

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

## A Word From Pastor...



**Romans 1:13-17 New International Version (NIV)**

*I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.*

<sup>14</sup> *I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. <sup>15</sup> That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.*

<sup>16</sup> *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,<sup>[b]</sup> just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”<sup>[c]</sup>*

**Romans 13:8 New International Version (NIV) Love Fulfills the Law**

<sup>8</sup> *Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever*

*loves others has fulfilled the law.*

Dearly Beloved,

In the letter to Rome, Paul tells the Roman believers that he has as numerous plans to visit them and share the gospel with them, but each time there were roadblocks interfering with his coming. But he is not discouraged. He believes that God is sovereignly in control and will allow these delays to bring about a greater evangelistic harvest when he eventually arrives. He is confident that God will do a great work in His timing and in His way!

Next, Paul reveals that he is obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish (1:14)! We can reason that Paul felt obligated to them because he was an apostle and he was called by God in a special way to serve the lost in Rome. But when we examine our relationship with Jesus Christ, we too, are called by God to share the good news of Christ to the lost we encounter. We are ambassadors of Christ. We are sent by Him to witness of His truth & love to those outside of Christ. We are to urge them to be reconnected with God through faith in Christ! As a result, we are obligated to go to others and tell them how God has offered to forgive our sins and make peace with us through faith in Christ. It is not our responsibility how people respond to the good news. That is between them and God. Our obligation is to go to them in love and let them know of God’s love for them and urge them to turn from sin and self and believe in Christ for salvation and follow Him.

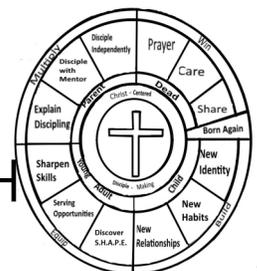
Paul was eager to come and speak to them. He wanted them to hear the greatest news possible. He wanted to give them opportunities to see their lives dramatically transformed by Christ just as he experienced! He wanted them to know that those earlier delays were not caused by his personal doubts or resistances. He is eager to be with them. In addition, those delays were not signs of his shame in the gospel. Far from that, he is unashamed of the gospel, because it is God’s great power to save & dramatically transform people’s lives who trust in Christ! I encourage you to remember how God saved you in Christ! Remember the people He urged to come to you and how He has given you purpose in life, and how He has led you into serving Him and others. Pray and ask God who He wants you to obligate yourself to going to and representing Christ and His good news to them.

Shepherding you in Christ’s Love,

Lance

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Discover Christ's Transforming Love



**IRISH BLESSINGS**

Always remember to forget  
 The things that made you sad.  
 But never forget to remember  
 The things that made you glad.  
 Always remember to forget  
 The friends that proved untrue.  
 But never forget to remember  
 Those that have stuck by you.  
 Always remember to forget  
 The troubles that passed away.  
 But never forget to remember  
 The blessings that come each day.



**CPR Training**

Friends & Family/Non-Certification

March 15, 2020



FBC will be hosting CPR training at 2:00 on March 15th. A potluck dinner will be prior to the training at 1:00. Adults, as well as youth who may serve in the role of a babysitter or have siblings are encouraged to attend. This training is presented by Laurel Whittemore from Valor Hospital. It will be approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hour long and include videos, CPR instruction and practice for both adult and child size (using life-size dummies), and how to use and A.E.D. (Defibrillator). Definitely worth your time.



# Valentine's Friendship Dinner



46 Meals were served; the food was delicious and participants enjoyed fellowship, games, giveaways and special video messages!



Special Thanks to:

***\*\*Lilly Proctor and her crew from Toms' Cabin\*\****

***\*\*Robin Humphries and Patty Chapman \*\*  
for their exquisite decorating and prizes (many of which they made themselves!)***

***\*\*Lance Zagaris as MC and for the Jeopardy & video clips!\*\****

***\*\*All those that helped with set up, clean up, etc.!\*\****

***\*\*All those that attended and participated with enthusiasm!\*\****



# Valentine's Friendship Dinner





### Easy Shepherd's Pie

Hands-On Time 10 Mins  
 Total Time 20 Mins  
 Yield Serves 4  
 By Diana Hyle  
 October 2007



#### Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 8 ounces frozen mixed vegetables (such as carrots, peas, and corn), thawed
- 1/4 cup (1 ounce) shredded Cheddar (optional)
- 1 16-ounce package mashed potatoes, refrigerated or frozen and thawed

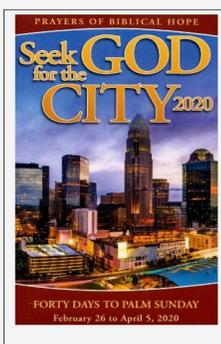
#### How to Make It

**Step 1:** Heat oven to 400° F.

**Step 2:** Place the beef in a large skillet and cook over medium-high heat until no trace of pink remains, about 5 minutes.

**Step 3:** Spoon off and discard any fat. Stir in the ketchup and Worcestershire. Add the vegetables and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Spoon into a baking dish.

**Step 4:** Mix the cheese (if desired) with the potatoes in a bowl. Spread over the beef and bake until heated through, 10 minutes. Divide among plates.



**PRAY** that local churches will become actively involved and excited about bringing their family, friends, and coworkers to the event.

**PRAY** for Pastor Greg as he prepares his messages for each night of the event. Pray that he shares the gospel in the power and love of Christ.

**PRAY** that God will raise up an army of volunteers from local churches: ushers, decision follow-up workers, and prayer team members.

**PRAY** for those you will invite, and for boldness for all who will be inviting people to the crusade. Pray that God would prepare the heart of each person invited.

**PRAY** that those who come forward at the event will go forward in their relationship with Christ, and that they will become active in a Bible-teaching church.



#### Chuckles:

A young lady was soaking up sunshine on the beach, when a little boy approached and asked: “Do you believe in God?”

The Young lady nodded considerably surprised.

“And do you always go to church on Sunday?”

“Yes, I do,” replied the young lady, getting more interested.

“And read the Bible?”

“Every day.”

The little boy was noticeably relieved. “Well, then, will you please hold my quarter while I go swimming?”



# UPCOMING EVENT!

## The Boise Harvest with Greg Laurie!



### What is Harvest?

**You are on this earth for a reason!**

Have you ever questioned your purpose, how to find real happiness, or wondered if there is life after death?

Boise Harvest is FREE for everyone!

Join people from across the Valley for three wonderful nights full of musical performances by top Christian artists, special guest interviews, and a message of hope from the gospel that could change your life.

Emmett FBC is supporting and promoting this event and praying lives will be touched for Christ each of the three nights and ongoing.

If you want to know more, or want to actively participate, contact Pastor Lance or one of your church leaders, or go on line to <https://harvest.org/boise-harvest-2020/>

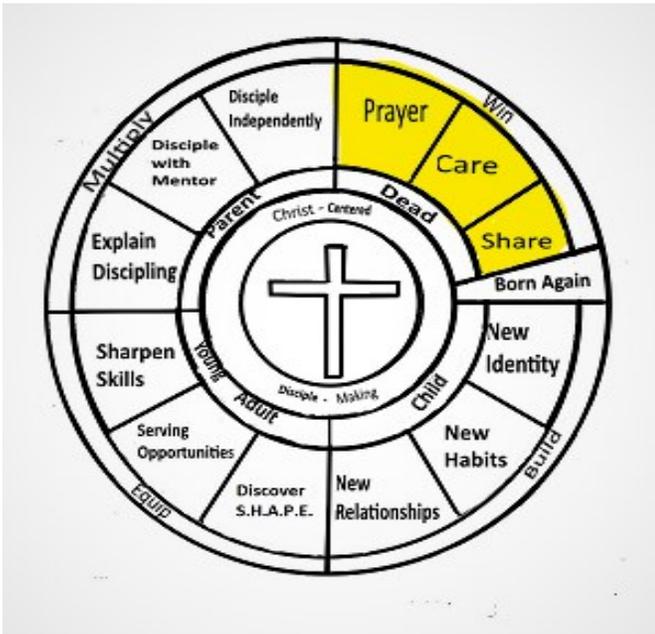


### Pray for your Neighbors

<https://blesseveryhome.com/>

It's free and confidential. And it aligns with FBC's mission!

