



# THE INTERIM

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## "I Am..."

### ■ Roger Gilbert *Interim Pastor*

This coming Sunday, May 10, is Mother's Day. It is appropriate that national attention is given to mothers. I know that you join me in giving thanks for the love, guidance, and inspiration that mothers have provided for their children, the nation and the world across the centuries. I am blessed that my own mother at age 97 is still amazingly strong. For many years I preached a sermon about mothers on Mother's Day. Some years ago, however, I began to realize that while such sermons were appreciated by many, for others with difficult situations in their lives or families, the same sermons were painful. All the mothers will be recognized in worship this coming Sunday, but the sermon will be a continuation of the series on the "I Am" sayings.

The sermon will focus on the statement, "I Am the Door," found in John 10:1-10. Think of the function of a door. It serves as a way to enter and exit a room, building, or other enclosure. In the biblical account Jesus begins by talking about those who enter a sheep fold by the wrong way and for the wrong purposes. To pick up the wider context for this lesson, go back and read John 9. The Pharisees had excommunicated the blind man that Jesus had healed. To be put out of the synagogue resulted in serious consequences for the people of that society. The wider implication was that it meant he was cut off from a relationship with God. Who really is the "way" to a relationship with God? Jesus said "I am the door."

On Sunday, May 17, the sermon will focus on Jesus' statement, "I Am the Good Shepherd," (John 10:11-18). In the background of this passage is not only the previous week's discussion but numerous references to good and bad shepherds in the history of Israel. Kings, priests and prophets had something of a shepherd role in caring for the people for whom they were responsible. While in our day most of us have little or no personal knowledge of sheep or shepherds, we still love and appreciate Psalm 23 because it speaks to a need and longing we all have for the steadfast love, strength, and dependability that only God can provide. When Jesus says "I am the Good Shepherd," he is again identifying with God.

On Sunday, May 24, the sermon will focus on Jesus' statement, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," (John 11). This is the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Note that there is a distinct difference between the raising of Lazarus and Jesus' resurrection. Lazarus will die again. Jesus' resurrection is once and for all. Note that Jesus says "I am the Resurrection and life." This is not a matter of a theological proposition but about the PERSON of Jesus. He is the "I AM" who is the very source of life and life eternal.

I encourage you to invest some time to study and reflect on these passages in preparation for the coming Sundays. I welcome your thoughts and insights.

## Memorial Day Picnic ~ Sunday, May 24, 2015

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:55 a.m. Joint Worship in Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Picnic on the Lawn



Please join us for a Memorial Day picnic on Sunday, May 24. We will have a joint Sunday School class for adults at 9:45 a.m. and a joint worship service at 10:55 a.m. The menu includes pork BBQ, corn, and green beans. We ask the congregation to bring desserts. Please slice the desserts at home. This makes the desserts easier to serve. We will have inflatables, snow cones, and volleyball. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship!

## Schedule

### Sunday, May 10 ~ Exodus 30-32

#### Happy Mother's Day

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

### Monday, May 11 ~ Exodus 33-35

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
- 11:00 a.m. Applewhite Group Meeting - Adams Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

### Tuesday, May 12 ~ Exodus 36-38

- 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Faithful Steps - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

### Wednesday, May 13 ~ Exodus 39-40

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal (Chicken Stir Fry, Green Beans, Broccoli Slaw, & Dessert)
- 5:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, May 14 ~ Leviticus 1-4

- 8:00 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

### Friday, May 15 ~ Leviticus 5-7

- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

### Saturday, May 16 ~ Leviticus 8-10

### Sunday, May 17 ~ Leviticus 11-13

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:55 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

### Monday, May 18 ~ Leviticus 14-15

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

### Tuesday, May 19 ~ Leviticus 16-18

- 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Faithful Steps - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

### Wednesday, May 20 ~ Leviticus 19-21

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal (Cheeseburgers, Baked Beans, Baked Potato Salad, & Dessert)
- 5:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 5:45 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

### Thursday, May 21 ~ Leviticus 22-23

- 11:00 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon - Adams Hall
- 8:00 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

### Friday, May 22 ~ Leviticus 24-25

- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

### Saturday, May 23 ~ Leviticus 26-27

### Sunday, May 24 ~ Numbers 1-2

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:55 a.m. Joint Worship in Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Memorial Day Picnic

### Monday, May 25 ~ Numbers 3-4

#### Church Office Closed ~ Happy Memorial Day

### Tuesday, May 26 ~ Numbers 5-6

- 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Faithful Steps - Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

