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and the many entities like Focus on the Family, and the Ethics and Religious Liberties Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. This does not say we should make a worship service a platform for political views and candidate support nor should a gospel focused Christ centered church levy such claims. Addressing any issues of morality, ethics and theology from a Biblical Worldview becomes important to the political realm because all political issues contain those dynamics.

The third section of this order is the most notable for "direct relief" and its reversal of the previous administration's "contraception mandate" requiring abortive care for all employee insurance coverage for all organizations regardless of religious conviction. This is a major win because there are several pending cases with this specific issue. This reminds us again the importance of presidential elections and the power which is held in the executive office.

One thing we must remember about our fundamental American freedoms is they are uniquely linked. If one freedom is lessened or removed like "freedom of speech" then freedom of assembly and freedom of religion will certainly and logically follow. Russell Moore said, "I think one of the opportunities we have is to reclaim a distinctively Christian witness rather than simply a political witness with Bible verses attached to it." We must take this opportunity to not only continue to work with other religious groups to ensure equal national freedoms for all but also to clearly set ourselves apart from other religious faiths in how we address moral and social issues and the way in which we must involve ourselves to positively effect change in our communities and be vividly clear and distinct when it comes to the exclusivity of the gospel. We must utilize these opportunities not to withdraw from a moral or political issue because we disagree with the tenants of another's religion but to use the opportunity to forge a relationship and exchange dialogue pertaining to the gospel, to be all things to all people, to shine a light in the darkness and to carry truth into tenuous idealistic situations. You can work with someone and not fully support their entire worldview as long as (and this is important) you clearly delineate where you differ and why. Remember the word of the Lord will not return void and we are called to be salt in a decaying world and light in the dark places.

Chris



Sanctuary Flowers

are given
in honor of
Mother's Day

by
NHBC Church Family

USHERS OF THE WEEK

Group 3
Adam Bunch
Damon Hughes
Scott Henderson
Dennis Johnson

DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 14th - May 20th
Daniel Moore
781-1565

May 21st - May 27th
Bobby Calves
381-6921

COUNTING COMMITTEE - MAY 2017

Greg Shackelford, Kay Crews, Vernon Benbow

WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Sundays

9:30 A.M. Media Center Open
9:45 A.M. Sunday School - Education Building
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:15 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal - Bell Room
6:30 P.M. Evening Worship - Sanctuary

Wednesdays

6:00 P.M. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6:15 P.M. Young Ringers
7:00 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS) - Sanctuary
G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.



New Hope Baptist Church

TO KNOW JESUS
& MAKE HIM KNOWN

WORSHIP GUIDE

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

Morning Worship Service

564 **Make Me a Channel of Blessing**
Scripture Reading - Ephesians 5:21-33

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Pomp and Circumstance

571 **Let Others See Jesus in You**

HIZ KIDZ MESSAGE

CHILD DEDICATION

Holy (Jesus You Are)

THE GREATEST CALLING - Deuteronomy 6:4-9

457 **Lord, Be Glorified**

Evening Worship Service

546 **Love Lifted Me**

Invocation & Welcome

346 **He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

409 **O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

Worship Through Testimonies & Prayer

175 **"Man of Sorrows," What a Name**

DEVELOPING A HEART FOR GOD: LIFE LESSONS

FROM THE LIFE OF DAVID - 2 Samuel 20

280 **Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross**

CHRIS' COLUMN

One particular point of interest caught my attention this week in the media: the signing of an executive order promoting free speech and religious liberty. First thing to note simply is an executive order primarily concerns the executive branch of the government and thus can be over-turned by a subsequent president with the stroke of a pen. Executive orders have the force of law and were designed to be used for administrative policies and programs to avoid the mire of public debate and the quagmire of bureaucracy pertaining to day-to-day operations. In my understanding these orders are designed to aid in efficiency as leadership changes. These orders have grown into a usage by some beyond what I understand the intent to be and remain in effect only as long as they are permitted by subsequent leaders. Each president appears to gradually attain a little more power to circumvent the legislative and judicial branches which are in place to prevent tyranny, thus this authority must be guarded but is important to the functioning of our government and its ability to implement policy.

This particular executive order signed last week (you can read the actual text here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/05/04/presidential-executive-order-promoting-free-speech-and-religious-liberty>) makes clear the Executive Branch will protect American's "first freedom" the right to religious liberty. "The Founders envisioned a Nation in which religious voices and views were integral to a vibrant public square, and in which religious people and institutions were free to practice their faith without fear of discrimination or retaliation by the Federal Government." This is a powerful statement of understanding of the founding documents and principles of the United States. The impact of this order should inspire us to use our right as Christians and under the law to be more involved in the public square but of greater importance we should be more involved in gospel living and gospel sharing. Unfortunately, with freedom usually comes complacency, taking for granted our possessions and freedoms. We must only look back 8 years to see how quickly one group of "policy makers" can erode freedoms to understand the necessity for our fervent attention to "go and make disciples". We must not sit back and think "ok, we are back in the safe zone with the current administration". We must pick up our crosses and press on toward our heavenward calling.