Blesseveryhome.com gives you the tools to become a Light for Christ in your neighborhood. Join an ever-growing community of Christ followers who are devoted to being a Light in their neighborhoods through **praying** for, **caring** for, **sharing** the gospel with, and discipling their neighbors.





**WHILE THE REST OF OUR NATION FOCUSES ON THE ELECTION, LET'S FOCUS ON SOMETHING MORE ETERNAL.**

Dear friend,

The upcoming presidential election is on a lot of people's minds. Not to mention all the other drama in Washington right now.

For some ... it's an exciting time.

For others ... it's a time of fear.

For all of us ... it's a time filled with uncertainty.

None of us know what tomorrow will bring (Proverbs 27:1). That's a fact. The best days could be ahead of us. Or we might be entering a time of great trials. Only time will tell.

**Through it all, one thing is certain: Jesus is Lord.**

God is on the throne.

Victory belongs to Him.

Do you believe that?

We can't lose sight of this truth. Jesus Christ is the only constant in our world. He is where we are to put our trust (Psalm 118:8). He is the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

**The presidential election is important. But the reality is that politics has very little effect on the human heart.** It is the Lord who can turn the heart of a king. It is God who holds our future in His hands.

**As believers, what can you and I do to have the greatest impact on our nation at this time?** I believe it comes down to the clear proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As God uses us to change lives for eternity, we have a dramatic impact on today.

As the great Robert Murray McCheyne once wrote:

**"A holy man is a mighty weapon in the hands of God."**

In the end, the only thing that brings true, lasting, God-honoring change to our world is the Good News of Jesus as it changes lives. It transcends politics. It stands the test of time.

Just a few days ago our son Andrew was proclaiming the Good News in Egypt. It was a perfect example of the fruit we are seeing. He and his wife, Wendy, has the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with thousands of individuals over 4 days of outreach. And at every gathering, when they gave the clear invitation to receive Jesus, hundreds responded!

**Don't let anyone tell you people aren't hungry for the Gospel! We're seeing the truth! Even in the Middle East!**

Nothing beats the stories of lasting fruit. That's what keeps our team going. From young boys and girls to grandmas and grandpas ... God is healing hearts and drawing people to Himself in wonderful ways.

It makes me think of a young man I led to Christ more than 30 years ago through a radio program in 1984. I was invited as a guest on a daily radio show. After a quick overview of the Gospel—for good measure—I led out in a simple sinner's prayer.

Little did I know that broadcast would forever change the life of a young lawyer in Missouri who would go on to have a successful career in politics.

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The young man was former U.S., senator Jim Talent. When he heard the message, Jim pulled over into a school parking lot, got out of his car, went down on his knees, and prayed with me on the radio to accept Jesus Christ into his heart.

**Jim went on to serve four terms in the United States House of Representative and was elected to the United States Senate in 2002.** Throughout his political career, Jim has been outspoken about the things of God—standing for truth, for life, and for our nation. He has truly honored the Lord in his service to our nation and brought glory to God.

Jim is just one of the millions of changed—life stories from our 50+ years of ministry. Each one unique. Each individual precious in the eyes of God.

Whether here in the United States or across the world in China or Africa or Latin America—our goal is the same—to share the message of Christ with as many people as possible and invite them into a relationship with Jesus. **And your partnership helps accomplish just that!**

**While the rest of our nation is focused on the presidential election this year, let's focus on something far greater... the election of individuals into the Kingdom of God!**

I encourage you... from the bottom of my heart...

Please make evangelism a priority in 2020.

*Taken from Luis Palau Letter*





Dear Supporter,

For those who haven't had the chance to meet me, I am César Pérez, the new CERT Director. I have a Bachelor's in Church and Family Ministries from God's Bible School and College in Cincinnati, Ohio and studied at Wilson College while pursuing my teacher certification. I have been married for 4 years to my beautiful wife, Elisabeth and we have a 6-year-old golden retriever named Samson. We are also expecting a little (and surprise) blessing, our first child, this June. Before moving here in July, we lived in Hanover, Pennsylvania.