### Wednesday, May 27 ~ Numbers 7

- 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
- 5:45 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 5:45 p.m. Activities for children & students

### Thursday, May 28 ~ Numbers 8-10

- 8:00 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

### Friday, May 29 ~ Numbers 11-13

- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

### Saturday, May 30 ~ Numbers 14-15

- 9:00 a.m. Carwash & Bake Sale

## Spiritual Statistics

### Weeks of April 26 & May 3, 2015

4/26

Church in Bible Study .....	114.....	101
Church in Worship.....	227.....	205
8:30 a.m. service.....	71.....	68
10:55 a.m. service.....	156.....	137

## Financial Statistics

### Weeks of April 26 & May 3, 2015

	4/26	5/3
Budget - Received	\$9,759.61	\$10,126.00
Alms	0.00	480.54
Designated - Received	10,202.00	895.00
Building Reserve - Received	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 4/26/15</b>		19,961.61
<b>TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 4/19/15</b>		11,501.54

### North American Missions Offering

North American Missions - Southern Baptist Convention

\$1,480.00

Global Missions - Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

\$350.00

**TOTAL: \$1,790.00      GOAL: \$8,000**

Budget for 2014-2015	865,070.00
Budget Received-Year to Date	529,586.97
Remaining in Budget - Unfunded	335,483.03
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date	66,325.14
Alms Received-Year to Date	4,955.50
Building Reserve-Year to Date	8,697.00
Total Giving-Year to Date	609,564.61

## Church Staff Directory

Dr. Roger Gilbert.....	Interim Pastor
Mr. James Martin.....	Minister of Music & Worship
Ms. Melissa Wilson.....	Minister of Children & Families
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....	Accompanist / Music Assistant

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# Memorial Day Picnic Set for Sunday, May 24

It is almost time again for our Memorial Day Picnic! What a wonderful time of worship and fellowship. Memorial Day is a time that we remember those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. We celebrate the men and women who gave their lives in the service of our country, who made it possible to enjoy the freedoms that we have today. We often think of our military in terms of protecting us from harm, and they do, but they also protect many others. I think it is one thing to die protecting your country, but quite another to make that sacrifice for another people or different country. How can this not point us to Christ?

His death on the cross was not just for those who would choose to follow him. It wasn't just for His people the Jews. It was for all people everywhere. It is one thing to believe that Jesus died on the cross for me. I am basically a good person. I am a minister. How bad can my sins be? But to think that Jesus died on the cross for every murderer, child abuser, and terrorist...how can that be? It is only when I see my sin and recognize the holiness of God that I realize I need a savior! There are no small sins. There are no big sins. We are all desperate for a savior! Christ's death on the cross was the ultimate sacrifice. As we approach Memorial Day let us do it in a spirit of remembrance. We are remembering the men and women who gave their lives to protect our freedom here on earth, and the Christ who gave his life to give us freedom from sin.

The Memorial Day picnic will be on Sunday, May 24, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. The menu includes pulled pork bbq, green beans, corn and rolls. We do ask that you bring desserts and please slice them at home before you come. It will greatly help out those setting out the food. We look forward to hearing from the Five to Five Quintet, and enjoying a lovely time of fellowship on the front lawn. We will have inflatables & snow cones for the children and volleyball for the students. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket as this will truly be a picnic! Remember this event is open to the whole community so be sure to mingle and make some new friends. This is an excellent opportunity to share the love of Christ with our neighbors.

- Melissa Wilson, *Minister of Children*

## Prayer Point ~ It's a Test!

"You shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not." (Deut. 8:2)

Lord, I praise You for the way You teach me through Your Word. For Your child, everything is a "test". So many times I have failed the test! Today I am done with living below the curve. From this moment on, I accept everything as coming from Your hand. I will learn to "rejoice always", to "pray continually" (1 Thess. 5:16-17), to "always give thanks for everything" (Eph. 5:20), and to "be content no matter what my circumstances" (Phil. 4:11)--because You are designing every "test" to conform me to the image of Your Son, Jesus Christ! (Rom. 8:29)

Loving Father, I thank You for Your precious Word! It gives me help, hope, security, assurance, and peace.

## Children & Student Ministries

### Sarah Faulk Named as Summer Intern



I am pleased to announce that Sarah Faulk will be serving as our intern this summer. She has just completed her first year at UNC Chapel Hill, and is ready to spend her summer serving God at First Baptist Church. Sarah will be primarily working with the Children's Ministry, but will help out with Venture Student events as needed. Sarah has been a volunteer during VBS for many years, and I am

excited to be working with her so closely this year.

