

# Elizabeth Baptist Church News

July 2018

## From the Pastor



### Deuteronomy 5:12 (NLT)

"Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you.

In Genesis chapter 2 verse 3 we read, "And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation." Ever since the first week of time on earth, God established that everyone should work six days and rest from their work one day every week. This ratio of 6:1, 6 parts work to 1 part rest, is not just an arbitrary number. God Almighty created Adam and Eve with bodies, souls and spirits that function best when this ratio is kept. It is so important that He established it as one of the ten commandments in Exodus 20. To put it in perspective, "You must not murder," is on the same level of importance as, "Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." Just as we would never say that it is okay to commit murder, we should never say that it is okay to forget about keeping one Sabbath day of rest every week.

My first point of encouragement to you is that resting one day out of seven will keep your body, soul, and spirit functioning at optimum levels. When we deviated from God's design, we move toward dysfunction physically, mentally, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually. Keep the Sabbath. Rest one day a week to be your best.

My second point of encouragement hinges on the word "holy." In Genesis 2:3, God declared the seventh day "holy." In the Ten Commandments of Exodus 20, God instructs us that not only is the day "holy," but we are also commanded to "keep it holy." What does "holy" mean and what does "keeping it holy" look like? When something is "holy" that means it is set apart for God, for His use, for His purpose. The Sabbath is a rest day for you, but it is more importantly God's day. God's intends for the day of rest in your life to be the main day of the week that He works His purposes in your life. In order for God to work His purpose in your life on the seventh day, it has to be a day different than all the rest. That means you put aside everything that makes it look like a regular day, things like jobs, yard work, house cleaning and sports. Instead, you and your family are to spend time in worship, celebration of God, Bible reading, rest, Bible study, fellowship, and relaxation. Every activity you involve yourself in should be for God's purpose. This includes worshipping and studying together with your church family.

Setting aside one day for God and rest every week is not an option. It is a command. Every week that you do not follow God's perfect plan for you, you disobey Him, hurt yourself, and rob God of His day. I encourage you to be your best by attending church and making every Sunday a day of rest. Summer is a time when people are tempted to think that they can take a vacation from God especially in regard to church attendance. That temptation is certainly not from God.

### Spaghetti Luncheon

On Sunday, July 8, the Youth Group will be hosting a spaghetti luncheon immediately following the morning worship service. We invite everyone to join us for lunch this day. Donations will be accepted to assist with the Youth retreat this month.

# JOIN US!!

### Children & VBS

The month of June means VBS. We had a great week practicing our game face for God in "Game On" based on the verse 1 Peter 1:3. The children raised \$590.00 for the Florida Baptist Children's Home during the annual boy's vs. girl's competition to see who could raise the most money.

We averaged just under 40 children each night. Lee Walker did an amazing job organizing before the week, as well as leading the team during the week. She was definitely the real MVP "Most Valuable Player" this week. Sara Demott was the runner-up MVP "Most Valuable Player" for turning the sanctuary into a stadium. The decorations were top notch. Thank you for creating a great atmosphere for the children! Also, we had a great team of volunteers from the coaches walking around to those who served in snacks and crafts to the lesson and games. I do not have enough words to mention you all, but everything went smoothly all week because of your faithfulness which did not go unnoticed.

July is camp month! Pickett Lake Camp will be July 9-12. Registration is done online this year. If you have any questions, contact Brian at 850.997.8484. This is going to be a good week to learn about God and grow in our relationship with Him.  
Brian

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### Youth

July brings our summer retreat! I am very excited about this trip. The youth group will be going to Orlando for 4 days to relax, have fun, but most importantly study God's Word. The dates are July 18-21. We will visit Campus Crusade for Christ and Wycliffe Bible Translators, and we will be learning about Scripture and the "Jesus Film," that has impacted so many people across the world. Since we are going to be in Orlando, we have to take a trip to Disney World for rides and excitement. Please contact me ASAP if you would like to attend this event, plans are being made now.

