



DISCOVER~DEVELOP~DISCIPLE
Helping people discover and develop into disciples of Christ

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CHRIS



Webster's Dictionary defines "believe" as: to have a firm or wholehearted religious conviction or persuasion; to regard the existence of God as a fact.

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:31 NIV)

It is my opinion that far too many people in American churches today do not know what they believe or even why they believe it. Gallup polls and *Pew Research Center* has released many studies that back up this theory. This is not just speaking about other world religions, sects, or cults, but directly to protestant churches as well.

Have you ever wondered what makes a Baptist a Baptist? The Baptist denomination defies simple descriptions. A combination of beliefs and practices sets Baptists apart from other Christian groups. We have a distinctive group of doctrines...a sort of Baptist "recipe."

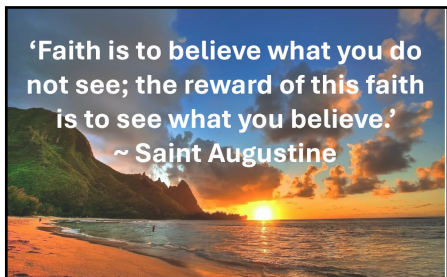
We have begun this series of, "What We Believe," to discover the key ingredients in this Baptist recipe. We will take a journey through the core beliefs of Southern Baptist doctrine, with scriptural references to remind us as a church what we believe, why we believe it and where it comes from. Some weeks the sermon will be a good reminder of what you believe and why you believe it, but also you may learn something new about why, as Southern Baptists, we believe what we do and where it is found in the scripture.

During this sermon series we will cover what we believe about *God, His Son, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, Mankind, Grace, Baptism, Communion,*

Heaven, Hell, Family, Social Order, Religious Liberty, and that is just to name a few. My prayer is that you will take many notes and be better equipped in the future when someone may ask you:

"What do you believe?"

I love being your pastor,
 Chris



If you miss a Sunday service, you can access the sermon at enkabaptist.org.

September 2024

Small Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)

SEP 01	6:00 p.m.	No Evening Services Enjoy Labor Day Holiday
SEP 02		HAPPY LABOR DAY
SEP 03	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
SEP 04	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
SEP 08	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	SECOND SUNDAY CELEBRATION Brief Business Meeting Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth
SEP 10	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
SEP 11	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
SEP 15 ABCCM SUNDAY	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Family Night Adults on Mission CIA/Youth
SEP 17	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
SEP 18	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
SEP 22	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study with the Pastor CIA / Youth
SEP 24	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
SEP 25	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
SEP 28	8:00 a.m.	THE BREAKFAST CLUB Men's Breakfast
SEP 29	6:00 p.m.	5th Sunday Night HYMN SING

PROJECT MISSIONS FOCUS

Did you know that ABCCM is a family of Christian congregations organized to provide individuals an opportunity to grow, mature and express their faith through fellowship and service for the joy set before us in Christ? Enka Baptist Church is proud to be part of this great family.

This Christian Ministry does together what individual congregations cannot do separately. We are committed to Christ to translate our faith into cooperative action, which ministers to all the needs of our neighbors in Buncombe County.

This month we focus on these specific items to help folks get from breakfast to dinner:

- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Canned fruit
- ◆ Canned meat
- ◆ Canned or instant potatoes

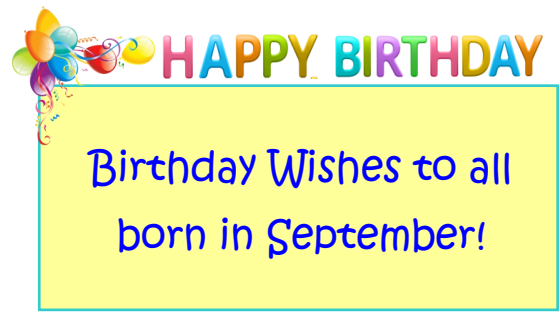
As always, if you wish to give money, please indicate the amount and specify ABCCM on your offering envelope.

