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**Putting the Focus on Christ . . . in our personal lives,
in our families, in our church, in our community, in our world!**

Understanding and Applying God's Word

We recently began a series of Sunday messages on the Foundational Christian Doctrines of our Faith. You'll recall that the word "doctrine" simply means "a particular teaching". We are considering the particular teaching that comes from the source of God's Word – The Holy Bible, about the various topics that we find in the Bible. We began with this simple, yet vital understanding of Christian Doctrine:

A proper understanding and application of Christian doctrines provides a foundation for all aspects of our faith. An improper understanding or application of these doctrines will cause a misalignment of our lives with God's purpose for us, both as His Children and His Church.

These proper understandings and applications of God's Word, along with the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, becomes a dynamic force for living the abundant life that Jesus mentions in John 10:10...

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

We get to choose this abundant life as followers of Christ! But we must study to show ourselves approved, rightly dividing the Word of God. (2 Timothy 2:15).

Here's a list of the basic Christian Doctrines which we have explored so far, along with a brief summary and a corresponding Scripture:

The Doctrine of the Bible. The Bible (Scripture) is God's supernatural presentation of His Holy, inspired Word. 2 Timothy 3:16-17- All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Doctrine of the Trinity. God is present through all of time and eternity in three persons: The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each part of the Trinity reveals one God who has been, is and will be accomplishing His purposes with specific assignments attributed to each of these three persons of the Trinity. Hebrews 9:14 - "How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The Doctrine of Christ. Jesus Christ came to the earth as the Messiah, who offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of humanity when he died on the cross. Through His sacrificial death, Jesus atoned for the sins of the World for all who believe, thus restoring believers into a right relationship to the Heavenly Father. Through His resurrection from death, Jesus confirms resurrection from death for all believers into eternal life in Heaven. John 3:16 - "For God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life."

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My soul finds rest in God alone; **my** salvation comes from him. He alone is **my** rock and **my** salvation; he is **my** fortress, I will never be shaken. **A calm resolve while we wait, taken from Psalm 62:1-2**

As we move into the **Fall** season, our attendance is increasing and it is great to be welcoming people back and sharing Bible study discussing God's plan while we face so much going on in our lives today. Our Fellowship at 8:45 am continues and we're all abiding by social distancing and still able to study the scripture and worship together.

**Have a safe and Happy Labor Day.
Discipleship Ministry**

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The Doctrine of the Church. The Church is God's Heavenly Embassy on earth with the mandate of representing God Kingdom purposes. The Church belongs to Christ and is made up of all True Believers who are called to work together to accomplish these mandates to the glory of God, in the name of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 16:16-18 ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

We have just scratched the surface of these vital doctrines. I pray that you will dig deeper into all of these so that the miraculous work of God in your life will become dynamic, like never before! Join us each Sunday as we continue to firm up our faith and prepare for all of the wonderful ways that God will be at work in and through His Church in Carolina Beach and around the world.

Because He lives,
Pastor Hal



**Ladies of All Ages
Come join the WMU!**

Women on Mission

All our ladies At FBCCB are invited to come learn and fellowship with us on the 2nd Monday of each month in the church Fellowship Hall. The Velma Harris Circle of WMU focuses on missions, education, and prayer. They also plan missions projects for our community. Come on, don't miss out on all the fun!

WMU News...

September 14 will be our first meeting of the new WMU year. We will be discussing and making plans for 2020/2021. The program will be presented by Lori Fields. We will be supporting the Federal Point Help Center by bringing in items requested: jelly, soup, cold cereal, or dry pasta. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, but cannot attend our meeting, please leave your donations in the basket at the top of the stairs during the month of September.

Sunday Schedule

8:45 am Fellowship
9 am Sunday School
10 am Worship Service
5 pm Youth Group
7 pm AA

To watch our Sunday Service, "live" go to www.fbccb.org and click on the live broadcast link.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, there are no activities for children. We hope to bring them back in, when it is safe to do so.

welcome

NEW MEMBERS



Ashley Abeling

What are your Favorite Hobbies: Drawing and Math

What is Your Hometown: Wilmington, NC

What has 2020 Taught You? Entertain myself better

Do You Most Prefer Movies or Books: Both!

Which Biblical Person Do You Want to Meet? Matthew

What about Heaven are you Most Excited About: Get to see Pawpaw

What does the World Need More of? Kids!

Can you Keep a Secret? Yes!

Favorite Hymn/song: "We Three Kings"

What book in the Bible did you Last Read: 1st John (just finished her devotion!)

Thank you

Thank you to Lori Fields, for doing a wonderful job interviewing our newest members!



Jean Long

What are your Favorite Hobbies: read, baton twirling

What is Your Hometown: Rochester, NY

What has 2020 Taught You?: Not to take anything for granted

Your First Job/Last Job: Retired. LPN/RN Nurse Specialty

Do You Most Prefer Movies or Books: Both!

Which Biblical Person Do You Want to Meet? Paul

What about Heaven are you Most Excited: Being part of the whole family in the most perfect place

What does the World Need More of? Kindness, love, patience...all the fruits of the Spirit

Can you Keep a Secret? Yes

Favorite Hymn/song: "It is Well with My Soul"

What book in the Bible did you Last Read: James

Want to share anything with the church family: I am so ready to be back in church with my church family

We will continue to highlight our newest members in each LightHouse Newsletter.