The summer is flying by, August will be here soon and school will be starting back up. Pray for the youth group as we will have many exciting things coming up for back to school!  
Brian

### Music

Nehemiah 8:10 say that "The joy of the Lord is my strength." We see joy in the sunshine and the rain as both bring different benefits to us. We see joy on children's faces as they sing and move to the Vacation Bible School songs. We see joy in the uplifting God-honoring music that our adult choir presents to us each week.

Thanks to the all-church ladies choir as they blessed us on June 24. From young to not as young, the ladies sounded beautiful!

This summer let us remind ourselves of the joy we have in Jesus and remember to sing, even on the not-so-good days.

To God Be the glory,  
Merry

**~Sunday Schedule~**

9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 5:00 pm Choir Practice  
 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

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**~Wednesday Schedule~**

6:00 pm Prayer Meeting  
 6:00 pm Youth

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 6:00 pm Men's & Ladies' Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Holiday (Office Closed) No Day/ Evening Programs No Youth Meeting	<b>5</b> 9:00 am EaglesWings	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 12:30 pm Spaghetti Luncheon 3:00 pm Personnel Committee Mtg 6:00 pm Men & Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 pm Business Mtg	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00 pm Evening WMU	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>Children's Camp Pickett Lake</b>					
<b>15</b> 6:00 pm Men's & Ladies' Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Brother/WMU Rally Olive Baptist Host	<b>18</b> 9:00 am EaglesWings	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
			<b>Youth Retreat</b>			
<b>22</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm Men's & Ladies' Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Lord's Supper  12:00 pm Mid Summer Potluck Luncheon No PM Service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

**Sunday School improves your Bible knowledge**

When you know and understand God's word for yourself, you are more likely to obey the Lord. The Bible knowledge gained in Sunday School also helps you to become more proficient in using God's Word, the Bible. Be a Sunday School attender and Bible reader to gain knowledge of God's grace and mercy while gaining a peace that only He can give.  
 Danny

**WMU**

The Day Group met on Wednesday, June 6 with 5 present and the Night Group met that evening with 4 present. Summer is a slow time for WMU. The BMW and BYW will not meet again until September. We look forward to the joint Brotherhood/WMU meeting to be held on July 17 at Olive Baptist Church. The Day Group will not have its regular meeting in July in lieu of the joint rally. We hope to take a good group to the rally so plan to attend.

The RA's, GA's, Mission Friends will resume again in August when the after school program resumes.

We collected more than a thousand dollars for the Florida Baptist Children's Home in the one-day offering on Mother's Day. Thank-you for always being the generous church you are.

More news next month!  
 Shirley

**Brotherhood**

The Brotherhood/Sisterhood completed a project of removing skirting, a front deck and handicap ramp from a mobile home to be moved for a church member. Many thanks to Sue Getch, Raichelle Burt-Scurry, Annette & Danny Deason, Isaha Burt, Roy & Benjamin Faglie, Gary Brock, Gene Brock, Mark Demott, Allen Adams and Tony Nativio for their hard work.

Brotherhood breakfast was very good as usual with an attendance of 17 persons.

Our next Brotherhood breakfast will be July 22 at 8:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!  
 Tony

**Church Staff and Leadership**

**Rev. Robert Dennison**, Pastor  
**Brian Saylor**, Families & Missions Director  
**Jeanette Nativio**, Administrative Assistant  
**Merry Dennison**, Pianist & Music Director  
**Danny Deason**, Sunday School Director

**Roy Faglie**, Chairman of Deacons  
**Tony Nativio**, Brotherhood Director  
**Shirley Faglie**, WMU Director  
**Joel & Joann Clark**, Custodians

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Church Office Email

secretary@ebcmonticello.com

**New Member's**

We welcome our new members to our fellowship.

**Brian & Louisa Saylor, Leighton Langford, and McKenzie Rusch.**

**EBC Priorities:**

**Love  
Grow  
Serve  
Go**