

First Baptist Church of Elmer, NJ

March 7, 2021

We welcome each of you to our services today. It is our prayer that we will be blessed by being together & encouraged in the things of the Lord from the songs & from His Word.

Musical Prelude
Hymn #187..... Amazing Grace
Opening Prayer & Announcements
Hymn #129 At the Cross
Special Music: Bethany Hanson
Message: "The Truth About Genuine Faith"
John 4:43-54
Pastor Hanson
Hymn #541..... Only Trust Him
The Lord's Supper
Hymn: The Doxology
Prayer
Musical Postlude

Evening Service6PM

Pastor Hanson: "God is in Control"
Job 26:1-14

Jr. Church Workers: Dawn Vicari & Marilyn Wilson

Memory Verse for March:

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

John 15:8

*Kindly see that your **cell phones are on "quiet mode"** during **all** services. Thank You!*



INFORMATION

If you are a first-time visitor, please take a moment to fill in your information on the visitor's card that you received from one of our members. During the offering, please drop the visitor's card in the plate. If we can be of any help to you in any way, please feel free to contact us. Thank you and we hope to see you again.

Happening This Week

Tuesday	-7PM	Trustees Meeting
Wednesday-Saturday	-7PM	Annual Mission Conference

Upcoming March/April Events

March 14	-10 AM	Mission Conference
	-11:15 PM	Sunday School
	-6PM	Mission Conference
March 31	-7PM	Special Service Remembering Christ's Death
April 4	-7AM	Resurrection Day Sunrise Service

2021 Mission Conference

The annual Mission Conference will be held from Wednesday, the 10th -13th of March, 2021 at 7:00 PM, and Sunday the 14th of March, 2021 at the usual Sunday Service time at 10:00 AM. The theme will be "The Fruit of Mission".

Due to Mission Conference, the Front Line Club and the Teen Youth Group will not be held as usual, but the children and the teens are strongly encouraged to attend all special services this week.

Offering Envelopes

If you are not currently using church envelopes for your tithe and offerings and wish to start, contact either the pastor or Miriam Smith to get started.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group meets each Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Encourage your teens to come out and learn to love and know God more. Please see Pastor for further information.

Financial Reports for February

General Fund Giving	\$15,359.00
Mission Fund Giving	\$ 7,434.00
General Fund Giving (02/28/21)	\$ 4,543.00
Mission Fund Giving (02/28/21)	\$ 480.00

Attendance

Last Sunday 02/28/2021	AM - 58
	PM - 32

God's workmanship!
Frank Hall

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

There is an infinite difference between the materials that men employ to construct and compose their masterpieces — and the materials that God uses to create sinners anew in Christ Jesus. Men work with the best of materials to showcase their talents, but God works with the worst — to showcase His power, wisdom, and skill.

The most gifted sculptors carve their creations out of the finest pieces of ivory, marble, and jade. The best jewelers seek only the finest gold and silver to form their bracelets and rings — they utilize only the most desirable gems to adorn their jewelry; rubies of the highest grade, diamonds of most exquisite clarity, and emeralds of impeccable luster. Da Vinci painted on a clean canvas with fresh paint when he painted the Mona Lisa. Beethoven and Bach chose blank sheets of clean white paper upon which to compose their symphonies.

But God is not like men. His thoughts are not our thoughts, and His ways are not our ways. God employs, not the best, not the finest, not the most appealing of materials when creating His masterpieces — but the worst! He uses what no one else wants. He uses the offscouring of humanity — to display His handiwork and magnify His grace. God constructs His masterpiece, not from a perfectly shaped piece of ivory — but from a deformed, twisted, marred chunk of hard rough stone that has no attraction.

God has purposed to conform His redeemed people into the pristine image of His darling Son. While keeping His eye fixed upon His Son, using the chisel of His grace — God sculpts rebel sinners into the likeness of Christ!

As the perfect Painter, God looks to Christ His Model, and, with the brush of omnipotent mercy in His ever-steady hand of sovereign power — He begins to paint His children, one by one, into the family portrait; tracing every line with divine precision, filling in every grace with unfailing accuracy, accentuating every corner of their character with a whole array of heavenly hues:

blues of faith and surrender,
violets of honesty and godly fear,
greens of tenderness and gratitude,
reds of love and compassion,
yellows of patience and perseverance —
painting them all in the similitude of Christ His beloved Son!

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Weekly Services

Sunday Morning Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday School Service – 11:15 AM

Sunday Evening Service – 6:00 PM

Wednesday Service – Bible Study/Prayer – 7:00 PM

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