



The Outlook

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When “Enough” is enough

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Is God enough? Am I enough? Is there enough? If you have not asked yourself any of these questions before, chances are you will at some point. As much as we may try not to, we fall short.



The Bible is filled with stories of people with similar questions as they stumble through the concept of “enough.” Our children are no exception to this. It might not be worded the same as the questions above, but it comes through comments like, “God didn’t answer my prayer,” “I’ll never get it right,” or “I can’t share because it’s my last one.”

September 19-21, eight of our 3rd – 5th graders, along with two awesome chaperones and myself, headed to Camp Kanata for the annual Friends Retreat. It is a weekend I look forward to every year as I partner with children’s ministers from the nine participating churches to plan a special time of learning and growing together in fellowship with friends. This year’s theme was “Enough.”

We began by gathering Friday in opening celebration and worship, remembering God

is enough. God is always with us, wherever we go. Even when we have a hard time recognizing it, even when it seems like our prayers go unanswered, God’s presence is with us, and God’s presence is enough.

On Saturday morning, through rotations of Bible Study, Missions and Recreation, we studied the story of Moses and the burning bush, remembering that even with his imperfections, Moses was enough to be called by God to lead a rescue mission. In this lesson, each of our participants was reminded he or she is enough, too. To close out on Sunday morning, we looked at the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000, reminding us that there is enough.

Listening to the children respond to the messages demonstrated the timeliness of these reminders. Just as much as we need it, our kids need to be reminded they are enough because of God’s love and grace. The kingdom of God is one of abundance, not scarcity.

Because God is enough, we are enough and there is enough. Although we have limits and at times feel impossibly weak, our faith in Christ reminds us that when we are weak, God meets us right where we are: “My grace is enough for you because power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9a) With God, you are enough, friends!



Baptists on Mission

A group from FBCC spread their love, served their fellow man and shared the Good News this past week in western N.C. Pictured clockwise: Richie Johnson and Steve Hall with new friends, Jan and Terry Ducksworth of Swannanoa. The younger lady is Mel, a volunteer from Pennsylvania. Phil Sorrentino and Dr. Len Keever do some woodworking. And Cathy Kever, Pat Zullo and Elaine Johnson are all smiles while helping out in the kitchen.



Dear Faithful Friends,

Greetings in peace and love.

Frankie and I wish to express

our deepest gratitude for the continued prayers, love, kindness, and support you have shared with us

without ceasing - not only during Frankie's current

T cell treatment journey, but throughout his entire

cancer journey over the past couple of years. Your texts,

calls, cards, love offerings and kind words of encouragement

have been a true blessing, offering strength and support as well as lifting our spirits during this time.

We are profoundly thankful for this faith community and the ways you embody care and compassion. Your thoughtfulness and outpouring of love has reminded us of God's faithfulness and the power of prayer.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Frankie and Tracy Tant

thank you



To Our First Baptist Church Family,

Lynn and I deeply appreciate the many cards, contacts, and expressions of sympathy during the recent passing of my brother, Leonard. Your kindnesses and concerns have sustained us and reminded us of the strong Christian love prevalent at FBC Clayton.

John and Lynn Gibson



Friends gather at camp

First Baptist Church Clayton was well represented at the annual Friends Retreat at Camp Kanata last weekend. Youth and adults from nine churches spent the weekend worshipping God, studying the Bible, serving others and growing their faith while enjoying time together in fellowship. Pictured are from left, (back) Russell Johnson, Maya Proctor, Scarlett Johnson, Emilee Story, Ava Rose Johnson, Jessi Smith, Stephanie Parker, (front) Annie Parker, Abby Story, Brynlee Temesy and Carter Garrison.

It's time to "Restock" the Blessings Box

Collections for the Blessings Box may be brought to the church on Sunday, October 5 or Wednesday, October 8. A grocery cart will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday and then moved to the Fellowship Hall for the Wednesday Night Fellowship.

We're asking for individual sized pop-top canned goods (veggies, meats, soups, fruits, pasta), individually wrapped snacks, etc.

Foods that require the addition of milk, butter, eggs or oil are not the best options as these extras are not readily available in many homes. For example, boxed mac and cheese with a cheese sauce packet has everything included.

Please make sure to check the expiration date and bring non perishable food items only.

Thank you for sharing the love of Christ through food donations with our Clayton community.

American Red Cross



Give blood. Help save lives.

**First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall**

Wednesday, October 8 | 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Join the fun Friday, October 10

It's not too late to volunteer at the Able to Serve Dance on Friday, October 10 in the church Fellowship Hall. The annual fun-filled event for adults with disabilities is sponsored by the First Baptist WMU. Wear your dancing shoes and join in the fun. We need both men and women. If you would to volunteer, please email Jackie Tarkington at jackietarkington@gmail.com by Monday, October 6.



Memorials and Honorariums

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE

General Fund in Memory of

Frances Mooneyham by Emily Lajoye
 Frances Mooneyham by Chris and Diane Pearce
 Jerry Johnson and Leonard Gibson by Earl and Hope Johnson
 Bernard F. McLeod, Jr. by Gerald and Glenda Toler
 Leonard Gibson by Jim and Judy Nappier
 Frances Mooneyham by Martha McCullen
 Frances Mooneyham by Ricky and Elizabeth Waddell
 Frances Mooneyham by Doug and Rebecca Mudd
 Frances Mooneyham by Jerry and Sharon Poole

Baptist Children's Home in Memory of

Frances Mooneyham, Leonard Gibson and Bernard F. McLeod, Jr. by David and Nancy Turlington

Children's Ministry Fund in Memory of

Charles Byrd by Joe and Linda Hester
 Joyce Blackley by Deborah Godbout

Heck Jones Fund in Memory of

Frances Mooneyham by Gerald and Glenda Toler

Organ Fund in Memory of

Joyce Blackley by Emory and Jo Howard

Organ Fund in Honor of

Sandy Stephenson, Jiles Harrell, Jackie Tarkington, WMU and Baptist Men by JoAnn Norris

Youth Ministry Fund in Memory of

Frances Mooneyham by Joe and Linda Hester

Weekly Reports

Baptisms this Year.....	10	New Members.....	22
Worship Attendance			
Sunday, September 28.....	148	Sunday, September 21.....	185
Sunday School Attendance			
Sunday, September 28.....	81	Sunday, September 21.....	145
General Fund Giving			
Sunday, September 28.....	\$9,970	Sunday, September 21.....	\$13,014
Weekly Needs.....	\$16,659		