deb Loudermelt

11:00 am Super Church 6:00 pm Youth Summer Sundays 6:00 pm Praise First

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK May 24-May 30, 2015

Willard Reeves - 549-8998 Donnie Rains - 549-0510

#### May 31-June 6, 2015

Jolly Sharp - 549-2553 Dennis Trickett - 549-3448

#### June 7-June 13, 2015

Kim Williams - 549-0145 Tom Stephens - 524-4685

# USHERS OF THE WEEK<br/>May 24, 2015<br/>John and Erica HarrisSUPER CHURCH WORKERS<br/>May 24, 2015<br/>Jon Carroll

Tom and Tammy Stephens Jon Carroll David and Kim Williams

## May 31, 2015

Steven and Julia Moses Emily Perkins

### June 7, 2015

Janet Logan Beth Stone and Lora Green

# Monday, June 8, 2015

5:00 pm Firstercise 7:00 pm Men's Basketball

### Tuesday, June 9, 2015 3:30 pm Staff Meeting

## **RECORDS** As of May 10, 2015 Avg. Bible Study: 113 Designated for 2015: \$ 14,920 Budget Gifts 2015: \$ 90,932