

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COURIER

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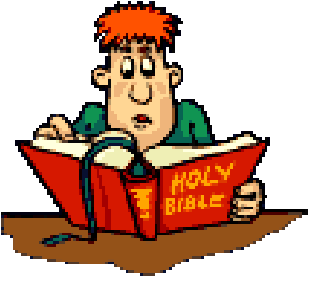
Live a Life that Matters

Sunday services: 8:20 and 11 am; Sunday School for all ages: 9:45 am

CSFBC MISSION STATEMENT

“Infusing TRUTH to produce selfless followers of God.”

PASTOR ROD'S MESSAGE



Since I always do something 'heavy', I felt as if some light-hearted humor might be fitting for our summer respite. **Please have fun reading these tongue-in-cheek** and don't go curmudgeon on me. There's at least a kernel of truth in each one of them.

"Have you noticed how many Bible translations are available these days? There are so many to choose from that it can get downright overwhelming. Lucky for you, we found some world-class Bible experts—fluent in the original Hebrew, Greek, and King's English—and they're going to explain the main differences between the most popular versions of the Holy Scriptures.

NIV

The **N**early **I**nspired **V**ersion continues to be the best-selling Bible translation, even after it was revealed that radical left-wing feminist Lena Dunham sat on the translating committee for its 2011 textual update and convinced the rest of the folks that it was time to smash the patriarchy. This version of God's word strives for an optimal balance between ...gender term inaccuracies.

NLT

The **N**ot **L**iteral **T**ranslation is very popular among those who like God's Word delivered through slang, emojis, and internet shorthand. It was developed by a group of teens in a Christian high school as a class project. Example: the NLT carefully renders John 3:16 as "lol 😊 smh #YASSS tbh"

KJV

The **K**noweth **J**esus **V**ersion has legions of disciples who herald it as the only legitimate form of the Scriptures, claiming that all others have been developed through a partnership between the New World Order and Satan himself in order to make sure they don't knoweth Jesus. KJVers contend that modern Satanic versions intentionally obscure important Christian truths like the Trinity, the divinity of Christ, and the NASA flat-earth cover-up. Also a top choice for readability, memorization, and open-air preaching at sporting events.

NKJV

A coalition of Masonic cultists and homosexuals decided it would be a good idea to tamper with the KJV for some reason, ripping out sacred words like "thee" and "thine" and replacing them with words you can actually understand, giving rise to the **N**ot **K**noweth **J**esus **V**ersion.

NASB

A group of really lazy translators in the early 1960s decided to just copy the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts of the Scriptures word for word, throwing readability to the wind, and the result was the **N**erdy **A**cademics' **S**nooty **B**ible. Parsing convoluted renderings and scratching your head trying to figure out what a sentence could possibly mean is half the fun of Bible reading, anyway.

ESV

For the Bible nerd who wants everyone to think he's cool, the **E**lect **S**tandard **V**ersion is perfect. Crossway has pumped out literally billions of different varieties so people will know that you're one of the unique elect. We highly recommend the authentic mink cover with real tobacco-scented pages—you haven't read the Bible until you've read a designer ESV.

CSB

The **C**ool **S**outhern **B**aptist version is the new kid on the block, made by and for Southern Baptist believers, in an effort to poach some of the ESV's cool factor. It seems to be pretty popular so far, even though it has stoked a bit of controversy by its rendering of Esau selling his birth right for "Baptist casserole."

The Message

Renowned author and Bible scholar Eugene Peterson painstakingly translated the Scriptures from the original languages into a lit freestyle rap. Peterson reportedly spent decades undercover with a violent Detroit gang in order to develop the rich vocabulary and colorful metaphors packed into *The Message*. There are also rumors that heavy marijuana use aided him in his translation process.

What are the main differences between the most popular Bible translations? Now you know!"

