



BRANCHES

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WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Celebrating milestones is a part of life worth enjoying and thanking God for. Whether it's a special birthday, graduation, retirement or life achievement there's a satisfying fulfillment we experience knowing something wonderful has been accomplished. This Sunday our church family will celebrate the milestone of Judy Eubanks' 40th anniversary as the church pianist. This is a unique moment in the life of our congregation, in fact it's rare for any church to be able to celebrate a staff person who has served this long. Indeed, FBC Commerce is blessed. Her longevity is a testament to God's grace and goodness, as well as her commitment to nurturing and using her talents. Judy is more than just a piano player; she is a worship leader. Each time she tickles the ivories she is inviting us to worship Jesus Christ and draw closer to His transforming presence. When she plays, we are ushered in to God's glory and able to lift our voices and hearts to the One worthy of our praise. I know you join me in honoring Judy in our morning worship service, and I encourage you in the coming days to also express your personal gratitude to Judy through tangible acts of kindness and affirmation for her four decades of ministry. I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we continue working on our puzzles! I'm honored to be your pastor...know you are loved, appreciated and prayed for.

Blessings, PV

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Church Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9am to 4pm & Friday 9am to 1pm
- **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** Friday, July 4th.
- **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.
- **Music Camp has been CANCELED.**
- **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 6/ Cameron Shirley & Bob Harper
July 13/ Terry Canup

Greeters: July 6/ Paula Langston
July 13/ Beth Bray

Ushers: July 6/ William Westbrooks, Bill Hairston, Dakota Malcom, & Matt Shirley
July 13/ Terry & Pam Canup, Jon & Tricia Massey, & Jimmy Bray

Nursery Team: July 6/ Jennifer Sanders & Nicky Wilbanks
July 13/ Rachel & Dakota Malcom

Children's Worship: July 6/ Mandy Byers & Carleigh Chandler
July 13/ Mandy Byers & Carleigh Chandler

MEALS ON WHEELS

7/2: Bob Harper
7/3: Jon Massey
7/4: CLOSED
7/7: Bob Greco & Susan Harper
7/8: Kathy Thomason & Janis Miller
7/9: Beverly George
7/10: Carol Hodgkins
7/11: Sheila Powell
7/14: Jean Montrose
7/15: Tracy Wilson
7/16: Ernie & Kathy Pruett

BIRTHDAYS

7/2: Cameron Shirley
7/3: Kathleen Harvin, & Pat Ellis
7/6: Kendall Peters & Lenny Hill
7/7: Jamie Peters & Grace Palmer
7/8: Chris Shirley
7/9: Adam Wilson
7/11: Greg Simmons
7/12: Katherine Sanders Stewart
7/13: Chloe Chandler, Don Howard & Benjamin Brown

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

A huge thank you to all the incredible volunteers who helped bring Camp Chaos to life for this year's VBS! From wild games to creative crafts, guiding campers through the fun and sharing God's unshakable love—you made this chaotic camp a joyful and faith-filled adventure. We couldn't have done it without your time, heart, and energy. You are a true blessing to our church and community!

WINDOW CAMPAIGN

Goal: \$121,000
Raised: \$116,125
Still Need: \$4,875



FOOD BANK DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

Week of July 7: Sharon Highsmith
Week of July 14: Mark Beardsley
Week of July 21: Steve & Trell Wilson
Week of July 28: Jeanie Whitener



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly Giving Required: \$40,117
Monthly Giving as of June 30: \$31,092

YTD Giving Required through June: \$351,800
YTD as of June 15: \$339,800

RECENT EVENTS IN PICTURES



We are Looking for a

Meals on Wheels

Coordinator

Contact the church office if interested

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