

The Family Church at the Family Beach

June 10 Newsletter

Church family,

This past month found many of us in the north end of town scrambling for gas. The GasBuddy app became our best friend as we searched at the crack of dawn for available gas or resigned ourselves to long lines. The North Myrtle Beach police had a new job directing those long lines off Highway 17 and onto side roads. Gas was precious and scarce.

During one of my waits I was thinking of verses in scripture that speak of how precious the commands of God are. This is one that came to mind: "...the rules of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:7-10). In other words, I am to desire the rules, the commands and word of God more than the most precious of things. There are many things I desire in life (at that point, it was gas), yet I am to desire God's word far more than anything else.

While I was waiting in a long line that day, I thought of my times with God. The most precious ones are when I take an extended block of time, read and study the scriptures and journal my thoughts and God's thoughts to me. When I write, I like to use a fountain pen. I happen to be content with a low-end Lamy pen, but there are precious fountain pens if one has the money and the inclination. (For instance, there is a Montblanc fountain pen worth \$1,500,000.) I have a pot of brewed tea nearby to enjoy during these times as well. I find it mind-boggling that there is a tea more expensive than gold. (A kilo of Da-Hong Pao tea is \$1.2 million for a kilogram.) The commands and rules of our heavenly Father are to be treated as more precious and valuable and sweeter than anything we can imagine. How often I take my time for granted, or get caught up in the cares and duties of a day instead of focusing on the One more precious than anything else—the One who gave His life for mine.

There is a lovely line in a book of Puritan prayers that I have. It goes like this: "*I* wish not so much to do as to be, and I long to be like Jesus." If God's word and His rules are more precious than my man-made rules, my to-do lists, my feelings and opinions, it will be from spending time with Him, realizing He is more precious than the finest gold, and sweeter than honey.

In any inconvenient wait I have this summer, I hope to be reminded of this, and to remember in all of life's stresses to be still and know that God is God.

Kathleen Gambrell, Worship Leader

Sunday's Worship Guide

The Gospel Of Luke: Good News For All People Freedom Through Surrender; Luke 11:14-36

- I. The World Rejects Christ's Authority (14-16)
- II. Freedom Comes Only Through Christ's Authority (17-26)
- III. How To Submit To Christ's Authority (27-36)

2021-2022 Budget Requests

It is time for committees, coordinators, and ministry teams to prepare their budget requests for the 2021-2022 budget. Please submit a written detail request to the Finance Committee by June 20. **Same as last year is not a budget request.**

Weekly Schedule Sundays

9:00 AM: Inside Service Sunday School 10:30 AM: Inside Service Sunday School **Sunday Evenings** 4:30 PM: Choir Practice 6:00 PM: VBS Prayer Walk Tuesdays 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery Wednesdays 10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting Thursdays 10:00 AM: Faith Class **Upcoming Schedule** Sunday, June 13 Deadline for Kid and Youth Camps 5:30 PM: VBS Volunteer Meeting (FH) 6:00 PM: Prayer Walk for VBS Wednesday, June 16 3:00 PM: Devotion at NHC Sunday, June 20: Father's Day 2021-22 Budget Request Due No Evening Activities June 21-25 6:00 PM: Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 27 11:45 AM: VBS Celebration June 29-July 3 Centri-Fuge Camp for Youth Sunday, July 4 No Evening Activities Monday, July 5 Holiday: Church Closed July 9-11 Centri-Kid Camp for Kids

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Safety and Usher teams. If you are willing to serve on either of these ministries please contact the church office 843.238.0206.

> New Adult Sunday School Class Sundays 10:30 AM; Room 201 Taught by: Danny Allen All Ages

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Sunday Evening Schedule Through August 15	
Date	Event
6/13	Prayer Walk for VBS
6/20	Father's Day (no evening activities)
6/27	VBS Recovery (no evening activities)
7/4	July 4 (no evening activities)
July 11, 18, 25	Mini Semester
8/1	Mission Trip (no evening activities)
8/8	Ocean Baptism
8/15	Fall Semester Begins

Kid and Youth Campers!

Registration deadline for Kids Camp (completed grades 1-5) and Youth Camp (completed grades 6-12) is Sunday, June 13. Space is very limited for Kids Camp. See Lindsay Steelman or Pastor Brett to register for Kids Camp. To register for Youth Camp, visit fbcsurfside.org/events.

PARENT MEETING for those attending either camp is Sunday, June 13 at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.





Welcome New Members!

Please join us in welcoming Larry and Debra Humason to our First Baptist Church family.