



# Florence Baptist Church News



## Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is celebrated annually on the second Sunday in May. This year Mother's Day is May 9th. While Mother's Day is a relatively new holiday in modern history, versions of similar holidays have existed through the centuries. The Bible does not directly address the holiday of a Mother's Day in its verses, but often addresses the celebration of motherhood and mothers, such as in the following passages:

*"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness."* – Proverbs 31:25-28

*"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'" – Proverbs 31:28-31*

Motherhood is very special and is vital to humanity; however, being a mother is not always easy. Someone once wrote, *"Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had and dealing with fears you didn't know existed."*

If you are blessed enough to still have your mother with you, remember her on Mother's Day and also honor her by living a life that honors all she has done for you. *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."* – 3 John 1:4



Dates to Remember
<b>May</b>
May 2 Men's Ministry 6 p.m.
May 9 Mother's Day
May 12 Ladies Outreach 10 a.m.
May 16 Regular Business Meeting after Morning Worship Service Bridal shower for Alex Pennington 2 -4 p.m. Women on Mission 6 p.m.
May 23 Baby Shower for Nicole Shumpert 3 -5 p.m.
<b>Looking ahead to June</b>
June 4 Graduate Recognition Meal at Grecian Gardens
June 6 Graduate Recognition during the Morning Worship Service Men's Ministry 6 p.m.
June 9 Ladies Outreach 10 a.m.
June 12 Graduation 4 p.m. at Pelion High School
June 13 Women on Mission 6 p.m.
June 16 Regular Business Meeting after Bible Study
June 18 Youth Phat Fridays begin
June 20 Father's Day
June 21—25 Vacation Bible School

**Announcements  
by Darlene Edgell**

**Nominating Committee**

It's time for the Nominating Committee to begin work on filling positions for the upcoming church year. A meeting date within the next couple of weeks will be announced soon. Based on recent updates to the church Bylaws, additional committees need to be included. The service forms will be available later in May. Please begin praying about where God would have you serve from Sept. 2021 through Aug. 2022.

**Our Church Calendar**

A paper calendar for 2021 has been posted outside the Sunday School office. If an event is being planned, or if the Family Life Center is needed for an event, please check this calendar before making plans. Please contact Darlene by phone or text at 803 317-8260 to schedule your event.

The calendars are posted on the church website after each Church Council meeting. The kitchen in the FLC will include a copy of these calendars for three months at a time. These copies are for informational purposes and should not be used to schedule events.

**Women on Mission  
By Lynette Sharpe**

**"Making the Most of Your Time"**

The older you get the more you think about using your time wisely. You try to evaluate what really matters.

Ephesians 5:15, 16 *"Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil."*

Paul is teaching the believers in Ephesus how to walk or live as believers in Christ. He is telling them to pay attention to how they live. He encouraged them to live as wise not foolish people, because the days are evil. This teaching holds true to believers today.

**"walk carefully"** – Be alert. The objective is to stay in the will of God. Our walk in this world demonstrates that we belong to God

**"walk wisely, not foolishly"** – The foolish live according to the world's morals and values. They live for temporary fulfillment and pleasures. The foolish are not aware of the dangers that fill the evil days. Believers are to be aware of the dangers of not walking with God. Live according to God's standards not the world's standards.

**"making the most of your time"** – There is an urgency here to take advantage of time, of opportunities of service. This expresses the importance of living for God. We need to make the precious years that God has given us count for His purpose and glory. To walk wisely is to take advantage of the opportunities that God gives us.

So, how to make the most of your time? Paul tells us in 5:2 to "walk in love," in 5:8 to "walk as children of light," in 5:15 to "walk wisely." Don't be like the world around you. Be imitators of God. To do this, spend time daily in prayer and in God's word. Asking Him to guide you every step in your day. Live a life that shows you belong to God.

Our purpose here on earth is to know God and make Him known.

Our next meeting is May 16 at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. Hope to see you there.

**Men's Ministry  
By Chris Lybarker**

The Men's Ministry will meet on Sunday, May 2nd at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Ryan McCabe, State Representative for District 96. He will share some updates on State House legislation. All men are invited to attend.

**Vacation Bible School**

**By Carri Lybarker**

**DESTINATION DIG - EXCAVATE THE TRUTH**

Grab your pickaxe and shovel!

VBS will be held June 21st—

25th. This year we are headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at Destination Dig. Kids will unearth more than dirt as they dig up exciting evidence that proves Biblical events were not just stories. As junior archaeologists, kids will explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus! Along the way, they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.



If you'd like to serve during this great outreach event, fill out the signup sheet in the church foyer or contact Carri Lybarker (803 767-1140). Stay tuned for VBS registration dates.

**Urgent Need - Opportunity to Minister**

Pastor Jimmy Hanf leads a ministry to the people along the Peruvian Amazon River Basin called Agua es Vida or "Water is Life." About two years ago, he came to our church and spoke to the Men's Ministry and the church on a Sunday morning about his ministry. Pastor Jimmy is fighting the Covid 19 virus and has had a very hard time. He is unable to work or schedule speaking engagements to raise support for this ministry in Peru. The Board of Directors is asking prayer for Pastor Jimmy and his family as well a monthly support from anyone willing to help continue this important ministry. Donations should be sent to:

Agua es Vida  
825 Pine Grove Road  
Lugoff, SC 29078

**Ladies Outreach report on Operation Christmas Child**

The Ladies Outreach received this report from Kelly Mason, our local contact person for Samaritan's Purse:

Even with 2020 being a pandemic year worldwide, Operation Christmas Child continued in sending shoeboxes to the needy children around the world. Our National Leadership teams in over 100 countries worked to schedule events using the COVID 19 safety requirements. God's work was not stopped due to this crisis.

I would like to thank you and your church for partnering with us in sending many shoeboxes to give children the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You were part of sending over **9.1 Million shoeboxes worldwide of which over 7.8 Million were packed and processed right here in the US. Our local Midland Area Team's total for 2020 was 27,782.** Friends, that is 27,782 children who will hear about Jesus and will be invited to attend The Greatest Journey discipleship program to learn to be a disciple of Jesus. A shoebox is Multiplication of the Gospel! (One shoebox will reach approximately 8 people: the child, the child's family and friends, and in some villages, churches are started)

Thank you for being a part of this mission to help fulfill the Greatest Commission. Our church gave a total of 76 boxes. Special thanks to the Ladies Outreach for sponsoring this project and to those who packed boxes.

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## Congratulations, Coach

Coach Barry Fogle, baseball coach at Pelion High School, got his 500th career win this week! FBC's Athletic Outreach presented him with a banner and an engraved baseball to mark the milestone.

