

# ◆ CHAPEL NEWS ◆

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## QUESTIONS ???

Few of us remember being three years old, but most of us know and have experienced some three year olds. Three year olds are inquisitive to say the least. They ask one question following another. "Mommy why is the sky blue?" "Where does the rain come from?" My favorite questions are the ones they ask that answer themselves, such as, "Is this red crayon, red?" As parents, these questions drive us mad, but we try our best to answer them with patience, because we know their minds are working... overtime.

Our search for answers never end. Whether it is questions of science, mathematics, or relationships, we keep asking questions. Some of life's biggest questions are directed towards God. Jesus' disciples asked Him lots of questions, such as: "When will these things be?" (Luke 21); "Who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?" (John 9). Jesus also asks questions: "Do you believe?" (John 9); "Simon, Son of Jonah, do you love Me?" (John 21). The Pharisees, Sadducees, scribes and Pilate ask questions as well. In fact the Scriptures are filled with questions.

Today, we still are still asking questions. But is it okay to question God? Why are some questions reprehensible and others acceptable to God? Is there a difference? The disciples asked questions to gain understanding. Jesus asked questions that we might learn the condition of our hearts. The Pharisees asked questions to test and trap Jesus. Questions are often asked with a motive behind them. That is where the innocence or the danger of questioning God lies.

I believe it is acceptable to question God when we are seeking understanding and longing to know His will. However, when we question His motives or ask out of selfish ambition, we need to be careful. In Isaiah 45, we read where God has called Cyrus, King of Persia, to do His will and overthrow Babylon. You may remember that Israel had been carried away in captivity to Babylon years earlier. Many people might question why God would use a foreign unbelieving king to accomplish His will. This questions God's motives, rather than trusting His love for them. Hear what the Lord says to Israel in verses 9-13.

***"What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, 'Stop, you're doing it wrong!' Does the pot exclaim, 'How clumsy can you be?' How terrible it would be if a newborn baby said to its father, 'Why was I born?' or if it said to its mother, 'Why did you make me this way?'"***

***This is what the Lord says—the Holy One of Israel and your Creator: "Do you question what I do for my children? Do you give me orders about the work of my hands? I am the one who made the earth and created people to live on it. With my hands I stretched out the heavens. All the stars are at my command. I will raise up Cyrus to fulfill my righteous purpose, and I will guide his actions. He will restore my city and free my captive people—without seeking a reward! I, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!"***

So is it okay to question God? We need to ask ourselves, "Are our questions born out of trust or out of doubt?" When our questions are born out of faith, we are on solid ground.

Pastor Joey

## APRIL RECEIPTS

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Offerings .....           | \$22,570.24        |
| Annie Armstrong .....     | 2,560.00           |
| Easter Offering           |                    |
| Salemburg Christian.....  | 150.00             |
| Food Bank                 |                    |
| Senior Spring Fling ..... | 152.00             |
| Kitchen & Restroom .....  | 100.00             |
| Supplies                  |                    |
| Pancake & Sausage .....   | 2,853.00           |
| Christmas Offering        |                    |
| Youth Ministry .....      | 982.50             |
| Cemetery Fund.....        | 50.00              |
| <b>Grand Total .....</b>  | <b>\$29,417.74</b> |

## APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Preschool    | 06         |
| Children     | 26         |
| Youth        | 21         |
| Adults       | <u>92</u>  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>145</b> |
| <br>         |            |
| Last Month   | 138        |
| April 2015   | <b>156</b> |

## Fig Trees

I want to invite everyone again to join us on Mission and Ministry nights. Consider the fig tree. As Jesus was coming out of Jerusalem just before His crucifixion, He and His disciples came upon a fig tree. He cursed it and the next day it was dead. The tree was a representation of Israel. God's people had been called to be a light to other nations. Drawing others unto God. They had failed.

The curse of the fig tree seems harsh, but it hadn't bore fruit. Jesus could have done this before the multitudes, but He did it before His disciples. It served and still serves as a warning that God has expectations that His children bare fruit. His command to be fruitful and multiply in Genesis is not directed towards producing large families but producing spiritual fruit that will not perish.

When we came to Christ, we were planted in His grace. When we come to His church, we are watered in His love. When we bear fruit, we are pleasing to His purpose. Make plans this month to come and produce fruit.