Section 2 of this executive order essentially protects religious organization from being prosecuted and losing their tax exempt status and now permits legally speaking about issues from a "religious perspective pertaining to morals and politics". This particular order specifically restricts the US Department of the Treasury (IRS) from levying charges. This is particular language combatting the Johnson Amendment in the 1950's when a religious radio station spoke against Lyndon Johnson during a campaign. Johnson then inserted language into legislation which seemed minor but had significant effects against freedom of speech of religious organizations which are tax exempt. This language did not prohibit free speech because it would be against American ideals but it limited speech by placing a financial penalty upon a non-profit organization which could create troublesome financial ripples for such organizations. If one spoke to a moral issue upon which a candidate whether local, state or federal has knowingly taken a stance upon one may be influencing public opinion and thus campaigning. President Trump said he would "abolish" the Johnson Amendment. He did not "abolish anything" because an executive order cannot do such a thing but he did send a message to the IRS pertaining to the targeting of non-profit organizations such as churches

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Mom's Serving Mom's Bible Study



mom's helping mom's see
black and white
in a grey culture

"Older women, encouraging younger women..."

(Titus 2:3-5)

Main Study is First Wednesday of each month,

but we now meet each Wednesday @ 7pm

Contact Shannyn Robertson for details.



THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday

5/15 Brac Wilson 5/18 Samuel Hughes
 5/16 Kay Crews 5/18 Kelly Durrance
 5/17 Courtney Martin 5/19 Kaylee Barberee
 5/18 Binky Graham 5/19 Kale Henderson

Happy Anniversary

5/15 Daniel & Meg Moore
 5/17 Rhett & Cara Smith
 5.17 Larry & Krista Factor

MAY / JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 7	8	9	10 Dinner @ 6PM Worship Activities @ 7PM	11 Delivery Team: R&A Durrance	12 GA Lock-In This Friday & Saturday May 12th-13th	13 TUPPOS Paintball \$40 Sign up by May 13 slon.walker@action-paintball.us
14 SUNDAY, MAY 14th GRADUATE RECOGNITION	15 Mother's Day at an awesome family!	16 Stewardship Meeting 7pm	17 Dinner @6PM Worship Activities @ 7PM Business Meeting 7PM	18 Delivery Team: Susan & Betty		
21 TUPPOS FINAL CAMP FUNDRAISER PASSION CAMP Go to meals we eat together! Lunch & Dessert Auction Sunday, May 21st	22	23	24 Dinner @ 6PM Worship Activities @ 7PM	25 Delivery Team: Sue & Joan	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day NHBC Offices Closed	30	31 Dinner @6PM Worship Activities @ 7PM	June 1	2	3
4 Legacy Builders Missions Team Appreciation Luncheon for those who helped with Shut-in Meal Ministry! Sunday, June 4th	TUPPOS PASSION CAMP			8 H&G Mtg. 7pm	9 Worship Activities @ 7PM	10

FBC COUNTY WIDE
BROTHERHOOD
 Tuesday, May 16, 2017
 Florida's First Assembly
 FAMILY CENTER
 6:00 pm
 Men bring your sons!
 Food & drink provided!
 Florida's First Assembly Family Center - 1397 South Florida Avenue, Wauchula, FL 33873

**Kingdom Giving
 Kingdom Living**

REPORT FOR WEEK OF SUNDAY, 5-7-2017

Sunday Services	Wednesday Services
SS Enrollment 218	Adult Bible Study 7
Members Attend 58	WNL (students)..... 21
Visitors Attend 3	GA/RA (elementary)..... 26
SS Total..... 61	Mission Friends (pre-s).... 9
Nursery 15	Nursery..... 1
Morning Worship 137	Women's Study..... 7
Evening Worship 51	Leaders 16
	Total 87

Giving Record

Tithes & Offerings.....	6,655.10
Designated	5415.90
Budget Needs Each Week.....	6,796.90
Refunds & Interest.....	0.00
Budget Needs To Date	211,272.62
Budget Receipts To Date	238,866.45

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 Created by God
 Built for a Purpose

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
 VACATION BIBLE SUNDAYS:
 EVERY SUNDAY IN JULY!
 PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE.

LEADER INFORMATION
 MEETING:
 SUNDAY JUNE 11TH AFTER
 A.M. SERVICE

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Legacy Builders Missions Team
Appreciation Luncheon
 for those who helped with
Shut-in Meal Ministry!
 Sunday, June 4th

TUPPOS
 STUDENT MINISTRIES

UPCOMING EVENTS
MAY 14TH
 GRADUATE RECOGNITION
JUNE 5-8
 PASSION CAMP @ DAYTONA

TUPPOS
 STUDENT MINISTRIES

Speakers: Louie Giglio, Brad Jones, Ben Stuart
 Music: Passion Band & Crowder

PASSION CAMP
 JUNE 5-8 2017
 DAYTONA BEACH
 See Corey Zeigler to sign up! - Total Cost: \$325

TUPPOS
 STUDENT MINISTRIES

FINAL CAMP FUNDRAISER
PASSION CAMP
 Go to meals we eat together!
 Lunch & Dessert Auction
 Sunday, May 21st

CHURCH AT THE CROSS PRESENTS...
 ALSO KNOWN AS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CENTRAL FLORIDA

THE 12TH ANNUAL
Sensational CELEBRATION
 MATURE ADULTS
 2017
 OCTOBER 9 & 10 2017

Est. Cost: \$200 p/person conference & hotel
 (food is additional)