And knowing is half the battle,

PASTOR PHIL'S MESSAGE



The chaos of the defeat of the King before the Philistines caused the castle to go into panic mode (1 Samuel 31). As the relatives of Saul fled with the threat of the incoming King's, David, attempt to secure the throne. The first use of the Greek word for Gospel (Good News) is when the Philistines defeated Saul and the Ark of the Covenant was taken hostage. The Greek Old Testament carries the idea of a herald spreading the news of conquer and victory. We see the herald as bad news for God's people. In the commotion of the upheaval a nurse carrying Jonathan's son Mephibosheth drops him causing him to be lame the rest of his life. But then David seeks Him out to fulfill His promise to Jonathan, his friend!

2 Samuel 9:7-8, 13 *And David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and*

you shall eat at my table always." *And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?" ...So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.*

We see that David invites Mephibosheth to come and live at the palace not because of his own ability or what he had to offer but because he saw Jonathan in the face of Mephibosheth. We too do not come to the King's table because of what we did or what we have to offer but because the Father sees in us His Son, Jesus. We have a place at His table forever:

1. We are loved because of what Jesus has done. The Father brings us from enemy territory and poverty to nobility and His royal provision. He loves us like He loves Jesus!
2. Our inability and lameness does not rob us of God's provision. The lameness in our lives is hidden at the Kings table. The Gospel teaches us that in our weakness He is strong!
3. Our own inability may cause some to speak slanderously about our weaknesses. Let us find refuge and rest in King Jesus who takes us in and knows all our faults. He is faithful!
4. When we fall Jesus brings us up and stands for us! We cannot go to battle on our own. We see that even to the very end Jesus fights for us for our God is a warrior!

Stop striving to earn your salvation and instead rest this summer in Christ's finished work. We find that we are in need of coming away and finding rest in Jesus this season!

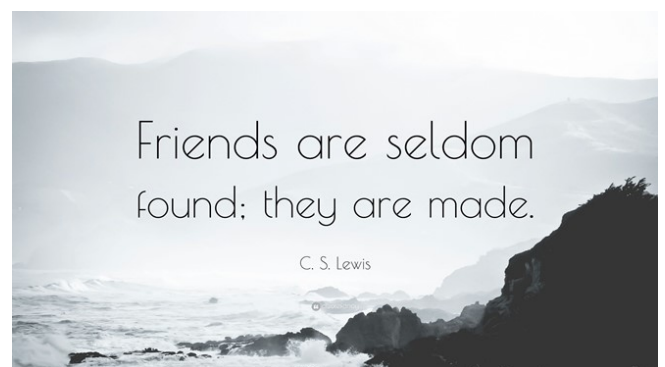
Imagine if you had the cure for cancer and you kept it to yourself because someone might not believe you. That would be foolish and unloving. God has given us the true cure to sin and death that we will see fulfilled in the next life. We have an open invitation to invite others to the King's table if they trust Jesus and turn in repentance from sin. His mission is our mission.

This summer as you spend time on vacation or around town, think about our amazing position and privilege before the Father because the Son has paid the cost. Our rags are traded for a robe of righteousness. Our love for Jesus should grow each day and bring us to the table for nourishment from the King of kings and Lord of lords. May we remember His Good News and proclaim it to all who will listen.

Gratefully in Jesus,

Pastor Phil

Boasting in the Cross alone! Galatians 6:14



Deacons Devotional

The Deacon's Corner

The Perfect Father

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if his son, asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him?”

Matthew 7:7-11

Many years ago my daughter ran from the parsonage to our car. My shout to not run in the parking lot came too late, as her little face hit a sharp edge on the bumper. Black ice! A quick trip to the ER, lots of prayers and a few stitches, and life went on. I learned I can't always protect my kids. I can't be with them all the time. Even when I am there, I may not be quick enough or strong enough to help them. I am not the super hero father I wish to be. By revealing Himself as our Father, God compares Himself to something we experience as fallible. Jesus refers to the flawed goodness of earthly fathers to point to the perfection of our Heavenly Father. As much as we earthly fathers want to help, provide for and protect our children, our Father God does all the more, and perfectly!

