



June 19, 2019

## Sharing Your Story Is Powerful

Consider this person's short testimony as an example for telling your story. "I grew up in a Christian family, so I was surrounded by God and the church from the very beginning. I was raised in a Christian home, but just followed through the motions of doing "Christian things" that I thought you were supposed to do. I didn't know God, I just knew about Him.

I found myself searching for purpose and meaning in people and also in myself. Whether that was my friends or in relationships, I poured my whole heart into them. I also became very fixated on myself and my image. I became consumed with what people thought of me and was living for the acceptance of others.

At my lowest point when I was alone and afraid, God drew me to Himself. From growing up in a Christian home, I knew what to do. I knew the Lord could rescue me if I just let Him. I admitted that I am a sinner and that I was trying to find life in other people and myself. I acknowledged that He sent Jesus to die on the cross so that I could be delivered from my sin and have eternal life. I committed to living for God instead of others.

Since knowing Him, God showed me that being a "Christian" isn't about just doing good works. He made it clear that I did not have to earn my rescue from sin or earn His love (Eph. 2:8-9). He has given me fulfillment and purpose and joy. I am not perfect and I still mess up, but God loves me despite my flaws and imperfections. And when the things I was pursuing before continually let me down, God has never once left me. He has shown Himself to me in the Bible and as we hike together in nature. God loved me even at my lowest point, and He rescued me from myself and eternal separation from Him."

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 19

6:00 p.m.- Admin Board Meeting

Thursday, June 20

6:00 p.m. Deacon Board

Sunday, June 23

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

### Teachers for June 23

#### **Nursery**

Angie Bynum / Jessica Bynum

#### **Kids' Time**

Deb Klopfenstein / Darcy Isch

#### **LOL**

Remain in service – summer break

### Stewardship Report

June 16, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	5,178.00
Missions	495.00
Building/Maint Fund	90.00
Match Fund	545.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,308.00</b>



## Good News Shoes Meeting

Our Good News Shoes giveaway is getting closer! We will give away shoes to school-age children on August 10 at the Duck Race at Pickett's Run Park. If you signed up to help, or would like to help, please come to a meeting on Sunday, June 30 right after the worship service. We will gather downstairs in the New Dimensions classroom to organize this event. For those who aren't able to help, please pray for the success of this ministry.

## New Directory

You may pick up your copy of our updated church directory in the foyer this Sunday. If we run out, we will print some more for the following Sunday.



## Match Fund Update

We are grateful to everyone who is participating in our Match Fund AC/Heating campaign. So far we have had \$12,485 given toward the \$35,000 needed for this upgrade. Thank you so much!



## Keep Our Scholarships Going

There are currently five post-high school students who picked up scholarship applications for the 2019-2020 school year. The combined potential of these five FBC connected students is tremendously high.

Some of you might wonder how FBC will be able to offer multiple \$1,500 scholarships annually over the long haul. Any generous benefactor can help ensure the longevity of this admirable effort by contributing toward the principle of this scholarship fund. Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated.

Make checks out to First Baptist Church and designate them on your memo and giving envelope to the McFarren Scholarship Fund.

## Help People Follow Jesus

Our mission at FBC is to Help People Follow Jesus. This amazing adventure of following the LORD begins by acknowledging that we have sinned against the infinite and eternal God of the Bible. All human efforts to reach God by being good enough or working hard enough fall short.

At just the right time God was born into our world. Jesus came from heaven to earth on a search and rescue mission. Eventually the Savior took on the penalty for sin, which we all deserve, when He died on the cross. Three days later Jesus came back to life – completely victorious over sin and death.

Any person who personally believes in Jesus will be forgiven, will reconnect with God, and will begin this high adventure of following the LORD. An ancient word often used to describe this incredible transaction is “gospel” or the “gospel of Jesus.” The word gospel means good news.

Someone effectively used this word gospel as an acrostic to summarize this stunning news concisely.

**G**OD created us to be with Him.  
**O**UR sins separate us from God.  
**S**INS cannot be removed by good deeds.  
**P**AYING the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.  
**E**VERYONE who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.  
**L**IFE with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

What will you do with Jesus? Let us share this awesome message openly, without being ashamed in any way.

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## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

Clyde Shady – Room 228B

Phyllis Shady – Room 254

### River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

Betty Grove – Room 118

### Home

Ed Goetz

Rose McCormick

### K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

## Help People Follow Jesus

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#### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service