Your gifts make a vital impact in the lives of our Buncombe County families. Thank you for being a "difference maker!"

VBS 2024 ~ SCUBA (diving into friendship with God)

It was a “blessed whirlwind” of a week! Thanks to our talented team for “diving in” to show kids what a warm friendship with God looks like. And what a team! You made a “splash” that will have an eternal impact on the kids that attended! The curriculum was outstanding and throughout the week our kids were immersed in great Bible stories.

- ◆ God is a friend who’s real. (Elijah)
- ◆ God is a friend who loves. (Jonah)
- ◆ God is a friend we can trust. (Jesus calms a storm)
- ◆ God is a friend forever. (The tomb and resurrection)
- ◆ God is a friend for everyone. (Lydia)



Life on the Coral Reef



The VBS Bubblehead Café Submarine

Coral Reefs teeming with life, even a submarine!



- ◆ Thanks to Miss Teresa, who taught us not only to sing but also to sign the fun songs.

- ◆ In Deep Bible Adventures, our crews experienced each story and learned that the Bible is not just an old book that’s hard to read, but it’s full of true stories of real people who were friends of God!



Winnie VBS 2024 IN A NUTSHELL

Our Tide Pool Preschool Bible stories came to life thanks to Miss Pat (Parker), the puppeteer extraordinaire! They eagerly made crafts each night, like fish tummies (sensory bags made with blue hair gel) to remind them of Jonah, and paper plate aquariums, to know that God is a friend for everyone! And hearing those sweet preschool voices yelling, “Thanks God!” was the most humbling experience.



Preschool story time with Miss Pat

- ◆ Something new to VBS this year was “Sticky Scripture,” an all-new Bible memory station to help the words in the Bible stick to the kids! Thanks to Miss Freda (Wells) they actually learned to open God’s Word to find and read the verses. After they found and marked each day’s verse, each kid received a cool collectible Bible Memory Buddy with the verse printed right on it.



Deep Bible Adventures

- ◆ Brandy, Rachel and Rebekah were exceptional directors.
- ◆ The food (**Tidal Treats**) was beyond amazing! We were spoiled with delicious meals each night, thanks to our fantastic food crew, led by Mike and Sonja Mann.
- ◆ The decorations were absolutely stunning! A huge thank you to Mary, Rebekah, Linda Glass (Mary’s sister), Bob and all the others who created, assembled and put up the incredible SCUBA-themed décor! Bob even built a room-sized whale so all our “Jonahs” could have a great experience!
- ◆ Many of our youth stepped up to take on leadership roles and we welcomed first-time volunteers who kept returning to help, as well as seasoned volunteers who took on new responsibilities. Everyone pitched in where help was needed. What a team!
- ◆ A big shout out to Abby for her supervision of kids in their never ending trips to the bathroom!
- ◆ Kudos to Kiya and her helpers for diligently managing the bathroom trash, restocking paper towels and soap, and tidying up the sanctuary after each VBS session.
- ◆ **Imagination Station** was complete with all the gizmos needed to experience spectacular sciency wows...and make lasting faith connections! Miss Chris (Roberts) was surprised when she had to actually say, “don’t eat the science.” “I never anticipated the kids would try to taste the soap and super sand. Lesson learned!”



Tad



Finley



Waylon



Octavia



Fisher



Inside the whale with Jonah!



“Please don’t eat the science!”



Sticky Scripture



Our Tidal Treats were yummy good!



Thanks to Robbie, Brenning and Derrick for a great Reef Rec game time!



that no other experience could offer. Ultimately, God was glorified, seeds were sown, and we welcomed a new little brother and sister into the family of God.

Isn't that what Vacation Bible School is all about?!

E.N.K.A. Encouraging, Nurturing, displaying Kindness and Acknowledging God in all we do. During VBS we get to live out this strategy in real and exciting ways. May God continue to add His blessing to all that has been and to all that will be. Thank you for continuing to pray for all these kids and their families!