It's crazy to think we have been here for a little over 5 months. In those 5 months, God has been so good to me and Elisabeth. He has supplied every need and He has been using YOU to accomplish that. For that we thank you very much.

I also would like to say thank you for your prayers and financial support during my unexpected health problems this past fall. If my wife and I were not surrounded by such great supporters, we would be in a bit of a mess, but I thank God for you and your support. We still have some financial concerns ahead of us and we are talking with Saint Alphonsus to work things out, but I am confident that God will provide.

Classes are going well here at CERT. We currently have 15 students enrolled in class. This is up from 8 students in the first trimester. Last trimester, we did a class on Bible basics and then did a little of Old Testament survey. This trimester we are studying the New Testament.

God has been working in these students lives and I am privileged to be a part of that. I know this letter is getting a little long, but I'd like to share a story of how God has been working.

The first is about an atheist student who enrolled last trimester and is enrolled in this one as well. I met him before school started during open house at the high school. I still consider that encounter a divine appointment. We were both walking out of the school building at the same time and I looked over and said, "Hi! How are you doing?" He responded politely with a smile and asked me who the new CERT teacher was. I informed him that it was me and then we started to talk. I quickly learned he wasn't religious and a few days later he informed me he is an atheist. After some talking, I was able to convince him to take CERT!

In class, he was very engaged, asking questions, probing, and searching for answers. God really helped me and with His guidance I was able to have an answer for everything he asked. During this time his mother came into the CERT building to meet me. She thanked me for connecting with her son and convincing him to take this class. She said he was talking about CERT every day at dinner and was reading the Bible and doing research on Christianity during his free time! God is so good!

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At the end of the trimester I had all the students take a final. In that final I had them write an essay. The essay question was, "Who is God to you?" These are some things this student wrote:

"God is a useful tool to learn morals. God can be used to have morals.... God in my opinion is like a vessel to living a good life. He is an option that is a good idea to take."

Though, not theologically excellent, I was thrilled to read this. I pulled him aside and told him his essay didn't sound like something an atheist would write. He said, with a sheepish smile, "Yeah, I am reconsidering some things."

The seed has been planted in his heart and that is what CERT is all about. Without YOU supporting CERT, none of this would be possible. Thank you again for your faithful giving, your support, and trust! It means the world to me that I can be here day after day with these kids, exposing them to the truth of the Gospel. Thank you for making this possible!

God Bless,

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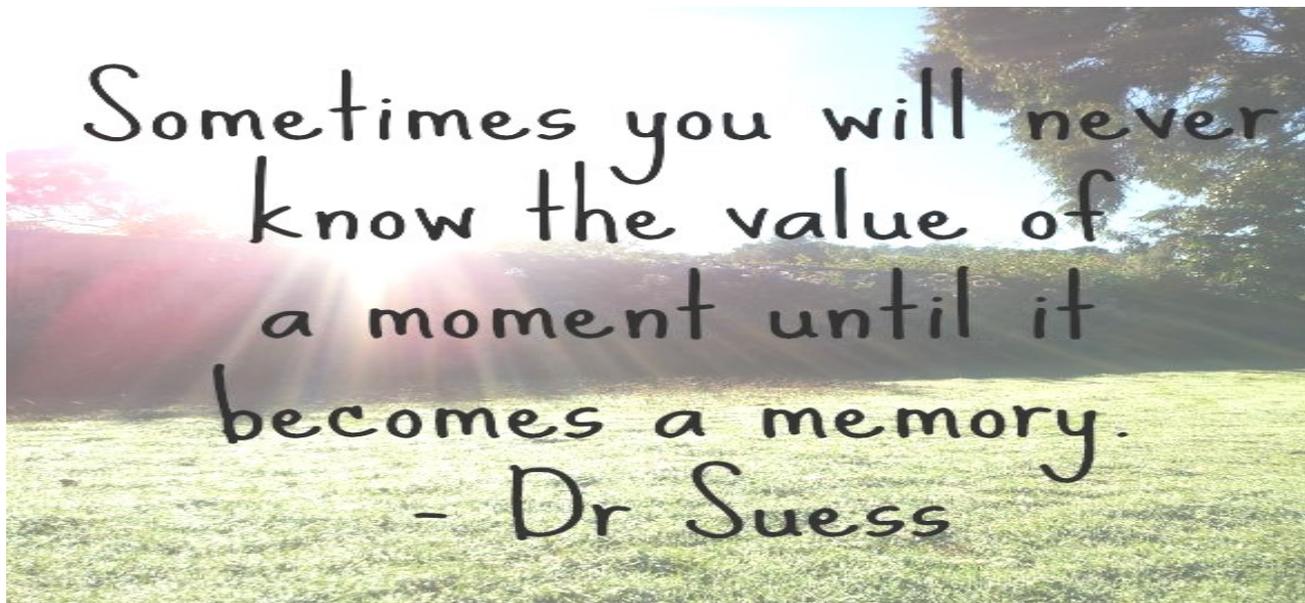
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
RELEASE TIME**