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Share these Carolina Beach Resources!



Free Fresh Produce



Monday & Thursday 10am
Beach Community Church
Cape Fear & 4th St..
Carolina Beach
Sonia Hayes 910-620-5881

Free School Lunch (under 18)



M-F, 11:20-11:45 am
Through August 7
St. Paul's
United Methodist Church
Parking Lot
300 Harper Ave.
Carolina Beach
Gail Jones 910-458-5310

Free Groceries To Go

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 4-6pm
Lighthouse Shining Ministries
6622 Carolina Beach Rd.,
Wilmington
Rico Hobson 910-262-5233

Free Prepared Meals to Go



Tuesday & Thursday 6-7 pm
Martha's Kitchen
First Baptist Church
Carolina Beach
409 N. Lake Park Blvd.
Under Picnic Shelter
Lisa Jones 910-617-1139

Free Prepared Meals & Groceries to Go



Fridays, 10:30-11:30 am
St. Paul's
United Methodist Church
300 Harper Ave.
Carolina Beach
Gail Jones 910-458-5310

Free Groceries To Go

Monday - Friday
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Help Center of Federal Point
3 N. 3rd St. in Carolina Beach
Contact: (910)458-2777



Prayer Network

If you have a prayer request please email our church office marilyn@fbccb.org, call our Church Office (910-458-5134), or fill out a Prayer card from the pew and drop it in the offering plate.
Join us for Prayer Time on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am.



Prayer Concerns

Church Family – Joyce Godwin at NHRMC, Room 933. undergoing tests now to determine cause of fever and weakness, Robin Bolton had surgery today and will be back home and out of work for the next month, Reed Bartley, Maria Agrillo, the family of Rex Creech on the loss of his brother, Randy, Jean Long, Helen Bowen, Sheila Long, Dee Barnes, Hilda Langley, Vee Shore, Bob Hodge, one the loss of his wife, Ruth, Peggy Brummitt, Julie Pinkston, Jo Campbell, Stan Abramski, David and Francis Ray, Debra Benoy, Phil Savonen, Phil Denston, Tina and Alex Stanley, Jane Walker, Lona Thompson, Peggy Bryan, and Nancy Dillow,



Friends and Family – The family of Kenny Roberts, Jr., the son of Kenny and Beth Roberts, and the first cousin of DeWayne Guy, Betty and Greg Earles (Helen Bowen's sister/nephew), Dianne Bates and Lynne Willis (Lori Griffin's friends), Henry and Jewel Allen (Sherrie Hiatt's parents), Chris Souza (Jackie and Stan Abramski's son), Eric Berwald (Greg Berwald's brother), Coy Emory and Ronald Mann (prayer request of Nyl-lia Mann), Graham Pieratt and Steve Lahnum (Janet Nelson's great nephew and nephew), Shirley Denston (Phil, Becky, and Dan Denston stepmother), Carol Miller (friend of Teresa Parker's), Colleen Colman (Marjorie Colman's daughter-in-law).

Psalm 54:2

**“Hear my prayer, O God;
listen to the words of my mouth”.**



Staying Connected While Practicing Social Distancing

As the novel coronavirus keeps most of us home, this lack of in-person human contact can cause stress and loneliness. However, there are many ways to stay connected during social distancing.

Free Social Connection

Google Hangouts can be used for messaging or free video or voice calls with one person or a whole group. Hangouts is a free Smartphone app or Google Chrome Extension. It can be used on any kind of Smartphone and even has fun features like photos, stickers and emojis.

For iPhones, there is the Facetime option, but it only works with other iPhones or iPads. This app allows for multiple faces to appear on the same screen for nearly real gatherings. This is a great option for virtual happy hours or family reunions.

Zoom is traditionally a business meeting tool, but can be used for virtual happy hours and family get-togethers. It is also useful for conference calls or a video call for some face-to-face time.

Skype is another free tool that can be used for video calls, chatting or conference calls. It can be used on a computer as an app or through the web or as a Smartphone or tablet app.

Facebook has a whole host of virtual connectivity options. In addition to sharing statuses and commenting on someone's wall or news feed, there is Facebook Messaging, which can be between two people or a whole group, allowing for a chat or texting option. Facebook also has a new feature called **Watch Party**. In this feature, the host can pick out a queue of Facebook videos and line them up for the party. The host invites friends (other friends can join later, too) and they can see and hear each other, as well as comment on the videos. Bring on the cat videos!

House Party is a video group chat app for smart phones. In addition to chatting face-to-face, you can play interactive games, including Quick Draw, which is like Pictionary. There are also screen sharing capabilities. Best of all, it's free.

Of course, there are **phone calls** and **texts**. A quick, "I'm thinking about you" text could be a boost for someone. But sometimes people want to see other's faces and do activities together. **Sending pictures** to one another is a fantastic way to send love and get some face time in. Sending random photos of what the kids are up to might be a daily highlight for a lonely grandmother. Get creative — **literally**. A fun activity for kids is to create drawings or write letters to their grandparents or elderly nursing home residents, or even neighbors to receive by mail. Or have kids **write letters** to their friends or teachers from school. The most important thing is to not become a hermit. Social distancing should help keep us safe, but we need social connection to keep us sane.

Reach out and connect with someone today!