

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We welcome you to Ball Camp Baptist Church! Before the service begins, please take a moment and fill out the “Communication Card” that is in your bulletin. You may place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the ministers as you leave. The information you share will help us minister to you. Be sure to list any prayer requests or decisions you would like to make on the back.

“The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.”
Eleanor Roosevelt

GATHERING

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship No. 566 ST. ANNE
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
Sanctuary Choir

Opening Prayer and Welcome

*Greeting of Worshipers No. 509 TRUST AND OBEY
“Trust and Obey”

REFLECTING

Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-4
Steve Ritter
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord Pew Bible Page 8
All: Thanks be to God

Hymn No. 349 TO GOD BE THE GLORY
“To God Be the Glory”

Morning Prayer Rev. Tina Collins

Prayer Response GRACE ALONE
“Grace Alone”
Sanctuary Choir

Children’s Sermon Lisa Thompson
(Kindergarten through 4th Grade may dismiss for Children’s Worship in Room 215)

PRAISING

*Offertory Hymn No. 638 LIFT EVERY VOICE
“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

(Continued on back)

Offertory Prayer Bob Bridges

Offertory

Anthem “As Long As I Have Breath” Sue Farmer
Sanctuary Choir

Doxology No. 706 OLD 100TH
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LEARNING

Sermon Journeys: “Father Abraham” Dr. David Kitts

*Hymn of Response No. 72 BLOTT EN DAG
“Day By Day”

Benediction

Postlude

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

*Those who are able, please stand.

Church Staff

Every Member, Ministers
Dr. David Kitts, Interim Senior Pastor
Thea Carter, Pianist
Bailey Chambers, Road Worship Leader
Rev. Tina Collins, Organist
Rev. Brian Johnson, Pastor of Youth and Spiritual Formation
Dr. Clark Measels, Pastor of Music and Worship
Alpha Patrick, Church Administrator
Jackie Tiller, Church Hostess



This article was first printed in our bulletin on March 16, 2014. It is worth revisiting and rethinking our answers to the questions raised.

Certain questions are timeless. Which came first: the chicken or the egg? Why did the chicken cross the road? Is the glass half full or half empty? This last question is the one that I want to linger on for a bit. The answer to this question tends to tell us something about our outlook on life. If one answers that the glass is half full, they are called an optimist. If one answers that the glass is half empty, they are called a pessimist. And if they say that it is totally full, half with water and half with air, they are a trouble maker.

Neither perspective is incorrect. It is not wrong to say that the glass is half full because the reality is that half of the glass has water in it. It is not wrong to say that the glass is half empty because, in reality, there is available space for more water. There is no right or wrong way to answer this question. There is, however, something to be learned about the person who makes both observations.

The person who sees the glass as half empty is observing what is not there. The incomplete nature of the glass becomes the focal point of thought and a sense that there could be much more potential if the void was not there. Half empty people often spend more time thinking about how much better life could be with a full glass than with what they currently have.

The person who sees the glass as half full is observing the presence of what is there and noting the capacity of that water glass to provide a service. Even though more water might mean more power to do good, the optimist would see the ability of what is present to make a difference.

It is easy to transfer these two different types of people to many other areas of life other than glasses of water. Each person looks at each situation in life in a slightly different way. If two people are

observing facts, there will be at least two interpretations of what that means. One person might see rain and think of all the problems that accompany it while another might see the same rain and be thankful for its life-giving ability. Neither are wrong. It is just a difference in perspective.

The question for today: is our church partially full or partially empty? Neither answer is incorrect, but your answer influences how you move forward. When you see empty seats around you in worship, do you think about who used to sit in them or do you think about what you can do to bring someone to fill them? When you see fewer people to be part of ministries, do you grieve for what could have been done or do you think of ways that you can make a difference by being part of that ministry? Do you see what isn't here or do you see the life-giving potential of what is?

The writer of Ecclesiastes understood that there is a time for the glass to be half empty but also for the glass to be half full. There is a time to be sad and miss those who are no longer with us and a time to grieve but there is also a time to begin thinking about the opportunities that are presented to each of us. If neither perspective is wrong, it is possible to have both residing within one mind. While you grieve, think about how you can return to joy. While you miss those who aren't here, think about those who you could invite to be a part of us.

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4)

Is the glass half empty? Or is it half full?