He is able! He is never too busy. He never helplessly stands and just watches. He is never too slow nor is caught off guard. His motives are always perfect, even when we don't understand His actions or what seems to be lack of intervention.

Jesus relied on the Father during His ministry here on earth. The strength and intimacy of that relationship is offered to all who put their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In the world we live in, the Perfect Father is Who we all need, regardless of our age!

Men, you will never be a perfect father (although we should strive to be better), but you can point your children to the One Who is!

The Deacons

*Happy
Father's
Day!*

Sunday School/Youth 3:16/VBS



Summer Sunday School Classes:

3 year olds through Kindergarten:	Jesus Storybook Bible	Rotating Teachers	Bereans Room
1st-6th grades:	Kidmo!	Phil & Keith Held	Mezzanine
7th-12th grades:	Book of Revelation	Lee & Mary Manross	Elohim Room
Adults	Gospel Project	Pastor Phil	Sanctuary
Adults	Tame Your Tongue	Pastor Rod	Yahweh Room

Youth 3:16 Summer Events:

- June 2nd: Recognition Sunday School 9:45 am ~ Baccalaureate 7 pm
- June 7th: First Fridays Teen Night ~ 4 Square Tournament 6 pm
- June 9th: Family Picnic ~ CS Carnival Grounds 6 pm
- July 5th: First Fridays Teen Night ~ Comedy Night 6 pm
- July 13th: Waldameer Trip (details as they are known)
- August 2nd: First Fridays Teen Night ~ Life Sized Game Night
- August 11th: Teacher/Volunteer Training after 2nd Service
- Mid-August: Youth Pool Party (details as they are known)
- August 25th: Last Summer Sunday School



VBS 2019 ROAR! LIFE IS WILD ~ GOD IS GOOD

www.vbspro.events/p/events/cambridgesprings

June 24-28
9 am till Noon

You can pre-register your child at the web address above OR call the church office M-W-F 8-5 (814) 398-4243 OR fill out a registration form on the Welcome Center. THE BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER



We held our annual sword drill championship on the last day of Sunday School. Anna Held was the champion! Winner of the weekly sword drills was Natalie Held with 36 wins overall. We had a great year and look forward to another amazing time next fall. Have a great summer! Ms. Jen and Ms. Karen.

Health Ministry

Want to Get Moving? Be SMART!

Are you interested in getting into shape! Think of the acronym S.M.A.R.T.

S stands for **Specific** – be specific when making activity goals. What, where, when, how? Change your thinking from, “I’m going to get into shape” to “I’m getting into shape starting tomorrow by walking at the park in the morning with Sally.” Make your goals as specific as possible.

M stands for **Measurable** – How will you measure your goal? You could commit to walking 10 minutes 3 times a week, adding one minute each time. Wearable technology that measures your steps, time, heart rate, etc., is becoming more affordable and is a wonderful way to stay informed and motivated while you measure your progress.

A stand for **Accountable**—Try using a buddy system. For example, have Sally call or text to remind you the night before you walk. It’s much harder to roll over and hit snooze when it’s just you to think about. If Sally is waiting outside for you to show, you are much more likely to get moving. If you don’t have a real person who is free to exercise with you, consider joining an activity group...real or virtual! These groups are gaining in popularity through social media and can be very motivating as well.

R stands for **Realistic** – is your goal realistic? If you never ran a 10K but want to try to next week, you’re setting yourself up for failure. Match your active goal with your current lifestyle, state of health and realistic abilities. It’s much better to walk a few minutes a day and increase that as you go than try to run a 10K, hurt yourself, and set yourself back emotionally and physically. Having a strong desire to get into shape and gain better health can motivate you into a realistic mod-of-action! Also, just because a friend got in shape by doing something that worked for them doesn’t mean it’s the best option for you. You are more likely to stick to something that works for YOU and that you like it. There’s plenty of ways to move and groove! Select different options and pick the ones that may work for you that you like and fit in your current lifestyle. Seeking a professional, certified health and fitness coach may help you decide what’s best and realistic for you. Of course, consulting with a healthcare provider before you begin is always wise.