**PUTTING THE  
BIBLE BACK INTO  
EDUCATION**

<https://www.facebook.com/CERTE Emmett/>

## FBC Member Memories



In the month of September we asked for people to share their memories of FBC. The following story is one with more to come. If you haven't shared and would still like to tell your story, turn it in to the church office or email it to [fbchurch1001@qwestoffice.net](mailto:fbchurch1001@qwestoffice.net).

Dorothy Pearce

When I was in my early 30's I went to First Baptist Church with Cheryl Elsberry Kerr. I joined church after first attending. Her and I both went forward on Sunday and I was baptized shortly after. I felt like I was above (in the sky) afterwards. My husband, Chuck, joined and was baptized. Following our baptism and joining the church we adopted 2 sons, whom are the light of our lives. They were later baptized also. We invited family to come to church with us and later many members our family were baptized and joined the church: my two sisters, my brother-in-law, nieces and nephews, granddaughter etc., all joined and were baptized. At age 60 something, my mother and Dad joined and were baptized. They said if we would meet them outside, they would go to church with us. We took our boys to church with us every Sunday and both of our sons were later baptized and joined church.

I served on the Diaconate in church for over 50 years. My husband Chuck also served on the Diaconate for over 50 yrs., as did some other family members.

I was secretary of the church starting under Rev. Harry Granger and continued on for several interim pastors and finally under Lance... 17 yrs in all.

I have had 4 strokes, went blind for 5 days, was in a wheelchair for 1 ½ years and then learned to walk again. I lost my kidneys and have been on dialysis for almost 12 years. During one of my surgeries, they paralyzed my vocal chords and had to have a surgery to restore it. I regained my sight now and the Dr. said my eye sight was as good as before the blindness.

God was with me through all of those dark days and still is. I would never have made it if it hadn't been for God and his many blessings and the prayers of many praying Christians. I have had so many blessings and miracles that I hope continue.

The Dr. said she can't believe how well I am doing and taking very small amounts of medicines. Most of the people over at dialysis are taking much more medications than I am. I pray that the miracles are not through yet.

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## FBC Member Memories

*Dorothy Pearce continued*

I would advise anyone who has not joined church or have been baptized would do so, God is faithful to all of his followers.

We both have been avid supporters of tithing to our church. I would suggest to anyone out there who hasn't yet learned the value of tithing to give God a try and see what blessings He can bestow on you. If you think you can't afford to give of your tithe, I would suggest to you trust that God will always provide. We know from experience.

I hope this will help some of you that haven't quite made up your mind. GIVE GOD A TRY AND SEE WHAT MIRACLES WILL COME YOUR WAY.

Yesterdays

*Memories*  
are tomorrows  
*Treasures*

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## BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd Austin Humphries
- 10th Kelly Ayres
- 11th Sally Sturman
- 14th Francis Granger
- 19th Lexi Humphries
- 20th David Shriver
- 31st Justin Church

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 14th Nate & Teri Campbell



Happy Birthday & Anniversary to the above listed.

We pray your day is blessed!

# MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 <i>All Boards Meeting 6:30pm</i>	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a	9	10	11 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a	12 Prayer Meeting 7pm Sanctuary	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Potluck & CPR Training 1pm/2pm	16	17	18 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a	19 Prayer Meeting 7pm Sanctuary	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a	23	24	25 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a	26 Prayer Meeting 7pm Sanctuary	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a	30	31				