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WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

With our *New Members Luncheon* happening next Sunday, this exciting event always reminds me of just how sacred and special church membership is. If you follow religious news, reports tell us membership in most congregations is declining in our country. In fact, the actual meaning of and emphasis on membership has changed over the years as well. For example, many in the Millennial and Gen Z generations believe formal membership isn't as important (even needed) as simply being indirectly involved. Like a part of the body being a member of the whole body, we as Jesus-followers are members of the Body of Christ (I Cor. 12). What a gift, what a joy! For me, membership is not only formally belonging, but being *all in*, committed long-term for the glory of God and the good of the body so that His kingdom may come and His will be done for all people. From our youngest member to the oldest, may our membership continue growing in joy and passionate dedication to help all experience the difference Jesus makes. I'm honored to be a member with you and pastor for you. I look forward to seeing you Sunday in worship, where we will spend some time working on our puzzles as well as rejoicing together in some "church celebrations!"

Blessings, PV

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Church Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9am to 4pm & Friday 9am to 1pm
- **Committee/Ministry Chairpersons meeting,** July 20th at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- **New Members Luncheon,** Sunday July 27th at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Deacon News:** Letters regarding the deacon election process have been mailed, if you do not receive one, please contact Taylor Allen. On Sunday, July 27 a vote regarding reducing the total number of active deacons from 16 to 12 will take place in the church conference.
- **Food Bank:** We need your help! Food bank needs canned fruits & vegetables. Drop off at FBC during church office hours, food can be dropped off in the bins near the elevator.
- **Local Missions:** We are collecting school supplies for families in need. Please bring any of the following items to our donation boxes near the elevator. **The deadline Sunday, July 27.**
Items needed: Paper, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, glue, scissors, binders, and backpacks

SERVANTS @ A GLANCE

Deacons: **July 20/** Matt Shirley & Randall Wardlaw

July 27/ Susan Harvin & Linda Nicholson Beard

Greeters: **July 20/** Don Howard

July 27/ Janis Miller

Ushers: **July 20/** Mark Beardsley, Johnny Eubanks, Ron Henderson, & Bob Harper

July 27/ Randall & Karen Wardlaw, Susan Harvin, & Tracy Wilson

Nursery Team: **July 20/** Pam Canup, & Tracy Wilson

July 27/ Cameron Shirley & Sumer Hill

Children's Worship: **July 20/** Mandy Byers & Carleigh Chandler

July 27/ Mandy Byers & Carleigh Chandler

IN CELEBRITY NEWS



Bob Greco had a brief meeting with Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, which included a quick haircut.

BIRTHDAYS

7/17: Jesse Wilbanks

7/18: Gail Allen

7/20: Beverly George

7/22: Matt Shirley

7/23: Ansley Sosby

7/28: Marietta Martin

7/29: Ann Hairston

& Laurice B. Drews

8/1: Ann Rhoads

8/3: Maria Gutierrez

MEALS ON WHEELS

7/16: Ernie & Kathy Pruett

7/17: Mark & Barbara Beardsley

7/18: Renee Kelley

7/21: Glenda Barron

7/22: Bess Stanford & Ann Garner

7/23: Patsy Simmons & Vickie McElroy

7/24: Susan Harvin

7/25: Randall & Karen Wardlaw'

7/28: June Kirk & Emily Perry

7/29: Amy Halley

We are Looking for a

Meals on Wheels

Coordinator

Contact the church office if interested

WE NEED YOUR HELP



WINDOW CAMPAIGN

Given to the Window Fund:

In Memory of:

Jack Borders, Jacqui Dundore, and Susan Stewart

In Honor of:

Judy Eubanks, Dr. Todd Chandler and the FBC Choir



Congratulations!

WE REACHED OUR GOAL of \$121,000!!!

FOOD BANK DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

Week of July 21: Steve & Trell Wilson

Week of July 28: Jeanie Whitener

Week of August 4: Ann Rhoads

Week of August 11: Sharon Highsmith



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Giving Required: \$40,117

Monthly Giving as of July 15: \$14,608

YTD Giving Required through July: \$379,600

YTD as of July 15: \$370,123

FBC LOCAL MISSION NEWS

From June 30 to July 3, First Baptist Church provided sack lunches for the Seamless Summer Meals program at the Downtown Library through Commerce City Schools. Our incredible local mission volunteers selflessly delivered the meals with love and care. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to serve our community!



A Daily Prayer

Strengthen me this day, O Lord
For all that lies ahead.
Keep me in your care always and
grant my daily bread.
Instruct me in your paths as I put
my trust in you.
Show your love through all I say
and everything I do.
Forgive me in your mercy
whenever I am wrong.
Wash my heart of sin and guilt
and make my spirit strong.
Make me glad to lend my hands
to all who are in need.
Help me to relieve their pain,
and may they soon be freed.
I offer you my thanks, dear God
for all you've done for me.
Hear my prayers and raise me up
to closer with you be.

WONDERFUL EVENING OF PATRIOTIC MUSIC!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in and came out to enjoy Patriotic Music on the Lawn on June 27th! The evening was filled with inspiring music by the FBC Choir, the Carol Symphony Orchestra, and special guests. It was a beautiful night of fellowship, celebration, and community—topped off with a perfect view of Commerce City's fireworks display. Thank you for making it so special!



ORGAN NEEDS A NEW HOME

If interested please contact Kathy Thomason for more information @ (706) 654-6582.

Must be able to move and pick up from the Church. Needs work. Size: 47x24x40H



REMEMBER to drop off School Supplies