

First Baptist Church of Elmer, NJ

May 1, 2022

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 #8 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
 Opening Prayer
 Announcements
 Hymn #297 Open My Eyes
 Prayer/Offering
 Special Music: Ladies Ensemble
Message:
Pastor Erik D. Hanson
"The Truth About Light"
John 12:27-36
 Hymn #391 The Light of the World
 The Lord's Supper
 Hymn: The Doxology
 Prayer
 Musical Postlude

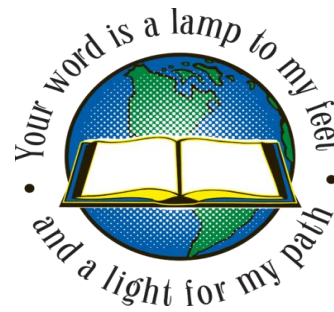
Evening Service 6:00PM
 Pastor Hanson:
 "The Unveiling of the Anti-Christ's True Color"
 Revelation 6:3-8

Jr. Church Workers: Elaine States/Bethany Hanson

Memory Verse for May:

Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
 Deuteronomy 5:16

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



Welcome!

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

Sunday 11:15 AM – Sunday School
 5:00 PM – Choir Practice
 6:00 PM – Evening Service
 Monday 7:00 PM – Teen Young Men's Bible Study
 Tuesday 6:30 PM – Ladies' Fellowship
 7:00 PM – Trustees' Meeting
 Wednesday 6:15 PM – Ladies Ensemble Practice
 7:00 PM – Bible Study and Prayer Service
 Teen Youth Group & Frontline Clubs
 Thursday 7:00 PM – Deacons' Meeting
 Friday 7:00 PM – Spares and Pairs Class Meeting at the Fellowship Hall
 Saturday 10:00 AM – Teen's Kayaking/Canoeing Trip

Announcements:

- Please submit your reports for Annual Meeting to Pastor by May 4th.
- The Spares and Pairs will be having their next class meeting on Friday at 7:00 PM at the church's Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School 2022

Our annual VBS this year is scheduled for July 11th-15th with the closing service on the 17th. We will be using Answers in Genesis curriculum, "Zoomerang," which is an Australian theme, this year. Save the date and begin inviting friends and family.

Special Upcoming Events:

- May 14 – Mr. Harold Coles' Memorial Service
- May 16 – Missions Committee Meeting
- May 18 – Annual Meeting
- May 20 - Teen Fellowship/Food/Fun at the Hansons' Home
- May 22 - Missionary Adam Pittman Widows' Luncheon
- May 29 – Church Fellowship Dinner
- May 30 – Elmer Memorial Day Parade Outreach

Financial Reports

General Fund Giving (4/24/22)	\$ 5,988.00
Mission Fund Offering (4/24/22)	\$ 290.00
Building Fund Offering (4/24/22)	\$ 120.00
April General Fund	\$ 18,798.00
April Mission Fund	\$ 7,945.00
April Building Fund	\$ 290.00

Attendance

Sunday (4/24/22)	AM – 86	PM – 37
Wednesday (4/27/22)	Total: 70	(21K, 16T, 28A)

Weekly Devotional

Christian joy!

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." Philippians 4:4

Just so, "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing," says Paul, speaking of his own experience.

The believer's joy does not exclude sorrow, but . . .
attends it,
sustains under it,
and raises above it.

Joy in the Lord should be constant—for He is the same.
There is as much ground for joy in Him in the winter of adversity—as in the summer of prosperity.
He is as good when he chides us—as when He comforts us.
He is as gracious when He lays us low—as when He raises us up.
He is as kind when He takes away—as when He gives.

If our joy springs chiefly from creature good and agreeable circumstances—then it must be fluctuating at the best,
and at times it will entirely dry up. But if our chief joy is in God, then the spring of it never fails!

"When all created streams are dried,
His fullness is the same!"

Observe, my soul, that joy in the Lord is not only encouraged—but commanded.
After once giving the admonition, the apostle says, "Again I say, Rejoice."

The Lord would have His children . . .
happy in His love,
restful under the shelter of His wings,
and peaceful in the midst of storms.

Seek then to know more of Him, live upon His fullness, dwell on His unchanging grace—and so will you be joyful in
Him even in the midst of tribulation!

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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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