

## Last Week's Attendance Report

|      | Sunday School | Morning Service | Evening Service | Mid-Week Meetings | Final   |
|------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|
| Goal | 92            | 189             | 50              | 50                | \$8,965 |
| 4/16 | No SS         | 351             | No Service      | 78                | \$6,576 |

## Nursery Schedule

|          |            |             |            |
|----------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 9:15 AM  | C. Feiler  |             |            |
| 10:30 AM | T. Mangual | M. Campbell | R. Matthew |

*The purpose of FBC is to lead people into a growing relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and to strengthen Christ's local church.*

### March 2017

*Income: \$33,538*

*Budget: \$41,000*

*Shortfall: \$7,462*

***Please Pray  
for Bergen  
County  
Christian  
Academy***



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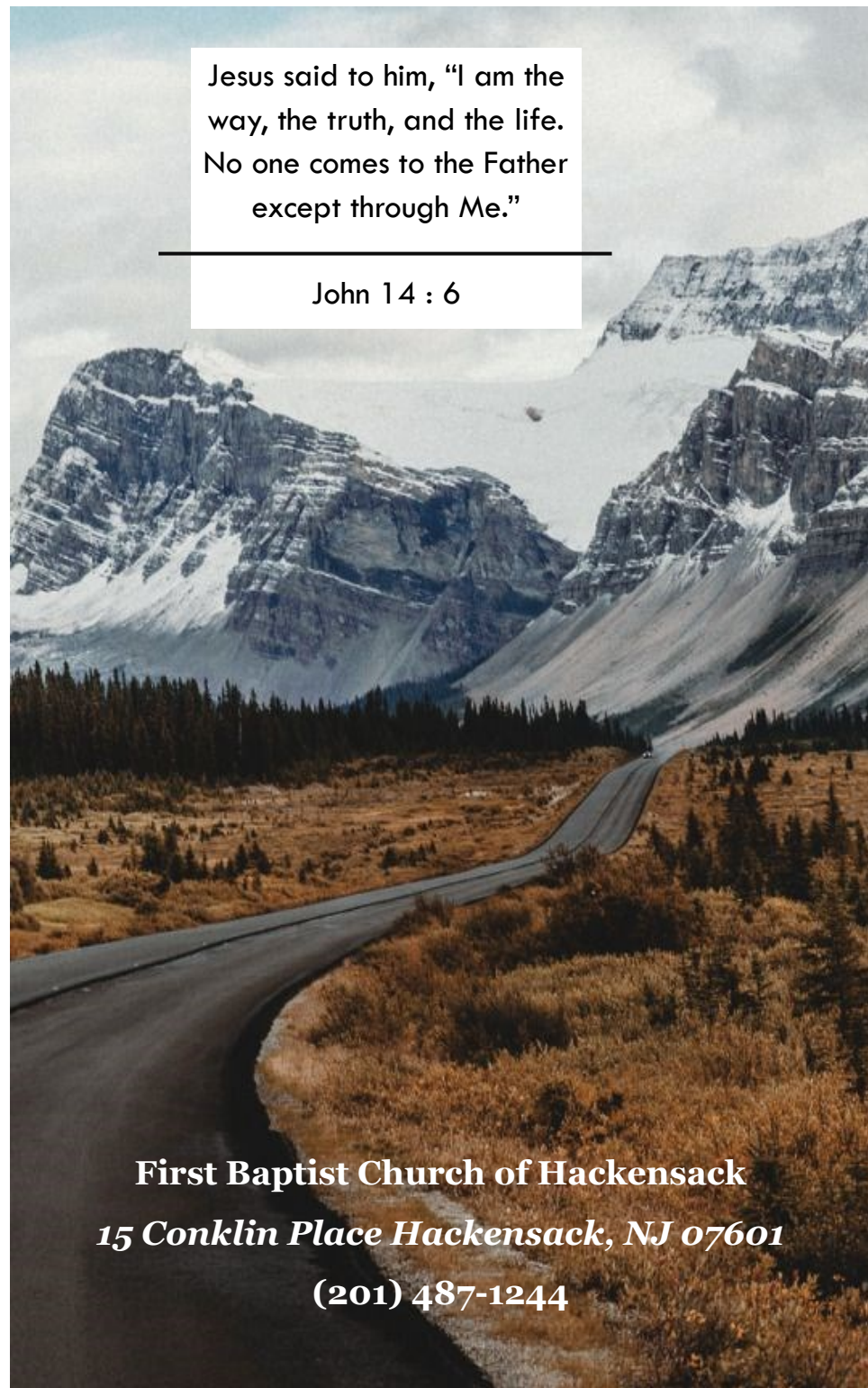