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We are planning more nights of visitation on the following Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM (May 3rd, 17th, 24th and 31st). Of course we want to invite everyone to come out and reach out. If you want to participate, but Tuesday night isn't a good night see me or Scott Brown and we will give you an assignment and you can make your visit on a night convenient for you. **Let's grow His kingdom!**

### *Daughters of Christ Ministry, Inc* *presents*

**2016 Christian Conference**  
for Women

**Christ-Centered Reality Living**  
"Relationships that Bring Hope and Healing"  
*Psalms 31:23-24*

*Special Guest Speaker*

**Dr. Gary Chapman**

*(Author of The Five Love Languages)*

**July 20 — 30, 2016**

*(All-Day Friday and All-Day Saturday)*

**Limited Seating**

**Freedom Christian Academy**  
3130 Gillespie Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28306

### Event Times

*(Both Days)*

Program from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Doors Open at 8:00 AM & Close at 5:00 PM

*Fellowship and Vendor Browsing*

### Registration Fees

*(Catered Lunch Provided Both Days)*

Early Bird: **\$65.00**/Person (March 1—May 31, 2016)

Regular: **\$75.00**/Person (June 1-July 24, 2016)

### How to Register

*(Adult Women Ages 18 and Up)*

- 1) Online (Secure) with Credit/Debit Card at  
[www.daughtersofchristministry.org/EVENTS.aspx](http://www.daughtersofchristministry.org/EVENTS.aspx)
- 2) Regular Mail via Check or US Postal Money Order  
to: DoCM, PO Box 48282, Cumberland NC 28331
- 3) In-Person via Cash or Check to any DoCM Board  
Member

Registrations are Non-Refundable. Please call the office  
at 910-425-7574 if you need to cancel your registration.

# 13-year-old's inspiring letter about autism goes viral

Beth Hiatt is a 13-year-old go-getter who's the co-editor of her school newspaper. She also has autism. And she's not afraid to admit it.

Recently Hiatt wrote a letter entitled, "Let's Talk About Autism," which delves into the effect autism has on her daily life. After she wrote the article, her mom Beccy sent it to Autistic Not Weird, a popular online community, where it was reposted and quickly went viral.

In the article, Hiatt writes about the varying degrees of autism, and what it feels like to deal with sensory overload. She also writes about how, as a high-functioning autistic, she feels misunderstood by others. Check out what she had to say:

*I have autism. And I'm not ashamed to admit that.*

*It may come as a bit of a surprise to you, as the only autism you may know of being exposed to have is the low-functioning, severe, non-verbal kind.*

*I do not have low-functioning autism. I am a high-functioning autistic. There's a whole spectrum of autism, (that's why its full name is autism spectrum disorder) and no two people with autism are the same. Those with high-functioning autism/mild autism/Asperger's syndrome do indeed face extremely different issues to those with low functioning autism, but there are similar issues affecting the majority of the spectrum that most people do not know.*

*Imagine having all five senses multiplied by one hundred. Many people with autism, myself included, have never experienced complete silence. We always hear the humming of the lights, or a bird outside, or even the sound of our own breath. We always hear this loud and clear, even in noise-filled crowded room. We feel labels in our clothes for the entirety of the day if they are not cut out, some smells and tastes make us literally unable to breathe. After this all gets too much (trust me, this usually doesn't take too long for most) we can experience something called sensory overload. If visible to others, it probably looks like a tantrum (If you were wondering, I haven't experienced full-blown sensory overload in years, but it still stands. You just learn how to repress it). However, we are not waiting to see if others respond. We want to get out of there as quick as possible, and we certainly don't need judgement from others. I know our behaviours may seem self-injurious to those around us and it may seem funny to see a child who is not two kicking off and screaming, but who are you to judge? You have absolutely no idea what it is like.*

*Imagine being seen as rude when you do not get the gist of social norms. Most people are born with a general understanding but just need to be reminded to mind their P's and Q's from time to time. Usually, they are well-mannered by the age of four or so. Well... we are all still learning, whether we are eight or eighty. We do try our hardest to think before we speak, but we slip up quite a lot. Sure, it's funny and cute when a three year old says something they shouldn't, but when a nine year old accidentally starts an argument between their family after they repeat something their parents muttered under their breath (Guess who did that, kids!), you're seen as rude and inconsiderate...*

*Imagine struggling to catch a ball, hold a pen or do anything that involves fine or gross motor skills. We are the children that run with a gait, who are always picked last for the team, whose handwriting ranges from scruffy to illegible. The worst thing is, we are not often given help for this. As autism is known as an invisible disability, people think we are not trying hard enough, children laugh at our mishaps, we feel left out and like a failure on many occasions.*

*Although after reading this article autism may seem like a terrible thing to have that will ruin your entire life, don't be fooled! All of the best scientists (Einstein, Edison, etc.) that changed our world and way of thinking drastically were rumored to have autism, along with such famous faces as Daryl Hannah, Tim Burton and the legendary Temple Grandin. We can go on to do the most amazing things if our self-esteem isn't shattered.*

