

THE SPIRE

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FROM OUR PASTOR

I've been thinking a lot about back-to-school recently. It is a conversation that has captured the pulse of our country whether you are an educator or have school age kids in your family or not. There isn't a one of us who hasn't in some way, shape, or form been impacted by education. We are all products of it to some degree. Some of us stopped our education early and some of us might feel like lifetime students. We remember teachers whom we loved and still love and who shaped us into the people we have become, and we remember moments in our educational process that were a challenge.

As I have been thinking about all of this, I've been thinking about how I have felt internally as I have stood behind a pulpit and preached to an empty sanctuary. I have told you that it wasn't the same as seeing your wonderful faces in the room—I would much rather just do this "the old fashioned way" that I have always done it. This necessary new approach has been a challenge to adapt to, and that adaptation is an ongoing process. Our educators and our administrators and our students will be trying to make adaptive shifts in their own lives in the days and weeks ahead, just like we all have been doing in our life together. It takes real work and nimbleness of spirit and sometimes courage to make these adaptations, and some days we don't feel like we are doing it very well, but one thing for us all to remember is that God is always with God's people as we navigate the wilderness. So let's pray for our learners and our teachers and our leaders who are walking each day with courage and hope, and let's be the presence of Christ to each other as we figure all of this out together.

Grace and peace,



FAMILY MINISTRY

- Make sure you take the survey sent out to parents regarding small groups for family ministry in the fall. Check your email and the Facebook group to find the link.
- Join us on Wednesday, August 5th, for an outdoor Family Movie night on the concrete ball court at FBC. Time TBD.
- Continue to sign up for socially distant picnics with Ms. Kristen!



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Weekday Preschool begins on August 17 with procedures in place to keep our children safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. Classes for Toddlers (12 mos. by Sept 1st) through Pre K 5 years are Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm. Contact us at mwood@fbcrome.org or 706-295-1150 for more information.

HABITAT HOUSE BUILD

Construction has begun on the FBC Habitat House. We need volunteers for multiple tasks such as construction workers, coordinators for manpower, refreshments, landscaping, owner family support team, and general gopher. Please email Bob Hortman to volunteer.



GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,490,476.49
Support Received	\$1,406,925.20
Meals & More, World Vision & CBF World Hunger Relief	\$1,115.00

2019-2020 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,188,449.48

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

JOIN HUGH PEACOCK ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 A.M. ON WLAQ 1410 AS HE LEADS THE SCRAP IRON BROADCAST.

SUNDAY MORNING VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

If you are looking for a Virtual Bible Study Class, select the class you wish to attend. Please sign in with your name so that the host can welcome you to the group.

Most classes gather at 9:45, teaching begins at 10.

A contact person is also listed for each class.

Use the links provided, and choose to "sign in with video"

NOTE: YAC & JOURNEY CLASSES HAVE COMBINED FOR THE SUMMER & ARE UTILIZING BELOW LINK.

YAC—JASON SANKER

JOURNEY CLASS—ROBERT HORTMAN

<https://zoom.us/j/462711678>

BUILDERS CLASS—STEPHANIE LEWIS*

<https://zoom.us/j/979434301>

CHAPEL CLASS—JANIE SMITH*

<https://zoom.us/j/154349692>

CONUNDRUM CLASS—MIRIAM PETERSON*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82006583282>

DEAN'S LIST—GARY BARTON*

<https://zoom.us/j/967363720>

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 2, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Frances Raines by Danny and Ginger Alexander.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 9, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory Dr. Stanley Self and Bill Self by Patricia Self and Family.

ACCESSING WORSHIP SERVICES

There are now three ways to access our worship service on Sundays at 11 a.m. through the church website at <https://fbcrome.com/live-worship/>, local Comcast Channel 44 or through Facebook Live (to use this "like" the church Facebook page.) Additionally, if you are not able to watch the service live, you can watch the service (and other previously recorded services) on the church website.

WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 2

SCRIPTURE: [Matthew 14:13-31](#)

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

TOGETHER WE CONNECT: [The Chip Hood Family](#)

SPECIAL MUSIC: [Keith Reaves and Carol Hester](#)

MINISTRY STAFF

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SHARE NEEDS AND PRAYER CONCERNS WITH THE MINISTERS.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

John and Anna Bratton on the birth of a son, Thomas McNabb Bratton, who was born on July 15. Grandparents are Randy and Kay Bratton.

Dr. Mounir Nessim and Laura Smith, who were married on July 24. Dr. Nessim is the son of Drs. Mourad and Hanaa Nessim.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EXTENDED FAMILY: Winthrop Court – Melissa King

OUR MINISTRIES: Community Kitchen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm. Please call the office to schedule an appointment with staff before coming to the church.



ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT: <https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>