

# Hands & Feet

The monthly newsletter of Salisbury First Baptist Church



## Without Vision We Fail At The Mission

Once upon a time a man set off on a journey where everything was going to be better. He would have his own land, the food would be rich and flavorful, everything they ever wanted would be provided in this land. But, when the man and his entourage showed up to the place they were heading, everyone began to grumble.

As they complained of the difficulty ahead and began to consider that maybe where they came from wasn't so bad and they could just go back, giving up there freedom and religious practices, anywhere but here in the hard place looked better.

This is the Pastor Kurtis version of the events that took place with the people of Israel as they were headed to the promised land, (read Exodus 14-16). Never the less they lacked vision. They could not see the bigger picture of what God was doing and because they refused to trust God in the future, they suffered in the present.

I always find it interesting when I read the account of the Israelites

### This Month

September 2nd  
Women's Bible Study  
Resumes 9:30 am

September 5th  
Church Vision Sermon  
Series Begins

September 6th  
Church Office Closed

September 7th, 14th,  
21st, 28th  
Women's Devotion & Soul  
Check 6:30 - 7:00 am

September 8th  
Club 2:52 Begins  
3:30 - 5:00 pm

September 13th  
Church Council Meeting  
7:00 pm

September 17th  
SHS Football  
Homecoming Parade

September 26th  
CBA Annual Meeting

October 1st  
Fifth Quarter after Home  
Football Game  
7th - 12th Grades

from Exodus to the entry into the Promised Land. Remember, an entire generation had to die before they would be allowed to victoriously take over the land that was promised to Moses and his people.

This story is such a difficult picture for us as we look to God for vision. The easy thing would be to continue doing what we are doing, keep the status quo. Is that really what God wants from us though? If you look around, it is those churches that lack vision and prefer the status quo, that are dying and closing their doors by the hundreds every year. Just in the Southern Baptist Convention the number of churches that close their doors every year exceed 500. That is 500 churches who will never reach another lost soul, I believe that most of those churches lacked vision and instead sought to keep things as they always had.

This month we begin our series on church vision and I am excited to see where God leads us. Don't get me wrong, history matters, but so does the future.

There is a promised land, church, the Kingdom of God, and we are called to lead others to join its roll call. I ask you one thing, will you join me in seeking that Kingdom here on earth, right here, at Salisbury FBC? I can't wait to see how God moves in the weeks to come.

Serving Him, Pastor Kurtis

## CBA Camp 2021



**"The Lord will protect your coming and going. Both now and forever." Psalm 121:8**

FBC was well represented this year at camp. We had 7 kids along with Pastor Kurtis and Melissa go to Childrens camp. For Day camp we had 2 kids and Cloe Billington. Youth camp was represented by Pastor Kurtis along with Regina Emmerich as the camp nurse.

Psalm 121:8 was the theme verse for Childrens camp this year. We learned how God protected Daniel and was with him in Babylon and how God is always with us. The kids got to experience morning quiet times, bible study, missions, scavenger hunts, swimming, slip-n-slides, football, gaga ball, volleyball, dance, basketball, worship time and so much more.





## Prayer Walk for SES and SHS

We had a Prayer Walk on Sunday August 22nd at the Elementary and High School. We had a great turn out. Thank you to everyone that came out and prayed from home. We will be having a prayer calendar attached to the news letter every month thru the school year. It will have staff from both schools and a grade to pray for everyday. Join us as we lift up our schools. —Melissa Estes



### A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the **unique gifts** of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with **fresh enthusiasm** and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your **enduring love**, give them **confidence and grace**, and equip them with the ability to **persevere** through trials. Bless their teachers with **wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve**, as they embark on the journey together! **Amen!**



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## Clean up at the Elementary

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Thank you to the deacons for organizing a clean up at the Elementary. They cut limbs, reworked gravel, painted, redid the basketball goals and power washed, all to get the playground ready for school. While they cleaned up they also made sure the playground equipment was safe by trying it out.





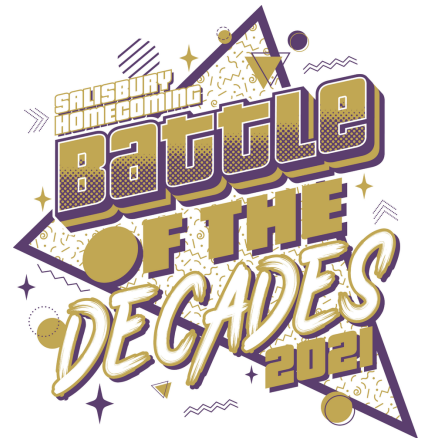
## Club 2:52

Club 2:52 will be starting up on September 8th. We will be moving it after school to allow more children to come. The times will be 3:30 - 5:00 pm. If you are interested in leading an age group or being a helper please let Becca Britt know. Club 2:52 is a great ministry where the children will learn scripture, songs and lessons in the Bible. It is a great way for us to point our children to Christ.



## SHS Football Homecoming Parade

The football Homecoming parade will be Friday September 17th. Amber Henke will be heading up the church float for the parade. If you would like to help decorate or ride on the float please let Amber know. The theme for the parade is "Battle of the Decades". The parade will be in the afternoon after school.



## Women's Devotion and Soul Check

All women are invited to join Melissa for a short devotion on Tuesday mornings in September at 6:30 am to 7:00 am. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall.



## How to pray this month

There are several ways you can be praying this month.

1. Ask God to show you how you can be a part of the church-wide fast October 3-24.
2. Pray for the hearts of the people here at Salisbury FBC as we seek the will of God for years to come.
3. Pray for the Disaster Relief teams who will assist in the cleanup of Hurricane Ida.
4. Pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Afghanistan and those who have been relocated across the globe.