T stands for **Time** – set a timeframe to reach your goal. Avoid saying “Someday I’ll do this or that.” Someday is not a timeframe: it’s wishful thinking without a plan. Instead, try something like, “I will walk 30 minutes a day in intervals of 10 minutes per day for one month then reassess my goal.” Much better! And, you may adjust your timeframe accordingly along the way.

T can also stand for **Type** – What type of activity interests you? Being part of a team sport? Working out alone, with a group? Something non-competitive? You may not want to ride a stationary bike if you sit all day at a desk – that’s a lot of sitting, and you may desire to walk instead, be it more throughout your day at work or outside during your lunch break. Even standing at your desk can help. If your job is very intellectually challenging and stressful, mindful activities like yoga, Tai Chi may be for you.

Be “**SMART**” when setting activity, health or any goals. You are much more likely to achieve them and by doing so, you will feel more confident, competent and ready to set another goal!



JUNE BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSIES



- 24th: Jan Cory
- Joyce Cory
- 26th: Pastor Rod Beardsley
- Judy Jardina
- 27th: Janet Morton
- 29th: Marilyn Dine
- Lynn Smith
- Paul Smith
- Andrea Maddox
- 30th: Paul Sellers

- 1st: Mark VanMatre
- 3rd: Michael Baer
- 5th: Patty Porter
- 7th: Jillian Risjan
- 10th: Natalie Held
- 12th: Aubrey Klemm
- Anna Held
- 13th: Debbie Acker
- 14th: Adam Jardina
- Pam Lowther
- 16th: Amber Shearer
- Elaine Christie
- Brylee Kula
- 20th: Jordan Joslin
- 21st: Audrey Byrne
- 22nd: Jay Acklin



- 9th: Ken and Chris Zirkle
- 12th: Matt and Misty Hovis
- 16th: Justin and Kristin Held
- Jamie and Wendy Gardner
- 18th: Joshua and Emily Mumau
- 28th: Larry and Stacie Klemm
- 29th: Paul and Lynn Smith

Nursery

1st Service:

- 2nd: Fawn Pabon and Paula Stuedler
- 9th: Dani and Cami Schmidt
- 16th: Debbie Acker and Betsy Mateja
- 23rd: LuAnn Wheeler and Brenda VanMatre
- 30th: Karen Burchill and Missy Zimmerman

Sunday School:

- 2nd: Pam Lowther and Lydia Sellers
- 9th: Josh and Emily Mumau
- 16th: Debbie and Jenna Shearer
- 23rd: Chris Zirkle and Debbie Dine
- 30th: Ken Dine and Paul Sellers

2nd Service:

- 2nd: Kristin Held and Barb Beardsley
- 9th: Darlene Gorske and Emily Cadle
- 16th: Andi Lundin and Brenda Morrow
- 23rd: Stacie and Aubrey Klemm
- 30th: Andi and Jillian Risjan

Garden Room Schedule

Please be sure to call your partner prior to working to confirm. If you are unable to work, please call to switch with someone and notify your partner. If you cannot work or find anyone to switch please call Laura at 398-2507



June

- 1st: Sandy and Heidi Mumau
- 8th: Laura Stone and Kris Bancroft
- 15th: Nancy Gage and Bonnie Boylan
- 22nd: Toni Merritt and Karon Runyan
- 29th: Sandy and Heidi Mumau

Special Events and Announcements

The church has a new website!! Madison Klemm has designed and will be maintaining the church's website. We would love if you went and checked out all the new features such as listening to sermons, reading the newsletter, and much more! If you have any questions or see that the website may be missing something please email Madison at madisonklemm@gmail.com. You can find the website at www.csfbc.org



Tuesday June 4th
Prayer Meeting
7 pm

First Friday Teen Night Out is back!!!

Friday June 7th

Come for a 4 square tournament



Youth 3:16 Family Picnic @ CS
carnival grounds. Sunday June 9th

Bring a dish to share.

6-8 pm.



