



# IN CONTACT

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**FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

APRIL 22, 2018

**Sermon:**

**But God...:  
“God’s Promise”**

**Scripture:**

**Galatians 3:7-9; 14  
Acts 7:1-8**

**First Light Service**

8:45 AM

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:00 AM

**TRADITIONAL  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

11:00 AM



## “But God...” Sermon Series

Two Sunday’s ago we started a new sermon series entitled, “*But God...*” focusing on these two words found throughout the pages of scripture, that remind us of God’s work among us. Throughout these eight weeks, we will continue to explore how this simple phrase makes such a profound impact on all of our lives. So often we forget that life isn’t completely up to us and so we carry heavy burdens upon our shoulders that can leave us feeling helpless, hopeless, and all alone. The good news of scripture is that we aren’t alone and that God is always making a way for us.

If you’ve missed the last two weeks, I encourage you to visit our website ([www.firstpresboone.org](http://www.firstpresboone.org)) and to listen to the messages on our podcast, “*When all hope is lost,*” and “*Redeeming our mess.*” Below you will find the remaining messages in our series, along with the scriptural reference to read ahead. I look forward to seeing you!

April 22 –	“God’s Promise”	Acts 7:1-8
April 29 –	“When you feel unloved”	Romans 5:1-11
May 6 –	“When life isn’t fair”	Psalm 73
May 20 –	“When we need a reminder”	I Corinthians 3:1-11
May 27 –	“When God disciplines”	Hebrews 12:7-12
June 3 –	“When God chooses”	I Corinthians 1:18; 26-31

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Jeff*

# FPC Kids' Corner

## Kingdom Kids Cotillion Event!

Our kids had fun learning about manners and etiquette this past Sunday! Thank you to Sharon Carlton and Lane Weiss for putting on this event!



## Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Summer volunteer opportunities are now available! See Rebecca to get a jump on scheduling time to invest in our church family this summer!

## Need a Babysitter?

If you would like a list of FPC childcare workers that are willing to watch your kids for you privately, please contact Rebecca Liljestrand at [rebecca@firstpresboone.net](mailto:rebecca@firstpresboone.net) for their contact information.

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## This Week at FPC...

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

- 6:15 PM HANDBELL PRACTICE
- 7:30 PM CHANCEL CHOIR

### THURSDAY, APRIL 19

- 6:30 PM FIRST LIGHT PRACTICE

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:45 AM FIRST LIGHT
- 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE
- CHILDREN'S PLAN.NING TEAM

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22

- 12:00 PM VBS PLANNING TEAM
- 4:00 PM DIACONATE
- 4:45 PM ELDERS / DEACONS
- 5:30 PM YOUTH

### MONDAY, APRIL 23

- 6:30 PM ESL



Deadline  
for articles  
noon on  
Monday.



# Sunday Night Discipleship

## MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN - APRIL 27

Drop off will be at 6pm, and parents need to pick their middle schoolers up at the church at 7am the next morning. We will be going out to dinner that night, playing basketball and dodgeball in the gym. We will have a late night worship service, and plan to go bowling as well. After midnight we will have an ice cream social and play hide and seek in the church, with no lights! We will close the night with movies and a short "nap" for anyone who may need it. The only cost will be money for your middle schooler to eat dinner out (probably at a local Mexican restaurant.)

**YOUTH SUNDAY APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>:** Join us on April 29<sup>th</sup> for a special service in which our youth will be leading our congregation in worship at both our First Light and I am services.

**FUNDRAISER COOKOUT:** The congregation is invited back for a special cookout dinner on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm here at the church. Come learn about our youth trips this summer and how they will be both serving and growing in their faith! Our students will be serving food and we will be accepting donations. All the proceeds will go towards lowering costs for our summer trips.

**GREAT ESCAPE YOUTH CONFERENCE: CLEVELAND, TN, JUNE 10-15.** The cost of the Great Escape is \$400, a deposit of \$150 is due by APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> to reserve your spot. The final deadline for sign ups is April 29<sup>th</sup>!