*Autism has no known cause and no known cure, but there is somebody who can make life easier for those who are diagnosed.*

*It's you.*

*Autism Awareness Day is coming up on April 2nd, and you will probably be told to wear blue to make people more aware, but I want you to do more than that. Make every day autism awareness day. Try to make a safe space if somebody with autism is on edge at a party. Gently nudge them if they say something wrong. Pick them for your team if playing sports. Even smiling and saying hello in the corridor. Small gestures matter. Often, they can speak louder than words ever could. Please, be autism aware.*

*Thank you.*

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# WMU NEWS

## MEETING DATES

**Monday, May 2**

7:00 PM - WMU #2

**Wednesday, May 4**

3:00 PM - WMU #1

**Wednesday, May 4**

7:00 PM - Mission Friends,  
Acteens, GA's and RA's

**Wednesday, May 18**

6:30 PM - Acteens and Older RA's  
to Food Bank

7:00 PM - Mission Friends, GA's  
and Younger RA's

**Wednesday, May 25**

7:00 PM - Acteens and Older RA's  
7:00 PM - BYW

# NURSERY WORKERS

**May 1**

Jessica Jackson and  
Brooke Dienhart

**May 8 — Mother's Day**

L. V. and Margaret Carroll

**May 15**

Kevin and Wanda Jackson

**May 22**

Brittnay Pope and Carrie Byrd

**May 29**

Emily Wrench and Jadyn Mullins

**June 5**

Carol Darby and Tonya Register

# YOUTH NEWS

**Sunday Evening**

**May 1, 22 and 29**

5:00 PM — Youth Praise Team

**Sunday Evening**

**May 1, 22 and 29**

6:00 PM — Youth Meeting

**Sunday Evening**

**May 1**

7:00 PM — Youth Council

**Monday, May 9 — Friday May 13**

World Changers Pre-Project

**Wednesday, May 11**

7:00 PM — Youth Meeting

**Wednesday, May 18**

6:30 PM — Youth, Acteens and  
Older RA's to Food Bank

**Saturday, May 21**

8:00 AM

Food Bank Distribution Day

# FLOWERS

**May 1**

Billy and Ruth Wrench

**May 8 — Mother's Day**

Carson and Debora Hales

**May 15**

Kevin and Candis Mercer

**May 22**

*Open at this time*

**May 29**

*Open at this time*

**June 5**

Deborah Butler

# CHILDREN'S

## CHURCH

## WORKERS

**Group 6 - May 1**

Anthony Williams  
Melody Williams  
Abbey Barefoot  
Lisa Knowles  
Brittney Knowles

**Group 1 - May 8**

**Mother's Day!**

Aaron Jackson  
Shannon Jackson  
Jennifer Naylor  
Logan Baggett  
Lane Baggett

**Group 2 - May 15**

Troy Register  
Tonya Register  
Craig Holland  
Caren Holland  
Brooke Dienhart

**Group 3 - May 22**

Marshall Naylor  
Stephanie Naylor  
Johnnie Holland  
Jill Holland  
Cary Booyer

**Group 4 - May 29**

Simone Myers  
Brandi Edge  
Megan Daniels-West  
Daniel Tew  
Tye Mullins

**Group 5 - June 5**

Terry Williams  
Heather Williams  
Sydney Williams  
Lee Masters  
Jessica Masters

## Calendar



# **WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN?**

I'm sure that at some point, each of us has asked the question about why do bad things happen? It seems like over the past several weeks, I have thought about this many times. Do you ever have those days where everything you touch goes wrong. It seems like I have had that kind of month.

During these times, it is easy to become frustrated and lose focus on what we should be doing. That is exactly what Satan wants us to do. He is the author of deception and doing whatever is necessary to pull our attention away from God. Satan wants nothing more than to ruin our witness and to keep our light from shining. He wants to be the basket that covers up the light.

James 1:2, "Consider it pure joy, by brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." Our faith is not tested when we are on top of the mountain. Our faith is tested when we are in the valley. It is not possible to always ride on the mountain tops without going down in the valley between the peaks. The trials, or bad things that happen, happen for a reason. God is testing our faith.

Have you ever wondered why at times it seems like the bad people are rewarded and the good people are punished? For the souls that are lost, this life is the only Heaven they will ever know. When they leave this world, they are not going to a better place. They don't have the promise of an eternity in Heaven.