**Bergen County  
Christian  
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*Current enrollment for 2017–2018 School Year: 105*

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14 : 6



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# WORSHIP . GROW . SERVE

April 23, 2017

## TODAY

SS Staff Prayer Meeting . . . . . 8:45 AM

Sunday School . . . . . 9:15 AM

Morning Worship Service . . . . . 10:30 AM

***Christ Arose from the Dead: What's Next?***

*John 14:1-6*

Evening Worship Service . . . . . 5 PM

***Resurrection Truth and You:  
Staying Stable in an Unstable Society***

*1 Corinthians 15*

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Skype Interview with Harry and Jan Gerbert  
*Executive Director of South Asia ABWE*

## LATER THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Youth Group . . . . . 7 PM

Wednesday, Estudio Biblico . . . . . 8 PM

Thursday, Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7 PM

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Parent Dedication & Baby Presentation . . . . . May 14

***Thank you for worshipping with us today!***



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# JUST A REGULAR GUY: ELIJAH

*1 Kings 17-19*

Everybody prays. Some people pray because they know they're supposed to. Some people pray as a way of covering their bases, just in case it might work. Some people pray because they desperately need something and they don't know where else to turn.

Everybody prays. But not the way Elijah prayed.

Still...everybody could.

If Elijah really was just a normal, average, everyday kind of person (and not "a strange visitor from another planet who came to earth with powers and abilities far beyond those of mortal men"), then that means normal, average, everyday kind of people like us can pray like he did.

And how exactly did he pray?

Elijah prayed biblically. One time, he prayed for God to make it stop raining. Where is the world did he get that idea? He got that idea from the book of Deuteronomy. Moses warned the people that if they turned away from God and started worshipping foreign gods, it would stop raining (see 11:16-17). Elijah was just asking God to keep His Word and discipline the people like He said He would.

Many times we don't pray like Elijah because we're biblically ignorant and don't know how to pray according to God's revealed will. But we can change that...

Elijah prayed very specifically. He didn't just offer vague, generic prayers. Because he prayed for specific things to happen, there was no doubt when God answered.

Elijah kept praying even when the answer wasn't immediate. In 1 Kings 18:43, we learn that Elijah prayed seven times for it to start raining again. He didn't just pray once and quit.

Elijah was humble when he prayed. There was no big show, and he didn't seem to need to ramp himself up emotionally. He just asked God for stuff. Perhaps because he had an ongoing, conversational relationship with God, he didn't feel like he had to get worked up to ask Him for big things.

Oh, and speaking of the conversational nature of Elijah's relationship with God, there's another lesson about praying we can learn from him: Elijah complained.

Let's face it: The one thing people do more than pray is complain. Only the Judeo-Christian Scriptures provide us with an example of a people who feel comfortable complaining to their God. That's one of the most unique things about Jewish literature. The relationship they had with YHWH was strong enough to survive unfiltered dialogue —from both directions!

Elijah was just a regular guy—a lot like any of us. But he prayed. And when he prayed, he became extraordinary. What might happen today if you did the same?

— From *"The 52 Greatest Stories of the Bible"*  
by Kenneth Boa & John Alan Turner