



A Word from Matt,

One of the things that has always amazed me about how Jesus interacted with people is that He would often answer a question with a question. When the rich young ruler asked Him what must he do to inherit eternal life, Jesus responded with, how do you read what is written in the law? The reason Jesus does this is because questions have power. We ask questions when we want to get to know someone. We may ask them where they are from or what they do for a career, or we may just ask the simple question of how are you doing. The truth is that questions have power, and a well-timed question can unlock deep truths.

In John 5, Jesus encounters a crippled man laying by the Pool of Bethesda who has been crippled for 38 years. When Jesus sees this man, He asks him what we may consider an obvious question. Jesus asks this man, "Do you want to be well?" We may see a story like this and assume that this man wants to be healed but his response to Jesus's question is very telling. This man responds with an excuse that he has no one to help him. Notice, that he doesn't answer Jesus's question, he instead makes an excuse. This is the power of questions. With one question, Jesus revealed what lay at the heart of this man's condition. While he was physically crippled, he was also spiritually crippled in that he could not see that the solution to his problem was standing in front of him in the person of Jesus.

I want to ask you a simple question if we are honest with ourselves can have profound implications. Do we want to see God's best in our lives? Before we answer with a quick yes, let me explain why that question is harder than expected. To experience God's best means accepting that our desires and God's desires are not always the same. We may assume that what we want for ourselves is best, but God's ways are always higher than our ways. Having God's best in our lives means we have to get out of the way, and we have to trust that God really does know what is best. We have to stop resisting the work that God wants to do in our lives and instead, we have to trust that God can bring true healing to our souls. We also have to stop making excuses. Too many times we make excuses or blame others for why things are the way they are in our lives.

If you want to see God's best in your life, you have to be honest with yourself about where you are right now. Is there a sin in your life you need to confess? Is there an area where you need to trust God? Is there a decision God wants you to make that you have avoided because you know it won't be easy? Do you need to refocus your priorities to align with what God wants?

As we journey together, let us always make it our desire that God's best is best and that we won't settle for anything less. Let us be honest with ourselves and do what needs to be done so that God can be glorified in every area of our lives. Let us seek Him above all else and let us be content with what He provides because God is always good, and He always does good.

For His Glory,  
Matt



Daylight Savings Time

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night November 2nd, before going to bed.

*In Honor and Memory*

**GENERAL FUND**

In Honor of Kristen Thomas' Birthday

By: Bill & Kathy Black  
By: Chris & Tammy Kiser

**GIDEON BIBLES**

In Memory of Dott Crotts sister Pat Carpenter

By: Second Baptist Church  
By: Chris & Tammy Kiser  
By: Vickie Walker

In Memory of Jerleen Blanton's son Chris Blanton

By: Second Baptist Church  
By: Chris & Tammy Kiser  
By: Bill & Kathy Black  
By: Vickie Walker

**BUILDING FUND**

In Honor of Cheri Carpenter

By: Johnny & Debbie Pearson

In Honor of Tammy Kiser's Birthday

By: Johnny & Debbie Pearson

In Honor of Pastor Matt & his family

By: Johnny & Debbie Pearson

In Honor of Izzy Riffle

By: Johnny & Debbie Pearson

**CARE TEAM**

In Memory of Mackie Lowman

By: Joette Ford

**BUILDING FUND**

In Memory of Johnny Crotts

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In Memory of Susie Jenkins

By: Johnny & Debbie Pearson

In Memory of Dott Crotts sister Pat Carpenter

By: Johnny & Debbie Pearson

In Memory of Jerleen Blanton's son Chris Blanton

By: Johnny & Debbie Pearson

In Memory of Carolyn Lail

By: Johnny & Debbie Pearson

In Memory of Hinkle Ragfield

By: Johnny & Debbie Pearson

In Memory of Bud Self

By: Johnny & Debbie Pearson

In Memory of Pansy & Lester Self

By: Johnny & Debbie Pearson



There will be a Men's breakfast on, Saturday, November 16 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. A Sign-up sheet is in the back hallway to sign up on, so enough food can be prepared. Any questions, please contact Pastor Matt.

Any Veteran's in the Church that have not previously brought a picture, please bring or email a picture to [sbc28021@aol.com](mailto:sbc28021@aol.com) by November 6.

We will recognize our Veterans on Sunday, November 10.

**VETERANS DAY**



**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am with a parade. Closing Ceremony will be at the Gazebo.

**Address Changes**

Phyllis Powell  
(Temporary Address)  
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Dear Church Family,

My thanks will never be enough to express what all of your friendship and support have meant to me. Your cards and calls always lifted my spirit. I will miss everyone and will keep you in my prayers. I wish only continued success and growth for each of you and the ministry of my home church! May our Lord be near to each one of you! Love you all,

Phyllis Powell

Dear SBC Family,

Thank you all for the cards, we are glad to get them. We are praying for everyone and for all the devastation in our North Carolina. I also have enclosed my tithes and a check for helping with water or whatever is needed in Western NC. We love you all and pray without ceasing!

Love,  
Eunice Whitworth

Dear Second Baptist Church,

We don't have words to express how much your love and support mean to us during these challenging days. We were one day away from running out of water when our family arrived with a truck full of it. We are blessed that we lost no lives during this storm; however, our daughter lost her entire antique store to five feet of water and mud. We have been helping our neighbors who were not nearly as lucky as we were. There has been a serious need for water and food. Now as we approach colder weather the need is great for fuel for generators, bottles, formula and diapers for babies, and warm clothing for folks who lost everything. We are a long way from normal as the entire water system in Asheville was washed away and will take months to restore, but we are encouraged by all that everyone is doing to support Western North Carolina. We will never forget the kindness of strangers who have jumped in to help our community. A big thank you to Second Baptist church, our family and friends.

The Parries/O'Kelly Family

Dear Second Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the gift you gave to our ministry, "God's Love from A Diaper Bag." It sure was a blessing. We are praying for you all.

Bessie & Lester McPeck

To My Second Baptist Cherryville Church Family,

Many love and blessings sent your way deep from my heart to you!! A special "Thank you" for keeping me lifted up in prayer on your prayer list. I know going on 4 years. That means a whole lot to me and my family. I will visit my Second Baptist Church family soon to show you in person how much I love the kind and thoughtful prayer cards I receive each week.

Love you All,  
Ellen McClain

Dear Second Baptist,

Thank you so much for the generous Pastor Appreciation Gift. It is a pleasure to serve with you all and I am grateful that we get to share this journey together. We love you all.

Matt, Kristen, Sophia, & Lydia Thomas



You are invited to a baby shower for Megan Collins on Sunday, November 3 at 1:30pm-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at Amazon and would welcome Walmart Gift Cards. Megan is having a girl.

We are collecting "L" dollars for our Lottie Moon Offering!

Let's see how many we can collect to help others learn about Christ. There is a pitcher on the Communion Table for you to put them in.





**1000 can food drive!**

Cans will be distributed between:

Western, NC

Cherryville Area Ministries

St. John's Food Bank

Community Food Pantry at Shady Grove

*Last day of collection November 20*

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes  
are due by



*November 17.*



**EAT AND PLAY...ARE YOU Game?**

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am.

The Happy Hearts will meet in the Fellowship Hall for various card and board games.

Bring pickups to share for lunch. There is a sign-up sheet on the Happy Hearts board in the back hallway if you are coming and add what you are bringing.

**Community Thanksgiving Service**



**November 24**

**6:00PM**

***The Community Thanksgiving Service will be at Second Baptist Church at 6:00 pm.***



The Church Office will be closed Thursday November 28 and Friday November 29 for Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will reopen on Monday.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*