Summer interns are an important part of ministry at First Baptist Church. They take on many tasks and mostly work behind the scenes! Interns not only contribute many hours of service to the church, but they also have the opportunity to experience church from a different perspective. They get to see all that goes on between Sundays, the meetings, planning, studying, prayer, and overall preparation. It gives them a chance to explore what it means to serve on a church staff, and how all the pieces fit together. Please join me in prayer for Sarah as she serves this summer that she will have a wonderful experience this summer and we will all grow closer to Christ together!

Thank you to everyone who came out to Operation Inasmuch! We got a lot of work done and were able to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community!

The Belize Yard Sale and Auction was a success! Thank you to everyone who donated items, shopped and supported the Belize Missions Team!

Please make sure you are getting those payments in for Look Up Lodge!

#### Children's Choir

The Children's Choir has had an excellent year, and helped lead worship in both the 8:30 & 11:00 services. They would love to share with you what they have learned this year! We will have a special time of worship on Wednesday, May 27 following dinner. Both the Preschool Choir and the Children's Choir will be leading this time of worship in the Family Life Center. Please make plans to attend!

#### Look Up Lodge for Kids

The second deposit (\$65.00) for Look Up Lodge is due no later than May 10th.

#### Student Ministry Car Wash

**Saturday, May 30 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

We will be hosting a Car Wash 'n Bake Sale to help offset some of the costs for Lookup Lodge this summer. If you have any questions or to just let us know you'll lend a hand, see, call, text, whatever Jason or Kim Allen.



## Announcements

### New Arrival!

Congratulations to Sarah & Chris Johnson on the birth a daughter, Leah Elizabeth Johnson, on April 26. The proud grandparents are Dennis and Lynn Deal.

### New Arrival!

Congratulations to Melissa and Chris Wilson on the birth a daughter Hailey Marie, on April 11. The proud grandparents are Ben & Susan Wood.

### Welcome to Our Church Family!

Judy Pisano joined our church family Sunday, May 3 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service by statement of faith. Welcome to our church family!

### Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Pam Brown in the death of her mother, Edith Stutts, on March 28, 2015.

### Applewhite Group Monday, May 11, 2015 11:00 a.m. ~ Adams Hall

The Applewhite Group will meet Monday, May 11 in Adams Hall. Virgie Brown will share with us some of her mission experiences in India. Come at 11:00 a.m. to hear her and stay for a salad lunch.

### Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, May 21, 2015 11:00 a.m. ~ Adams Hall

The May meeting will be held in ADAMS HALL at 11:00 a.m. Our 90's and older members will be honored. Also, those who are 85 and over will be recognized. Entertainment will be provided by Carol Froehlick, featuring the piano and accordian. Cost of the meal to be served at noon is \$6.00 payable at the door. To reserve your seat, call the church office no later than Tuesday, May 19, at 704-873-7231, ext. 205. Or, you may sign up in your Sunday School class.

\*\*Please note change of meeting to Adams Hall.

### Car Wash & Bake Sale Saturday, May 30, 2014 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Venture Students will host a car wash and bake sale to raise funds for their trip to Look Up Lodge this summer. Please stop by for a car wash, a treat, and to make a donation.

### May Schedule for The Interim

The Interim will be published Sunday, May 10 and Sunday, May 31. The Interim will resume normal schedule in June with issues published on Sunday, June 7 and Sunday, June 21.

### Worship Greeters Sunday, May 10

Eddy Sipe            John Garland        Dan Mills  
Pat Rushton        Nancy Garland       Jean Mills  
Shannon Ashley

### Sunday, May 17

Bill Henderson     Gary Fyfe  
Chris Buckner       Patricia Fyfe  
Matthew Waugh     Butch Price

### Sunday, May 24

Eddy Sipe            Hilda Lee             Jim Van Zee  
Monica Williams    Clarence Poole       Nedra Van Zee  
Ginny Stikeleather Mike McLain

### Acolytes Sunday, May 10

William Simon & Georgiana Simon

### Sunday, May 17

Audrey Allison & Sean Martin

### Sunday, May 24

Hannah Beale & Matthew Johnson

### Coffee Rotation Sunday, May 10

Dan & Jean Mills

### Sunday, May 17

Melissa Wilson

### Congratulations to Our Belize Team!

Our Belize Team raised over \$10,000.00 at the yard sale and auction. Thank you to everyone who came to support our wonderful Belize Team! This team will do amazing things this summer!