



First Baptist Church Collinsville

Teaching and Training Kids

That Rock for Jesus

SWISH! (John 11:1-45)

Hi boys and girls. I want to talk to you about your faith. Faith is basically trusting Jesus for whatever you need. Let me give you a picture of people who had no faith. Imagine that we are at a huge sports arena watching your favorite basketball team play. Your team has been down by one point the whole game and now, with time running out, your favorite player has the ball in his or her hands. As the clock runs down, three...two...one, your favorite player shoots from the baseline and...BOINK! The ball bounces off the rim and time runs out.

Suddenly, however, you realize your favorite player was fouled and will be shooting free throws with no time remaining. But as he moves toward the free throw line the entire crowd begins to leave the gymnasium—no one thinks he or she will make the free throws to win the game. And now your favorite player begins to cry. How discouraging, right?

This was the scene for those gathered with Jesus outside Lazarus's tomb. Lazarus was one of Jesus' best friends. Jesus often stayed at the home of Lazarus when He came to town. When Lazarus got sick his family sent for Jesus to come and heal him. But Jesus did not come immediately. When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead four days and no one thought he would be coming back to life. As Jesus stood there, He began to cry. But wait. Jesus wasn't crying because Lazarus was dead. He was crying because none of the people believed He had the power to make Lazarus alive again. The people were so discouraged by death that they had lost their faith. So in order to give them a sign that all was not lost and that they should believe, Jesus walked up to the tomb and called for Lazarus to come out. And when Lazarus appeared everyone realized that Jesus had beaten death with a big, SWISH!

It is so easy to become discouraged when things look bad, or our prayers go unanswered. But we must remember that Jesus is the Son of God. He has the power to handle any problem, heal any sickness, and help those struggling with life. However, it takes faith on our part. We have to believe in who Jesus is and what He can do. The Bible says that if we have faith as small as a mustard seed it will be enough to move mountains (Matthew 17:20).

Do you need to be saved? Does a friend or family member need a miracle in his or her life? If so, all you need is a little faith and Jesus will make it happen. Never forget the Jesus loves you and so do I.

Pastor Larry

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

Let's get back together!

Sunday School and Children's Church Upcoming Changes:

Currently, we are posting our children's lessons on our FBCC Facebook page each Sunday. Ms. Rebecca is posting your Sunday school lessons each Sunday and we are both posting your G/A lessons and Mission Friends lessons on Wednesday nights. We will continue this method through the month of May.

On June 6, Sunday school will be reopening for all age groups. Sunday school will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. Church service will be moved to 10:30 a.m.

We will start Children's Church back up on June 6 at 10:30 a.m. **Our schedule will be to meet on the first, second, and fourth Sunday's of the month.** We will be meeting in the Sunshine Classroom on the first floor. Children will come immediately from Sunday school to Children's Church. We will not go into the Sanctuary. Masks will be required to be worn while we are together, along with social distancing.



Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9

Take a moment to laugh with Mom today!

Q: What do you call a small mom?

A: Minimum.

Q: What did the mama tomato say to the baby tomato?

A: Catch up!

Q: Why is a computer so smart?

A: It listens to its motherboard.

Q: Why did you chop the joke book in half?

A: Mom said to cut the comedy.

Q: Why did the cookie cry?

A: Because his mother was a wafer so long!

Save the Date:

VBS

July 18-22



A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather we are having and all of the sunshine God is producing. If we look around our yards, we can see beautiful flowers, beautiful birds and caterpillars. You might even have roses and dandelions growing. Now I don't know if you think dandelions are beautiful, but they do serve a purpose.

How many of you know what it means to be humble. A humble person is someone who does not think too much of himself and would rather give the credit to someone else.

I want to share a story with you about two flowers that I think you will enjoy and which I hope you will understand the meaning of being humble. This is the story of two flowers, Ruby Rose and Dorla Dandelion. Ruby Rose was hard to live with. She was always reminding everyone of her unbelievable beauty and the special kind of care that she needed. Ruby needed her branches trimmed regularly, some spray to keep away the bugs, and special kinds of food put into the flowerbed in which she lived. Ruby was quite a flower and, on occasions when she thought that no one like you and me were listening, she would tell all of the flowers how wonderful it was to be a rose. Most of the flowers in the same yard with Ruby could not stand her, but Dorla never said anything unkind about her. When new flowers would come into the yard, Dorla would always introduce them to Ruby and tell them of what fine stock Ruby came from and how beautiful she was when she was in full bloom. Now, there was only one thing that Ruby wanted that she did not have. It was upsetting that it took her so long to come into full bloom, and then several days later she would fade out and it would take a while for her to have another beautiful bloom.

Ruby was her nastiest when she would make remarks about Dorla getting old and gray. How Ruby would like to stand tall in the garden, look over the yard, and tell Dorla how awful she looked with her fuzzy gray hair. But Dorla would never say anything unkind back. Instead, she would tell Ruby how wonderful it was to have such a beautiful flower like her in the same yard, even if she could not live with her in that wonderful flowerbed.

Let's see how God works things out for us. The one thing that Ruby always despised about herself was how hard it was for her to have rose friends. It seemed like it took forever for her to have any new friends. She used to secretly wish that she could have one real rose friend and not have to talk to weeds like Dorla.

What Ruby did not know was God's special plan for Dorla. You remember those old gray hairs that Ruby made fun of every day. Well, God made those gray hairs seeds so that when the wind came and blew away the gray it made fields of new Dorlas, so many that the pound Ruby could not even count them.

God works with the proud and the humble that way. It may not seem right to be humble all the time, but God rewards the humble with gifts so great that it is by far the very best way to be.

So, the next time you are outside and see a beautiful rose and a gray hair dandelion, remember this story of Ruby and Dorla.

May Sunday School Schedule:

5/2: Letters to Church

5/9: The Jerusalem Council

5/16: Paul's Second Journey

5/23: No Other Gospel

5/30: Paul Gave Hope

Children's Church Schedule:

May 2: "Jesus Raises Lazarus from Death"

May 9: "Into a Cloud"

May 16: "Here Comes the Holy Spirit"

May 23: "Face-Off with the Sanhedrin"

May 30: "A Strange Meeting"

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!



GIRLS IN ACTION:

Girls,

For the month of May, we will be meeting David and Margaret Roland. David is Campus Minister at Shorter University in Rome, Georgia. He is part of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry which shares Christ on campus with college students and disciples them to mature faith. Our focus verse for May is from Matthew 28:19-20, which says, "So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end"

Use your GA books to follow along with our study for May.

In Week 1, we will learn what Jesus' final instructions to his disciples and to us were. Start on page 32. On page 34, you will learn how to make a Traffic Light Snack.

In Week 2, you hear David Roland's testimony to learn how God called him to be a campus minister. (Page 37)

In Week 3, you will learn how David and students involved with Baptist Collegiate Ministry are making disciples.

Week 4, you will learn the Disciples Do and the Disciples Don't. (Page 38) You will also read Maegan's Story and learn that College Students need your prayers. (Pages 39-40)

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Ages 2 years—8th Grade

Sundays 4:00-5:00

We will meet outside in the Picnic Shelter or Breezeway when possible.

Masks are not required outside.

Mission Friends:

Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)

Missionary: David Roland

Mission Area: Baptist Collegiate Ministry

Concept Area: Jesus