There are so many people throughout the Bible that also had bad things happen. Think about all of the punishment that Paul endured throughout his missionary journeys. He was shipwrecked, stoned, made a prisoner, etc. What about the punishment that Job suffered? He was a rich man that lost EVERYTHING. He lost his family as well as his wealth. Does it get any worse than that? He was receiving advise from the people around him to just curse God and die. Job did not curse God; he persevered and God restored his family and his wealth. Think about the disciples and the bad things that happened to them after the resurrection. These were the same men that were there when the Holy Spirit descended on the day of Pentecost. Most of them gave their life for sharing the Gospel. What about Jesus? This is God's Son that endured the worst punishment of all. This was a man that never did anything wrong, and you want to talk about bad things that happen. Jesus is the greatest example. He had all of the power to stop it but his love for us outweighed the physical and mental abuse that he endured during his time while he walked the earth in physical form.

If we didn't have the valley, how would we know when we were on the mountain? If everything was good all of the time, wouldn't we look to ourselves more than to God? The valley reminds us of the mountain tops. We are reminded that without God and the love of Jesus, it is impossible. Life is like a roller coaster. If you are at the top of the track right now; hold on, because you are moments away from being at the bottom. The question is not why do bad things happen to us, but why not us?


Sincerely,

Scott Brown



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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| <p><b>May Birthdays</b></p> <p>1 Keith Butler<br/>Kate Faircloth<br/>Eryn Williams<br/>Danielle Wrench</p> <p>2 Rebecca Beasley</p> <p>5 Evelene House</p> <p>6 Sheila Frischmann<br/>Carson Hales<br/>Mikayla Peterson</p> <p>9 Karen Williams</p> <p>10 Cassie M. Jackson</p> <p>12 Ashley Crenshaw<br/>Chance Hendrix</p> <p>15 Brenna Faircloth</p> | <p>19 Elizabeth Jackson<br/>Craig Page<br/>Kassidy Stone</p> <p>20 Brittnay Pope</p> <p>21 Chris Edwards</p> <p>22 Alexis Tyndall</p> <p>23 Donald Daniels</p> <p>24 Dustin Jolly</p> <p>26 Melinda Page</p> <p>27 Donna Honeycutt<br/>Shirley Honeycutt<br/>Corbin Jackson</p> <p>28 Justin Jones</p> <p>29 Cameron Ackerman<br/>Joshua Johnson</p> | <p>31 Thomas Hayden</p> <p></p> <p><b>June Birthdays</b></p> <p>1 Melody Williams</p> <p>2 A. G. Holland, Jr.<br/>Ryder Pope</p> <p>3 Joel Head</p> <p>6 Cynthia Autry</p> <p>8 Jeffrey Booyer<br/>Kelly Bunn</p> <p>9 Michael Naylor</p> <p>10 Brian Brochu<br/>Bradley Tew</p> | <p>13 Stone Honeycutt<br/>Taylor Mercer</p> <p>14 Chase Naylor<br/>Becky Vann<br/>Phyllis Wrench</p> <p>18 Lindsey Tew</p> <p>19 Jennifer Naylor</p> <p>20 Rylee Fann</p> <p>21 Heather Williams<br/>Jo Ann Williams</p> <p>24 Megan Daniels-West<br/>Shawn Stone<br/>Karen Tew<br/>Sandra Tew</p> |
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**IF YOU SEE A NAME MISSING FROM OUR BIRTHDAY LIST, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

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| <p><i>Our Services</i></p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>9:15 AM - Prayer</p> <p>9:45 AM - Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM - Worship</p> <p>6:00 PM - Bible Study</p> <p><i>Our Staff</i></p> <p>Joey Cantrell - Pastor</p> <p>Craig Page - Minister of Music</p> <p>Erika Wrench - Minister to Youth</p> <p>Angela Tyndall - Secretary</p> <p>Donald Daniels - Custodian</p> | <p><b>Inside This Issue</b></p> <p><i>Words from our Pastor</i> 1</p> <p><i>Receipts/Sunday School Averages</i> 2</p> <p><i>2016 Christian Conference for Women</i></p> <p><i>Mission and Ministry Nights (M&amp;M)</i></p> <p><i>Autism Article</i> 3</p> <p><i>Flowers/Children's Church/Nursery</i> 4</p> <p><i>Workers/WMU &amp; Youth News</i></p> <p><i>Calendar</i> 5</p> <p><i>Upcoming Events at Baptist Chapel</i> 6</p> <p><i>News from our Sunday School Director</i> 7</p> <p><i>Happy Birthday!</i> 8</p> | <p><i>Baptist Chapel Church</i></p> <p>2208 Baptist Chapel Road</p> <p>Autryville, NC 28318</p> <p><i>Church Phone Number:</i></p> <p>910-567-2561</p> <p><i>Website:</i></p> <p>www.baptistchapel.com</p> <p><i>E-mail:</i></p> <p>bbbc963@intrstar.net</p> |
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