# THIS WEEK AT CARYFBC

## **TODAY**

8:00 am—Worship Service (nursery available)

9:15 am—Bible Study (classes for all ages)

10:30 am—Worship Service (nursery available)

4:00 pm-Wired Choir (youth)

5:00 pm—Signing & handbells (youth)

5:30 pm—Awana (preschool-children)

6:00 pm—Worship (nursery available)

## Monday

**Deadline** to sign up for **VBS Lunch/Training** (next Sunday, after 10:30 service)!

Just email Penny (penny@caryfbc.org) to let her know you are coming!

12:00 pm—**Deadline** to RSVP for Wednesday night supper (919-467-6356), featuring Salisbury Steak! View the menu at caryfbc.org/menu.

5:45 pm—Caryllons (adult handbells)

## **Tuesday**

10:30 am—Generations rehearsal (vocal choir, meets twice a month in the Choir Room) 5:30 pm—Cary Students' Worship Band Rehearsal

## Wednesday

5:00 pm-Supper\* (Volunteer Team = Preschool Workers)

\*Take-out meals are available upon request due to emergency or ministry situations (meal is standard — no substitutions).

6:00 pm—REACHING College & University Campuses (This is a FREE course series, taking place in the Dining Hall, on how to reach the world with the Gospel of Christ. Other sessions will include Reaching Youth, Men, Women, and more!)

6:00 pm—Advance (youth worship service at Building 119)

6:00 pm-Music & Missions (preschool-children)

6:00 pm—Prayer Hour (Room A-103)

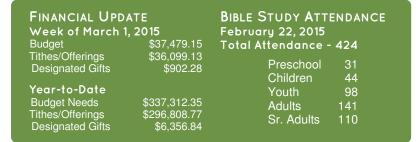
7:00 pm—Celebration Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

#### Thursday

Upward Celebration Dinner

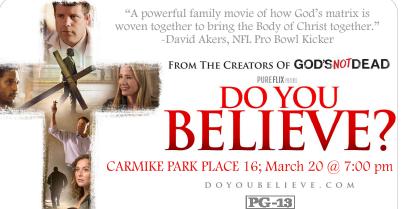
### **Friday**

GA Lock-In; East Coast Men's Bible Conference



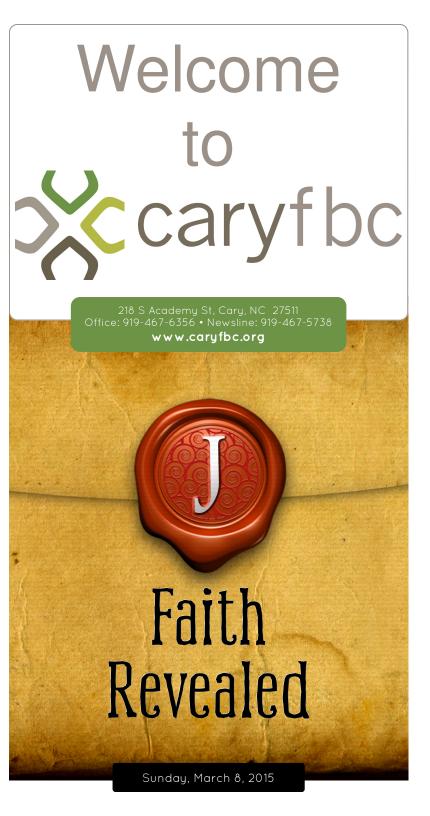


VBS Volunteers can register their preschooler by emailing Penny at penny@caryfbc.org.



Reserve your spot by paying the \$7 ticket fee with Mae by March 16!





A defibrillator is available, for emergencies, in the hallway across from the gym.

# SONSHINE SERVICE-8:00 AM

WELCOME Rev. Danny Poyner, Jr.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Come, Christians, Join to Sing Hymn No. 231

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Jay Huddleston

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MESSAGE IN MUSIC Wonderful. Merciful Savior Celebration Choir

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# FAITH REVEALED James 1:26-27

Throughout this letter, we get the feeling that James is concerned about the faith of these professing believers who have been scattered (1:1) far and wide due to persecution. As pressure applied to a sponge reveals what fluid is within the sponge, so harsh trials in life reveal what's truly inside the heart of man.

