

"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

# Summer Fun at First Baptist

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.

Worship on the
 Steps—Wednesday,
 June 10 at 7:00 pm: A
 casual, outdoor
 worship and Bible
 Study experience
 following the Ice
 Cream Social.



• <u>FBC Hikes</u> – <u>Sunday, June 14,</u> at 12:30 pm.

Wear comfortable shoes and clothes and bring water. Meet in parking lot.

Potluck Meal —
Wednesday,
July 1, at 6:00
pm. Bring a
potluck dish
to share with your
church family. Enjoy a
time of fellowship and

 <u>Talent Show</u> for all talents and all ages Sunday, July 26.

worship together.



Sunday, June 7, 2015
10:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Kids Connect
11:00 am Morning Worship
12:45 pm Chrisman/Etter
Deacon Family Cookout
7:00 pm Praise First

Monday, June 8, 2015

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 10:30 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

5:00 pm Firstercise (CLC) 6:00 pm Ice Cream Social (CLC) 7:00 pm Worship on the Steps (Front of Church) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

> Thursday, June 11, 2015 8:30 am Yoga (CLC)

Sunday, June 14, 2015
9:00 am Men's Bible Class
Breakfast (CLC)
10:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Kids Connect
11:00 am Morning Worship
11:00 am Super Church
12:00 pm Stephens Deacon
Family Meal (CLC)
12:30 pm FBC Hikes
6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting
(Parlor)

6:00 pm Youth Summer Worship 7:00 pm Praise First

> Monday, June 15, 2015 1:00 pm Hymn Sing at

Williamsburg Health &
Rehabilitation Center
5:00 pm Firstercise (CLC)
7:00 pm Men's Basketball (CLC)

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday June 17, 2015

8:00 am Pack for Food Pantry
5:00 pm Firstercise (CLC)
5:30 pm Wednesday Worship
(Women's Dept.)
6:00 pm Food Pantry (FH)
6:00 pm Youth Summer Worship
6:00 pm Summer Kids
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 18, 2015 8:30 am Yoga (CLC)

Friday, June 19, 2015
Youth Leave for Crossings Camp

RECORDS As of May 24, 2015

Avg. Bible Study: 110
Designated for 2015: \$ 16,112
Budget Gifts 2015: \$ 116,941



## Thank you, Everest Vacation Bible School Workers! You are Awesome! Believe it!

## June 7-June 13, 2015

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

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK** 

#### <u>June 14-June 20, 2015</u> Frankie Ball - 549-8213 David Williams - 549-0145

<u>June 21-June 27, 2015</u> Eddie Byrd - 549-9521 Lee Bryant - 215-0696

#### USHERS OF THE WEEK

# June 7, 2015 Ancil and Betty Collett Rick and Deb Loudermelt

June 14, 2015

Don and Janice Adkins

Harry Siler

# Lisa Jackson **June 21, 2014**

Lee and Sue Anne Bryant Chad and Garnet Chrisman

### SUPER CHURCH WORKERS

+ 38

# June 7, 2015 No Super Church Vacation Bible School Emphasis

June 14, 2015
Erin White
Haley Harris
Mike Green

### June 21, 2015

Kathy Karr Eddie and Kathy Byrd