Parenting Small Group

Friday June 14th

7 pm

Lowther Residence

Men:

Come to the church on **Saturday June 15th at 8 am** for a morning of refueling!

Begin with a filling homemade breakfast followed by filling up your spiritual fuel tank with God's Word and fellowship.



Fireman's Carnival

July 23-27

Anyone willing to make pies for the Fireman's Carnival this year, please contact Carolyn Glenn at 282-0027 and let her know what kind, how many and what day(s) you can bring the pies.



Book of the Month

Safely Home by Randy Alcorn

This is a fiction book, but it could very well be a non-fiction missionary book. What happens in this story I'm sure is happening in China today.

Two friends who had gone to college together. Li Quan was from China, had mysteriously gotten a full scholarship to Harvard, met Ben Fielding and they became roommates and friends. They were Christians. Li Quan determined to go back to China and share his faith however dangerous.

Ben's company wants him to go to China and knowing that they went to college together wants him to get together with him. Ben is not thrilled with this. He has not been in contact with Li Quan and it makes him uncomfortable knowing how Li Quan was so faithful to the Lord and he had not been.

From the jacket:

Is this the day? Li Quan's father had taught him from childhood to ask this question every day. He told young Quan. "One day the answer will be yes, and on that day you must be ready."

Quan stiffened at the shout behind him. The voice rang with the authority of the Gong An Ju., the Public Security Bureau. "You meet in the night like the criminals you are. How dare you defy the law? In three minutes we will shoot every man and woman and child who does not declare himself loyal to the people rather than the gweilos, foreign devils." Qua, Ming, and Shen clasped each other's hands. Quan breathed deeply and braced himself. "Surely this is the day."

American business executive Ben Fielding has no idea what his brilliant old college roommate is facing in China. After twenty years he expects to pick up where they left off. But when they're reunited in China, the men are shocked at what they discover about each other. The paths they've walked have shaped their lives and loyalties in radically different ways.



SPECIAL PRAYERS

The Grieving: Karon Runyan, Dan Viglione, Jan Cory, Joyce Cory, Nadine Shaffer, Rodney Schmidt, **Pastor Rod, Esther Closky, Justin Gaines, Dave and Robin Oakes, Gary Mateja, LaVan family, Dunton Family**

Cancer: Karen Held, Larry Haroon, Kelsey McClellan, **Karon Runyan, Jason Runyan**

Health Issues: Emily Williams, Julie Brink, **Phil Held**


Rehabilitating: Janet Wise, Gary Boylan, Jim Acklin, **Judy Wrye**

Nursing Home: Paul Kirk, Jean Port, Ralph Batchelor, Judy Klemm, **Bill Hodge**

Military: Dillon Lang, Keith Bentley, Howard VanMatre, Adam Alm, Jimmy Humes, Gregg Merritt, Wesley Fleischer, Christian Ross, Austin Shearer, Wyatt Fleischer

Guidance: Brian & Lynette Smith, Lucas Crowe



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9 am French Creek Association Mtg. Pray for Pastor Rod
2 COMMUNION 9:45 am Promotion, Graduation, Teacher appreciation 7 pm Baccalaureate	3 Office Open 8-5 7 pm Trustees Meeting Pray for Pastor Phil	4 7 pm Prayer Meeting	5 Office Open 8-5 9-2:30 C.S. Cares Day 7 pm Praise Group	6 6:30 pm Prison Ministry 6:45 pm Ladies Bible Study	7 Office Open 8:30-5 First Friday Teen Night!	8 Pray for Pastor Rod
9 6-8 pm Youth Group Family Picnic CS Carnival Grounds	10 Office Open 8-5 6 pm C.E. Board Pray for Pastor Phil	11	12 Office Open 8-5 7 pm Praise Group	13 6:45 pm Ladies Bible Study	14 Office Open 8:30-5 7 pm Parenting Small Group	15 8 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast Pray for Pastor Rod
16 HAPPY FATHERS DAY Mission Moment Calvary Baptist Christian Academy	17 Office Open 8-5 6:30 pm Deacons Pray for Pastor Phil	18	19 Office Open 8-5 7 pm Praise Group	20 6:45 pm Ladies Bible Study	21 Office Open 8:30-5	22 Pray for Pastor Rod
23	24 VBS 9-12 Office Open 8-5 6:30 pm Board Chairmen 7 pm Advisory Board Pray for Pastor Phil	25 VBS 9-12	26 VBS 9-12 Office Open 8-5 7 pm Praise Group	27 VBS 9-12 6:45 pm Ladies Bible Study	28 VBS 9-12 Office Open 8:30-5	29 CS Community Yard sale day 8-4 Pray for Pastor Rod
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This and That!

