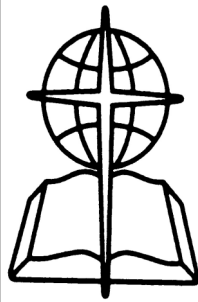


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"I have the daily burden of how the churches are getting along."
 2 Cor. 11: 28b

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"Ya'll Feed 'um"

In the Matthew account of the feeding of 5000 men, the disciples wanted to send the hungry people away. But, the BREAD of LIFE told His disciples to give the hungry something to eat. (Matthew 14:13-21). In the account found in the book of John we are told Andrew found a lad willing to donate his whole lunch to help. (John 6:1-14). I would like to make some observations about this event.

The lad was close to Jesus when Andrew discovered him. (V9 "Here is a boy"). This boy had made his way to Jesus. He was focused on what Jesus was saying and doing. Do we want to be used of God? We need to stay close to Jesus and keep our heart focused on Him.

The lad yielded his lunch to the Right Person. (v11) "Jesus then took the loaves". It was the boy's lunch. He could have given it to anyone. He could have eaten it by himself; He could have shared with one or two. He could have sold it or sold raffle tickets and made a lot of money. All of them were hungry... But, he chose to give it to the One who could do the most with it. Even when the disciples were having trouble believing, the lad believed that Jesus could take his lunch and use it to meet the needs of the multitude. The results were amazing. (Vv. 11-14.)

You can give your life to many things—to making money and your career—to the pursuit of pleasure—to obtaining power.

But Jesus can do amazing things with our lives...if we would only yield ourselves to Him. (See Rom 6:13 and Rom 12:1). If we want the LORD to do big things through the small things we have we must stay close to Him and give the right person (Jesus) what we have.

The Boy Yielded All He Had. He wasn't ashamed of what he had. He was unselfish with what he had. What do we need to yield to the Lord? Our time... Our talent... Our treasure...

Ray Boltz put it this way...
 He heard the preacher say
 A single dime can feed-
 A hungry boy or girl with nothing to eat
 So he pulled a dollar, from the pocket of his jeans
 And he asked his mama, how many will this feed?
 She just smiled, and when she told him ten, He reached back in again

(Chorus)
 What if I give, all I have?
 What -will- that- gift- do?
 My child, a gift like that could change the world
 It could feed a multitude
 He didn't close his eyes, or turn away
 I can see him standing tall
 He saw the need, and I can hear him say,
 What If I give all?
 What if I give all?

What a difference a little insignificant boy made on his world! He was close to the LORD. Even though he didn't have much, he was willing to surrender it all to the Lord and allow Jesus to use it to minister to the multitudes. There are a lot of people who are physically, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually hungry. I hear Jesus saying to us—"Y'all feed 'um".

THE MASTER'S KITCHEN FULLY FED

FREE

Coming Soon, a new outreach program at First Baptist Woodstock!!!

The program is intended to nourish the body & soul of the lost in our local community.

God has richly blessed us with a new state of the art Family Life Center and we are actively pursuing ways to use the center to further His Kingdom.

The program includes a weekly outreach message and meal that will be provided by dedicated volunteers from our own members at FBCW.

FREE Community Event
Beginning June 18th each Monday at 6:30 pm.
 2473 Coldwater Rd.
 Woodstock, AL 35188
 205-938-7479

FREE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- June 17— Happy Father's Day!
- June 18— Free Meal for Community @ FBC Woodstock's Family Life Center @ 6:30 pm
- July 1—Citizenship & Religious Liberty Sunday
- July 4— Happy Independence Day! Office Closed
- July 10— Executive Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm—Association Building



COME TO VBS.....

Shady Grove—June 11-15th—5:30pm-8:30pm

Four Points—June 18th-22nd—6pm-8:30pm

Six Mile—July 11th-13th—5:30pm—8pm

Church Contributions	May	2017-2018 Yearly Total
Antioch	202.20	1,166.80
Ashby	575.41	4,531.95
Bethel	100.00	900.00
Bethlehem	101.07	967.71
Bibbville	220.42	2,100.99
Blocton Third	100.00	400.00
Brent	755.00	6,284.51
Cahaba Valley		212.43
Calvary		300.00
Camp Branch		
Centreville	1,201.02	10,697.08
Community		243.02
Enon		
Eoline	200.00	200.00
Faith		175.00
FBC Woodstock	989.67	8,641.78
Four Points		3,600.00
Haysop		2,996.92
Johntown	154.80	1,226.80
Lowerytown		2,066.37
Lucile	191.00	1,344.00
Marvel		
Mt. Carmel		21.00
Mt. Moriah		253.32
Mt. Zion		
New Hebron	251.05	1,169.10
Old Union		100.00
Pineview	542.50	4,759.22
Pondville	320.00	1,929.05
Randolph	743.45	6,479.57
Rehobeth		1,063.21
Schultz Creek	538.66	4,313.35
Shady Grove	228.00	2,306.00
Shady Grove 2		
Six Mile	239.53	2,262.88
Smith Hill	75.00	675.00
Thomas Mill	180.97	1,331.31
West Blocton 1st		600.00
Anonymous	120.00	1,210.00
Totals	\$ 8,029.74	\$ 76,828.37
ALSBOM		3,542.36
OTHER		629.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,029.74	\$ 80,999.73