**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP to ATLANTA, GA, JULY 22-27.** Total cost of the mission trip is \$125, deadline to sign up will be June 1<sup>st</sup>.

To RSVP for trips or for questions about our youth ministry, contact Robert Bannan at [robert@firstpresboone.net](mailto:robert@firstpresboone.net)

### Packing dates...

**June 25**  
**July 9**  
**July 23**  
**August 6**



### Delivery dates...

**June 26**  
**July 10**  
**July 24**  
**August 7**

## Food 4 Families 2018

Jesus calls us... to serve as He served, love as He loved, and share the best news ever. The Food 4 Families ministry at FPC offers opportunities to do just that. Food 4 Families focuses on helping families that even though they work and try very hard, they struggle to make ends meet. Here's how you can be involved as we love and serve our neighbors in western Watauga County this summer:

- 1) pack boxes of kid-friendly food (see packing dates above)
- 2) sort and pack produce
- 3) load the church bus
- 4) deliver food boxes
- 5) purchase: Velveeta, Beef Stew
- 6) make a monetary donation (make checks payable to FPC with Food 4 Families in the memo line)
- 7) PRAY for this ministry,... PRAY that the families will know that they are receiving this food because God loves and cares for them



To volunteer, sign up on Sundays at the Food 4 Families display in the Gathering Space. Questions??? contact a member of the Food 4 Families Planning Team or go to:

<http://www.firstpresboone.org/food-4-families/>

The Food 4 Families Planning Team: Margaret Gregor, Russell and Margaret Headrick, Dianne Huffman, Anna Lehman, Kathy McKethan, Sue Newell

## ***I Can Only Imagine* 4 week Study**

What's weighing on you? Has someone or something left you feeling rejected, guilty, or broken?

Jesus met a lot of broken people. They were stuck in poverty, religion, sickness, sin and even death. But Jesus saw through their circumstances and fulfilled their deepest needs. It was never too late.

Before he became the lead singer of MercyMe, Bart Millard suffered a painful childhood. Abused by his father, Bart built walls around his heart. He couldn't see hope.

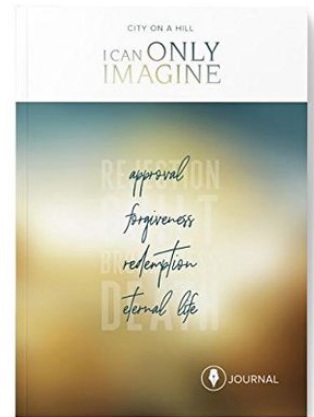
In the *I Can Only Imagine* Study, Bart shares his own personal story with you. He watched a monster become a godly man. He came face to face with his own brokenness, and he saw God transform a lifetime of hurt into a beautiful and enduring purpose.

**In this 4-week study, Bart will lead you on a redemptive journey to:**

**recall** your past wounds, **reorient** your present identity, and **reimagine** your future.

Surrounded by brokenness, it's hard to imagine a loving father, complete forgiveness, and eternal restoration. But when you learn to see yourself through God's eyes, you will finally find rest in his approval, purpose, and eternal hope. Reveal the heart of the God who loves you...more than you can imagine.

Please contact Sue Newell at 828-265-3280 or [altogether@bellsouth.net](mailto:altogether@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in doing this study starting in mid-May. A 28 day study journal will take us on this journey with Jesus through the four Gospels. Cost of the journal is \$11.00



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### **Chiapas Lenten Mission Update:**

Throughout the season of Lent we were challenged to pray for at least ten people to answer God's call to serve in Chiapas this summer on a construction mission project. To date we have 11 people who have made commitments to go! In addition, we sought to raise at least \$15,000 to pay for the mission project and to support our missionaries. Once again we have exceeded our goal raising: \$17,692.93 (\$10,000 to support our project and over \$5,000 to support our mission team). Also, many of you have provided medical supplies, recreational equipment, and school supplies to support them our brothers and sisters there. Once again, thank you for sharing the love of Christ and answering God's challenge to give sacrificially! God is at work among us and will use our gifts to bless the lives of so many in Chiapas this year! Praise be to God!