



## First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids  
That Rock for Jesus

Hey boys and girls,

I hope you are doing okay. Here is a thought that I hope will help you stay close to Jesus. I have an apple tree in my back yard. Recently, I cut some of the lower branches off the tree. They were hanging down closer to the ground than others and got in the way when the yard was mowed. The branches that I removed from the apple tree had leaves and a few buds on them. Do you think that if I took those branches and stuck them in the ground and watered them they would produce apples? No, that wouldn't work, because branches get the nutrients they need to live from the roots of the tree. Branches cannot live or grow unless they remain connected to the tree. There will never be leaves or fruit on a branch that is separated from its tree. Basically, a branch that has been removed from its tree is nothing more than a stick.

That same thing is true about our life with Jesus. Listen to what Jesus said, *"I am the vine and you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5). Jesus was speaking to His disciples. A disciple is someone who has trusted in Jesus and decided to follow Him. I guess we could say a disciple is connected to Jesus. The way we stay connected to Jesus is by reading our Bible and praying to Him every day. This contact that we have with Jesus is what helps us when we are going through challenges, as we are now with the virus. If we will remain connected to Jesus, we will grow. Our life will produce beautiful leaves and delicious fruit. But if we are ever separated from Jesus, our leaves will wither and die and we will never put forth any fruit. Stay connected to Jesus and your life will bless other people. I miss all of you and look forward to seeing you at church soon. Until then, be safe and don't forget to help mom and dad around the house.

Pastor Larry

### Mark Your Calendars:

June 14—Flag Day

June 21—Father's Day

### June Sunday School Schedule:

- 6/7: Jesus Healed Ten Men
  - 6/14: Jesus Healed a Woman and a Girl
  - 6/21: Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Lame
  - 6/28: Jesus Healed a Man Who Was Blind
- Ms. Rebecca will be posting the videos that are normally viewed during Sunday School on the Facebook page so keep a lookout for them.**

### June Worship Schedule:

- June 7: Children's Church  
"Jesus' Followers Are Made Holy by God's Truth"
- June 14: Children's Church  
"Jesus' Followers Are Sent Into Mission"
- June 21: Children's Church  
"Great Fathers"
- June 28: Children's Church  
"Jesus' Followers Share Their Faith With Others"

## **A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:**

As we move into the month of June, school is officially over for the summer. You have turned in your last work assignments, your chrome notebook, and received from your teachers your belongings. Some of you have received your school awards, and most of you are anxiously awaiting for your report cards. Even though you have been out of school since mid-March, all of the things that happen at a normal school year- end stuff is occurring. You probably are thinking about things you want to do, places you would like to go, and people you would like to see. Some of those things may occur for you. Your parents are probably thinking, "school is out, no more home schooling, just let me rest."

You know, Mrs. Charlotte thinks like that too!

After a long, tiring day, I like to go home and sit down in a chair to rest. Chairs are for resting. But, how do you know if you can trust a chair to hold you up? How can I be sure that my chair will not fall apart when I sit down in it? Well, first I can look it over. It seems to be a good chair. It looks sturdy. I think it will hold me up. But I don't know for sure, do I? Another way is to find out who made the chair. Now, Mr. Harter worked for Stanley Furniture for many years making furniture. He would tell me right away it was a good chair. If it has been put together by a good company, I can trust it to hold me up. If I recognize the company name, I assume since they make good chairs, I can trust this one. Yet, I still am not positive this chair is sturdy.

When do I really know I can trust this chair? The only way is when I sit down in it. That's when I really believe in the chair. When I trust myself to it. When I have faith in it.

Having faith in Jesus is like trusting in my chair. I might look Jesus Christ over and say, "I think He is worth trusting. He looks good and sturdy." But I don't know for sure, do I? Not just by looking. That's not faith. I may even say, "I believe in the Maker-God. He sent Jesus into the world. God can be trusted. He is a good Maker." Just believing that the One who made Jesus is reliable is not enough either. Faith is more than saying God is reliable.

What then is real faith? What is complete trust in Jesus? It's when I put myself into His hands. Just as trusting in a chair requires me to sit in it, so trusting in Jesus requires putting my life in His hands. To believe in Jesus is like sitting in a chair; it is trusting Jesus completely with my life.

I hope each of you, if you haven't already done so, think about trusting in Jesus and putting your lives in his hands. He will bless you each day.

Remember your Father's on June 21. Think of something nice to plan for them. They are your biggest encouragers.

Now don't forget to continue to read your bible and to say your prayers. Remember, God is always with you, waiting and listening to hear from you.

Take care and be safe. God loves you and so do WE!

### **RIGHT NOW MEDIA FOR CHILDREN:**

Parents, make sure you check out Right Now Media for great movies and lessons for children. It is free! Go to the website for the church and look under Resources. There are great bible studies for adults too!



## Mission Friends:

### Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)

Mission Friends: We are in Puerto Rico with the Santiago family. Our concept area is God's creation.

## GIRLS IN ACTION:

Girls, I hope you have kept up with your GA lessons on line on Wednesday's at 2:00 p.m. CT of each week. I enjoyed our lessons on the "WorldCrafts" organization that helps people make crafts for sale to support their families. I don't know if I shared with you, but I have a necklace and bracelet set that were made out of paper that helped support people in Guam. Our study for June will take us to beautiful Puerto Rico. You will meet Jorge Santiago and Rebeca Hernandez. The Santiagos are church planters that work with Send Relief to minister people devastated by Hurricane Maria. You will learn that God is bigger than a Hurricane! Our Bible Story to kick off our June lessons is about Mary and Martha who learned that spending time with Jesus is the most important thing they can do. Our lesson comes from Luke 10:41-42. For crafts, you will be making Puerto Rican musical instruments. You will also be making as a treat Piñata cupcakes. Continue to work on your G/A Pledge and your G/A Scripture Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord. Worship him. Tell the nations what he has done. Announce how honored he is" (Isaiah 12:4) Make sure you check-in on Wednesday's at 2:00 p.m. If you cannot do not worry, we will have it posted on FBCC Facebook page.

## AWANA

It was SOOOOO good to see those of you that were able to make it to our Drive-Thru celebration! We have missed your faces so much and it was so nice to see you and celebrate your participation in Awana this year.

We look forward to seeing you again in the fall!

**Our original plan for VBS was to have it in June.**

**Unfortunately, we couldn't make that work this year but we are excited to do "Concrete and Cranes" next year! In the meantime, we hope we can get together with you guys very soon for some summer fun and fellowship!**



***"I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone that believes."  
Romans 1:16***