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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN By Senior Pastor Brett Siegalkoff

### A Frank Discussion of Worship (Part 2)

The content of worship may be the most neglected aspect of worship. Have you ever sung a song at Church and found yourself doing a double-take once you realized what the words were saying? This has happened to me a number of times. Sometimes the words aren't erroneous, they just don't make a whole lot of sense. But sometimes they are just plain heresy. This is true of all time periods, from old hymns to new choruses. How much does content matter? Because God is a God of truth, content makes all the difference. Often times we can have an emotional experience while enjoying music that has nothing to do with God. That being true, emotional experience is not the determiner of true worship. When I am moved to worship, I must make sure that the worship is pointing to the true God or else I come dangerously close to false worship and even idol worship. We want our worship to stand out from cultic churches and false religions. Jesus knew that we needed to worship God in truth as He said to the Samaritan woman, "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks" (John 4:23-24). True worshipers will focus on the truth because it is the truth that has set us free from sin and has saved us. Without the truth we have no God to worship.

So how do we pursue truthful content in worship? Here are some ideas.

1. Sing songs that convey what the Bible says.
2. Sing songs that promote perspectives of God that reveal His true nature.
3. Approach worship from a God-centered perspective rather than for what we can get out of it. When we have ourselves as the center of worship we are more willing to sing songs that make us feel good rather than convey truth. Some of the most unscriptural songs are very heartfelt.
4. Sing songs and have communion focused on the center of our faith: the cross of Christ.
5. Lastly, think about the words being said about our God. Let the truth lead you to the true Lord. When this is done, God is glorified and His Name is exalted on high!

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At CFBC, we exist to:  
WORSHIP the Lord  
WALK with Believers  
WORK in the Church  
WITNESS to the World

## Weekly at First Baptist

- Sunday:** 9:00am - Time of prayer before Worship Service  
 9:30am Worship Service - Communion is the first Sunday of every month.  
 11:15am Sunday School for all ages
- Monday:** Office open 8:00am-2:00pm  
 Choir at 7:00pm
- Tuesday:** Office open 8:00am-2:00pm  
 Ladies' Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10:00am - Studying "Discovering God In the Psalms"  
 Men's Bible Study in Room 106 at 10:00am - Studying Genesis  
 Men's Bible Study in the Library at 6:30pm - Studying 1 John
- Wednesday:** Office open 8:00am-2:00pm  
 Youth Bible Study at 5:30pm; Youth Group at 6:30pm  
 Ladies' Bible Study in Library at 6:30pm - Studying "*Foundations*" (New Testament) by Rob and Kandi Gallaty
- Thursday:** Office open 8:00am-2:00pm  
 The Elder Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.
- Friday:** Office closed; Pastors' and Staff day off



## VBS - Emerald Crossing

In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids need to know there is a God who cares for them.

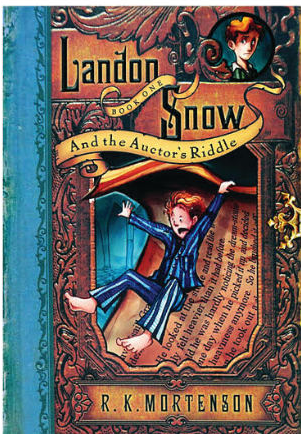
Wednesdays in May at 6:15pm  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

### Library Kids' Corner

### May 2026 Upcoming Events

### From the Library

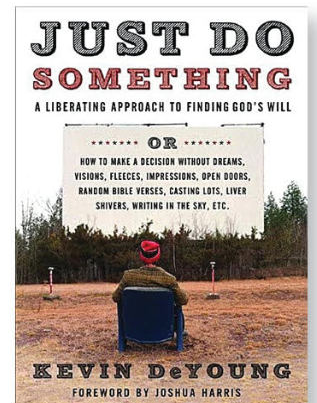
#### Recommended Reading



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- May 10 Happy Mother's Day!  
Lifeline Baby Bottle  
Fundraiser Begins
- May 15-17 Women's Retreat
- May 24 Memorial Day Service and  
all-church picnic and  
potluck at 10:30am

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# Ministry/Missions Spotlight – May Events



## Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser



Take a bottle from the box at the Information Booth, fill it with cash, change, or checks and return it by Father's Day, Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Bottles available May 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Memorial Day Worship Service and Picnic

Sunday, May 24th at 10:30am.



\*Worship service on the lawn will be followed by a picnic potluck lunch.

\*Please bring a main dish and either a side, a salad, or a dessert.

\*Drinks and table service will be provided.

\*There will be no Sunday School.

\*After lunch there will be fun and games for everyone, including a bounce house for our children.



\*Bring lawn chairs, canopies or umbrellas, sun screen, hats, blankets to sit on, yard games, etc.

# Devotion

Poetry from our  
Church Family

Let the Children Come to Me  
By Diane L Nevers 3/3/13

Come to me as a child,  
My arms are open wide.  
My kingdom is awaiting,  
Let me guide you all inside.

Your heart needs to be open,  
So I can share with you my plans.  
The road may look too narrow,  
But I will always have your hand.

Come to me as a child,  
Dropping your burdens along the way,  
Let me carry you when you're tired.  
I will listen to all you have to say.

Let me hear you call me Daddy,  
Abba, Father, that's nice too.  
All I want is for you to love me,  
Just as much as I love you.

"Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, 'Leave the little children alone, and don't try to keep them from coming to me, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' After placing his hands on them, he went on from there." Matthew 19:13-15 CSB

"Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 CSB

"The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 CSB

*May God's Spirit fill you that you may believe that there is only One Way to Heaven, through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Messiah. He wants all of us to be His. Is there a better time than now to get to know Him?*

Just Take His Hand  
By Diane L. Nevers April 2026

Oh, Lord, you have blessed me all of my days.  
You've even loved me when I have tried to stray.  
You've kept the door open, and you've let me come through.  
My hardships and trials always led me straight back to you.

You've given me life that will continue in heaven.  
I won't be left out, for I know I'm forgiven.  
Sometimes, I still might stumble; sometimes, I will even fall,  
I just want to be able to answer whenever you may call.

I know that I've denied you way more than just one time;  
Though I guess to this world,  
that's not even considered a crime.  
Please forgive my omissions, when I did not confess my love,  
For the one and only true God, and His Son, from above.

I should have had more faith, and I should have been bold;  
Just as the many in Your Word,  
of which I am so glad I've been told.  
They listened and they waited,  
and they prayed and they made plans.  
They held fast and they led,  
knowing they were all in your hands.

You gave them great blessings, and so many promises too.  
You gave them Your Word and they put their trust in You.  
Even though we're not perfect, and fail time and again,  
You will never forsake us, staying with us 'til the very end.

So please bless me with the faith  
of those in Hebrews chapter eleven;  
That I might be counted among them  
when one day I join You in Heaven.  
May my children and theirs also know Your faithfulness too;  
That in turn, they may all be faithful unto You.

Yes, sometimes it is hard to be the one who believes;  
But it's worth all the joy when another one receives  
The blessings God has promised, because they also now know,  
There's only One Way to Heaven, and that is where they will go.

So please, Lord, urge me to keep trying  
to help others understand.  
You are patient and You are waiting,  
they just need to take Your hand.