James is trying to encourage the true believers and, at the same time, challenge those who profess to know Christ, but do not really possess Christ. Perhaps their hearts are like the stony soil that Jesus spoke of in the parable of the soils (Matthew 13). In other words, perhaps some initially received the seed of God's Word with joy and endured for awhile. However, "when tribulation or persecution arises because of the Word, immediately (they) stumbled." (Matthew 13:21).

So how is true, enduring, saving faith revealed in a believer's life? James uncovers three areas of our lives which tell us (and others around us) what kind of faith we truly possess.

From the text, note the following . . .

#### I. The words of the faithful (v.26)

"Religious" carries the idea of observance of external rituals of public worship and diligence to religious ceremonies. It has nothing to do with inward change. You can tell a lot about a person by their tongue. It is through the tongue that a person's heart is revealed (Matthew 12:33-37). So if the heart is right, the speech will be right. The tongue is connected to the heart. A controlled tongue means a controlled body (James 3:2). Controlling the tongue is a difficult task (James 3:8). It is so difficult that we must have God's help.

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Satan can use the tongue to destroy lives. With a word, a heart is lifted up or cast down. With a word, our spirits are dashed or greatly encouraged!

False religion is characterized by a loose tongue. "Useless" speaks of something that is vain, empty, dead, non-productive. "Deceiveth his own heart" describes the person who thinks religious rituals are all that God requires. This person thinks that he/she is saved, but they are falsely counting on their "religiosity" before God instead of a true relationship with God. Satan sows tares among the wheat and it is possible to sit with God's people and serve alongside of God's people, but if you have never received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, beware.

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#### II. The works of the faithful (v.27a)

"pure" — without pollution or contamination

"undefiled" — unstained by evil

#### III. The **walk** of the faithful (v.27b)

The people of God need to exhibit personal purity. True religion connotes a transformed life and one who is true to the Lord; not dirtied and soiled by his contacts with the world. "Unspotted" means to spill and spoil. We live in the world, but not like the world. Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom, then moved into Sodom. Before long, Sodom moved into him and he lost his testimony. The distance from amazement at sin to amusement with sin is short.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

Happy Hearts (FBC's **senior adults**) are planning a **trip** to NC Museum of History and Natural Sciences on Thursday, March 19. The cost is your lunch + an optional fee to The Largest Dinosaurs exhibit. **Sign up** with Mae **by noon on** Monday, **March 16** (919-467-6356).

**March 21** (8:00 am-1:00 pm) is a deacon-led **work day at FBC** with several projects available, including: painting, furniture-moving, and some carpentry. Contact Jake Summers (jakegs1945@aol.com) to **sign up**.

All **Wired Choir students** who wish to participate in the "We Believe Student Choir Festival" need to **register by** Sunday, **March 22**—see the Wired Choir Facebook group page for details.

Our **Annie Armstrong** offering goal at FBC is \$50,000—pray about what your family would give! Our Ingathering is Sunday, March 29, at both morning services.

Saturday night, **April 11**, at 6:00, we will have a **worship concert** in the sanctuary presented by the combined **student choirs** of Woodhaven, Salem Baptist (in Apex) and Cary FBC. Plan now to come and support these talented students!

FBC's Spring Night of Praise is Sunday, April 19, at 6:00 pm!

Mark your calendars for April 26-29 for the **Every Believer a Witness** conference. This practical evangelism conference is for the entire family—not just adults! Thank you for taking time out of your lives to attend each of these sessions.

**Do you have the gift of service or hospitality?** We are in need of a Bereavement Ministry Coordinator to assist our pastors during times of loss in our congregation. Please contact Rev. Jerry Parker or Nancy in the church office for more information or to volunteer.

**Volunteers needed!** If you would like to **help out in the church office** on an occasional or regular basis, we could really use your help! **Training is included** for phone and doorbell answering as well as for greeting guests. Please contact Donna Strother at 919-467-6356.

**If you have lost it—**Bible, keys, jewelry, coffee mug, clothes—**you may find it** in our Lost & Found Closet. This closet is **directly across** from the church office glass doors.

Interested in music, technology, and gadgets? We need you on the multimedia team! Contact Rev. Danny Poyner, Jr. (danny@caryfbc.org) today for more details.

Are you a **parent of a child in 5th grade or younger** and want to be updated weekly on our CARYkids' activities? Get on the list at caryfbc.org/children and you'll **receive an email from us every week!**