*Something **EXCITING** and **NEW** is coming to our church!*

*Matt and Misty Hovis would **L.O.V.E.** to share all of the details with you this month!*

With this being a “Summer” Newsletter but only the June calendar and birthdays there will be special handouts with July and August events and special days for each month. If there is something you want to be sure gets promoted please let me know so I can include it.

Check out the magazine tables in the entryway for all kinds of magazines for the whole family and for newsletters from various missions we support. One other newsletter there now is from Amber Shearer, David and Linda’s daughter, at Dickey Lake Bible Camp in Montana. She is the managing director there.

From Brian, Lynette, Ricky and Calen Smith in Haiti

We are all doing well and beginning to acclimate to life here in Haiti. We wanted to send you information on how to get into contact with us.

Email: Brian.Smith@Internationalministries.org or Lynette.Smith@Internationalministries.org

How to mail letters and Packages:

You are welcome to mail us any letters, cards or packages to Missionary Flights International (MFI) and they will bring it to our local airport every week (usually Tuesday or Thursday). The package will cost an additional \$1.50/lb. once it gets to MFI, we kindly ask that you please contact MFI to make a donation to our account for the amount of the additional cost to send your package. Otherwise, we will be billed for these costs. However, if the package or letter is under 1 pound MFI does not charge us.

Our mailing address is:

Brian Smith (Lynette, Ricky & Calen)

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My Most Important Freedom Is!

Freedom. What an important and wonderful thing to have. Our blessed birthright as an American citizen. Often times, freedom is taken for granted and that in and of itself is not necessarily a bad thing, until we as a people forget what we were freed from. This great nation was built on the idea that no power, neither foreign nor domestic would ever tyrannically rule over the American people again. So why have we prospered here in America, and what steps have we taken to protect the freedom we hold so close in our hearts?

The freedom of speech and the freedom to defend it are without a doubt the most important God-given rights that we have in America. Free speech is crucial to the survival of our society because it allows people from all walks of life and circumstances to voice their opinion in hopes of bettering us as a whole. As a fundamental right granted to us by our constitution, the freedom of speech has helped to give a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves in their journey to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Recently, this freedom has been under attack in the form of media censorship and violent actions against those who dare to have a thought that goes against another ideology. Now more than ever, our actions to protect this freedom matter not only for our generation, but for generations to come, where they can hopefully live in an America where they do not have to fear for their safety when they speak out against injustice. Free speech, the freedom to challenge and present ideas, is vital to our nation, but it could be so easily taken away if not for our right to defend it as well.

The second amendment, which states that our right to bear arms shall not be infringed, was set in place to allow the people to defend themselves against a tyrannical government. The founding fathers knew how important this would be to America's success, but today it seems that some people have forgotten how we got to where we are today. Regretfully, some of our politicians see fit to disarm the public because of the actions of a few who sought only to destroy and divide. By disarming the public, they claim that people will be safer, when in reality, they are making millions of law abiding citizens vulnerable to attack. The ability to defend yourself as an individual also translates to defending the rights on which this country was established.

In conclusion, the freedom of speech cannot exist without the freedom to defend it as well. As Americans, we should continue to fight for our freedoms, to uphold our values, to challenge ideas where they need to be challenged, and fight for those who cannot fight for themselves.

By: Ryan Shaffer



Who's ready
for

Summer?

