



“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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**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

**Summer Fun at First Baptist**



◆ **Dessert Auction – Sunday, May 31,**

**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.

◆ **Yard Sale – Saturday,**

**June 6, 9:00 am** 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– Wednesday, June 10**

**at 6:00 pm:** Bring your favorite homemade ice cream (or sort of homemade) or topping and join us for a time of fellowship together in the Christian Life Center.



◆ **FBC Hikes – Sunday,**

**June 14, at 12:30 pm.** 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

**Thursday, May 28, 2015**

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

**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



**Everest Vacation Bible School**  
Monday, June 1-Friday, June 5 ~ 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm  
Ages Kindergarten through Sixth Grade

**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**

**May 24, 2015**

John and Erica Harris  
Tom and Tammy Stephens

**May 31, 2015**

Mike and Gail Bordes  
Eddie and Kathy Byrd

**June 7, 2015**

Ancil and Betty Collett  
Rick and Deb Loudermelt

**SUPER CHURCH WORKERS**

**May 24, 2015**

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