Peace,

Brian

WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, June 7, 2015

9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:55 AM The Road Service
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

9:30 AM Extension Visitation

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

4:00 PM Staff Meeting
5:00 PM Dinner
6:00 PM Nursery Opens
J.A.M. Out (2-K)
W.O.W. (1st-5th Grades)
C.H.A.O.S. Youth
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, June 11, 2015

7:00 AM Atlanta Braves Game
10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study
2:00 PM Autumn Care

THOSE WHO SERVE

Children's Worship

Today: Scott Ritter & Lynda Lovingood
Next Week: David Gordon & Jenny Smith

Children 3 & 4 Year Olds Extension

Today: Susan Mulligan
Next Week: Monique Gordon

Reader of the Week:

Today: Sybil Brown
Next Week: Rupert Osborn

Deacon of the Week

Today: 10:55 Wade Bradley
11:00 Bob Bridges

Next Week: 10:55 Brenda Bradley
11:00 Rupert Osborn

GIVING INFORMATION
for May 31, 2015

Budget Receipts \$9,295.00
for 5/31/15
Total Budget Receipts 36,403.00
for May 2015

Deposit 5/31/15

Budget \$9,295.00
Building Fund 840.00
North Africa Missions 35.00
Youth 475.00
PDO 240.00
CBF 100.00
Suppers 401.00

Total Deposit \$11,386.00

Building Fund Receipts 3,335.00
for May
Building Fund \$3,480.00
Monthly Needs

Sunday School Attendance

May 31, 2015 98

COMING UP

BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Kitts continues his series of lessons in the sanctuary at 6:15pm, titled "Guess Who's Coming After Dinner?" Please join us and bring a friend.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has prepared a draft copy of the newly updated Constitution and Bylaws for members to read and make written comments. Written comments or questions can be given to any committee member, Shelley Farmer, Vernon Gordon, or Wade Bradley. You can also e-mail to the church administrator at office@ballcampchurch.org, or Shelley Farmer at teachershell@comcast.net. The committee will accept comments and questions until Sunday, June 21, 2015. A final version will be handed out at the July 8th regular business meeting. A special business meeting will be called on August 5th for a church-wide vote. Copies of the new documents are available in the church office.

GIFT BAGS

Bags with small gifts are being assembled to send to Kentucky along with Hope Academy for a Ladies' Tea. These bags will be filled with lotions, nail supplies, and other small items for the ladies of all ages. If you are interested in helping with this project, please see Libby Ritter or Kay Zevenbergen.

KROGER PLUS CARDS

If your Kroger Plus Card is not registered with another charity, you can go online and register it for Family Promise. This does not impact your points but it acts as a fundraiser for Family Promise. You must do the registering every year so if you haven't done it in a while, you might want to go online and see if you need to re-register.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Vacation time is near, and we are in need of extra help with our Children's program on Sunday morning. If you are willing to help with this program, please see Lynda Lovingood or contact the office.

LADIES BANQUET

Ladies, mark your calendar for Thursday, June 25, 2015, at 6:30pm, for the Ladies Banquet. See insert for further details.

FAMILY PROMISE NEEDS

Family Promise is in need of size 4 diapers. Any coupons are welcome as well. If you can help with this need, please drop them by the office.

FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP!

The College Department will be getting together Sunday, June 28th, at the Concord Marina Clubhouse from 5:00pm until 9ish for fun food and fellowship. All are welcome and please bring friends. Let Barbara Bridges, Shelley Farmer or Sybil Brown know who is coming so we will have plenty for all.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Bible Study is looking at the main characters found in the book of Revelation. The format will be a 10 session video teaching by Dr. David Jeremiah based on his book, Agents of the Apocalypse. The study continues each week at 10:00AM in room 233A. As with all BCBC activities, if Knox County Schools are out, the group will not meet.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Continue to be in prayer for our Pastor Search Committee as they begin the difficult task of finding our next Senior Pastor.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

VBS dates have been moved to July 26-29. If you can help out in any way, please see Hannah Chambers. On line registration is available.

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MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

6/7 Kiersten Glenn, California
6/7 Bill Peeler, Cambodia
6/7 Gary Skeen, Decatur
6/8 Janice Newell, Emeritus
6/9 Michelle Cayard, China
6/10 Kim Wyatt, California
6/11 Joshua Hearne, Virginia