



God Centered Growth

First Baptist Church of Norton

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(This week's devotional is from intouch.org)

The Truth About Salvation

1 John 5:11-13

Satan wants both Christians and non-Christians to be confused about salvation, but for different reasons.

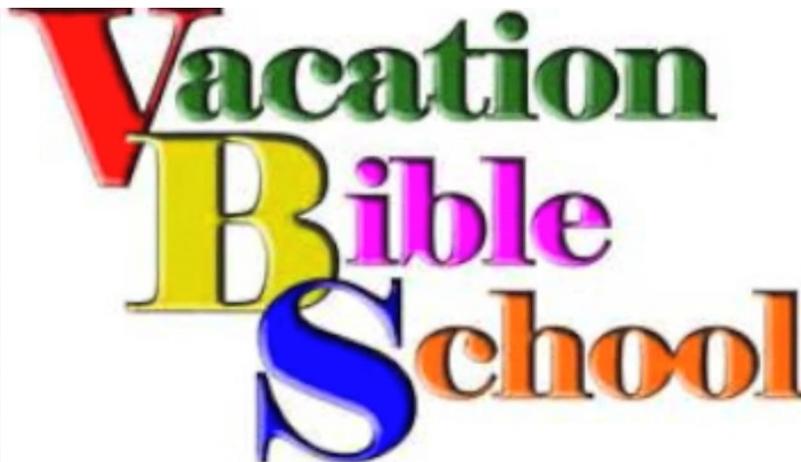
When it comes to unbelievers, the devil's purpose is to have them think they're saved by doing good works—in other words, by being a “good” person. His motive is to keep the lost man or woman lost. This is an all-too-effective strategy, even among many who attend church regularly. Assuming their good deeds will outweigh their bad deeds, they consider themselves heaven-bound when in reality, they're actually on the road to horrifying, irreversible disappointment (Matt. 7:21-23).

Satan has a different purpose for creating confusion among God's followers. Though Jesus taught that salvation can never be lost (John 10:28-29), the enemy sows seeds of doubt in an effort to keep believers off-balance—wondering what the Lord will do next, fearing His judgment, and working ever more feverishly to earn His acceptance. More than a few Christians have burned themselves out in this misguided attempt to please the Lord. On top of that, they have allowed Satan to enslave them with fear and short-circuit their effectiveness for God's kingdom.

The solution is to know the Bible and trust what it teaches. Scripture is clear that we're saved by faith, not by works (Eph. 2:8-9)—and that salvation is permanent (Rom. 8:38-39). God wants His children reassured about these truths, confident, and spiritually productive. His desire is that our relationship with Him will be so exciting and joyful that we reflect Jesus to those around us.

Prayer requests from Sunday:

- The family of Lann Malesky
- Shelby Carico has bronchitis
- Debra Wharton is recovering from an illness.
- Sheila Shupe has been sick.



June 4-6

“Game On!”

Contact Mary Hagy or
Vickie Mullins

Two new ministries for youth!



- Sharon Greer will lead children’s church for grades one through four, immediately following the Children’s Moment.
- Heather Marchant will teach a Sunday School class for teens-young adults.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry

The Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM) is located in a building adjacent to The University of Virginia's College at Wise campus. As a part of the Virginia Baptist Collegiate Ministry, the mission of the UVa-Wise BCM is building community, making disciples for Christ, and developing Christian leaders. BCM has been a part of collegiate ministry at UVa-Wise since 1958.

Membership in UVa-Wise BCM simply requires a willingness to participate, Baptist affiliation is not necessary. Annually, less than one-third of active BCM members are Baptist.

The BCM facility is open and available to students throughout each day and evening, and includes a prayer room, conference/meeting room, library/resource room, and a fully-equipped kitchen. Weekly opportunities include a home-cooked fellowship meal and Bible study every Tuesday evening.

For more information please contact the director, Pastor Mark Dixon (mjd8f@uvawise.edu)

BCM Meals and Bible Study

Mark and the students meet at 6 p.m. every Tuesday to prepare dinner. If you would like to help cook or contribute food, please let Mark know the Sunday before the meeting. They usually have from 10-20 students. Below is their menu for the rest of the semester.

April 24 ~ Boston Butt, cole slaw, pasta salad

May 1 ~ cheesesteaks, chips



A graduation celebration for the BCM students will be held May 5; details will follow soon.

**As you pray this week,
please remember the
following.**

David & Jewell Ball
Helen Bass
Charlene Bates
Libby Bowman
Gail Buchanan
Jim Campbell
Linda Cooke
Tim Cox
Rhonda Elliott
Rue Gembach
Wayne Harrison
Emma Harrod
Alana Hash
Mary Haynes
Sue Hobbs
Rosalind Hunt
Elee Large
Maddie Lewis
Family of Lann Malesky
Jim & Wanda Manicure
Eugene Mullins
Tracy Ott
Donna Owens
Roberta Owens
Wilma Redman
Leah Riley
Margaret Riner
Bea Simmons
Tammy Sturgill
Marilyn Teasley
Joseph Thomas
Mike Todd
Beverly Viers
Susan Gillenwater Wells
Brenda Whitaker
Little Ed Withrow
Our country's leaders
First responders, volunteers
Armed Services men and women
Missionaries
Nursing home patients



Please send prayer requests to
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SAVE THE DATE!

The WMU Associational Spring Meeting

May 6 at 3 p.m.

Coeburn Baptist Church



April Birthdays

6 ~ Beth Walker
9 ~ Fred Ramey
21 ~ Heather Marchant
21 ~ Elliot Walker
22 ~ Phyllis Still
25 ~ Virginia Collins
28 ~ Crystal Price
29 ~ Elizabeth Zody

*“So I pray that God, who gives you hope,
will keep you happy and full of peace as
you believe in him. May you overflow with
hope through the Holy Spirit.”*

Romans 15:13



First Baptist Church of Norton gives anyone the chance to come together and worship with like-minded congregants as members of a strong, loving community. Whether you're looking for peace of mind, a way to give back, or simply want to be a part of a loving family — First Baptist Church of Norton welcomes you. Join our community, and start your journey to God-centered growth with us!

How to join FBC Norton

- Baptism—You desire to express faith in Christ through baptism.
- Transfer—You wish to transfer membership from another church.
- Statement of Faith—You are a baptized believer and come on statement of faith.
- Watch Care—You would like to be connected to our church family without official membership.

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us in person!



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