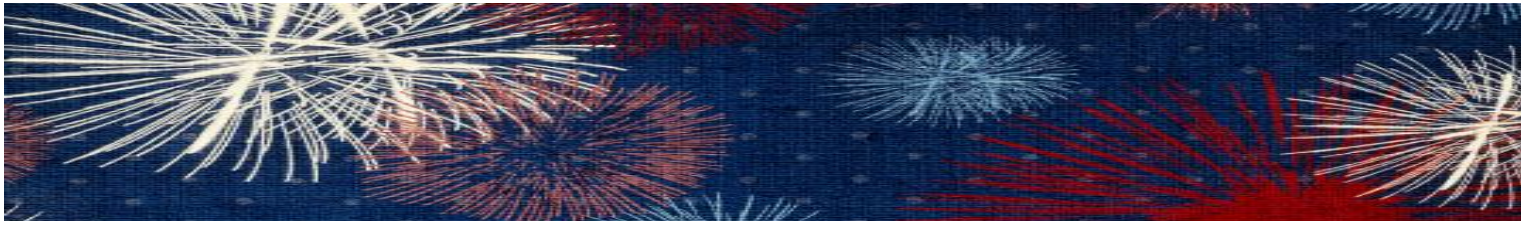




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FIRST TIDINGS



July 2018

Upcoming Events

July 1st

H3 Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

July 4th

FBC Office Closed

July 8th

Church Council 6:00 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

July 11th

Adult Bible Study 6:15 p.m.
(last Bible Study until September)

July 15th

Deacon Lunch 12:15 p.m.
H3 Dinner 6:00 p.m.

July 16th & 17th

“Spruce it Up” Project 9:30 a.m.

July 18th

Quarterly Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.

July 29th

H3 Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Note: The Wednesday night Café is closed until after Labor Day – have a great summer!

Deadline for August Newsletter:
Wed., July 25th at noon

See the church calendar (July/August included or on the church website) for a listing of all FBC activities & events.

From the Pastor

IT'S ALL A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

On our recent vacation out west (about which you will undoubtedly hear a great deal in the days ahead!), we had many interesting experiences. Having lived in New Mexico for a short time, I was accustomed to hearing transplants like me saying that, while it was beautiful, they missed the trees. Outside of the national forests, the trees there tended to be more like bushes and were scattered across rugged terrain. For those of us who commonly saw trees at every turn, it seemed less “green.”

We encountered a shopkeeper, a Navaho gentlemen, who told us he had been in Washington, D.C., with his wife who was attending some women’s ministry conference. We asked him about his experience, and he reported that he enjoyed it – except there were too many trees! Trees everywhere! On the corners! In the yards! Just outside buildings! Everywhere! He said he felt closed in and could hardly wait to get back to the open spaces of the West.

We laughed for days over that conversation. I guess it does matter what you get used to. In church, for example, we have our ideas of what makes us comfortable and what challenges our comfort. And there is nothing wrong with that. We all have our preferences, most of which are based primarily on experience. Others who may not share our comfort zones can still share our commitments to Christ and dedication to come to His table as a diverse family. That not only stretches us but it honors the Father who loves each and every one of His children.

Let us engage in debate over things that matter: Is God alive and well and working in Hopewell? Is there hope for His church in this area? Do people still need salvation and can they still trust God to save them? (The answer to all of those is a resounding “Yes!”) I can look beyond the mountains and he can look beyond the trees to find the handiwork of a holy, mighty Creator God, who blesses us with such beauty that we gape in awe, even if we are uncomfortable.

So “Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker. For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and then sheep of His hand’ (Psalm 96:4). It’s not about the trees, is it?

See you Sunday!

Pastor Darrell

THE YOUTH CORNER



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To have a viable youth ministry it takes a lot of support, time, and energy. So, thank you parents and other church members for giving of your time and energy, but even more importantly your prayers and support to this very important ministry of our church and our

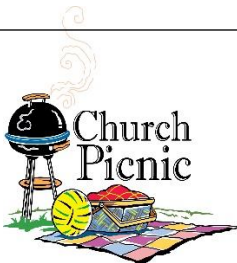
faith - the YOUTH! If you would like to spend some time with our youth give me a call or find me at church, we would love to have your support. I think you would find it rewarding also.

REMINDER! Youth Group time has moved to **Sundays at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The back door to the church is your entry place. Continue to be in prayer that our Youth Group bonds and grows in their faith journey together.

SPORTS CAMP: If you build it they will come! Thirty young campers, most attending for the first time, participated in our 4-day sports camp ministry learning basic skills in basketball, baseball, and soccer. Each day there were bible stories and small group discussion to learn more about Jesus combined with a visit to the sanctuary and baptistry. It was a wonderful experience for our youth to be group leaders, work the registration table, and to teach sports skills. Our sports camp here in Hopewell will help prepare us for leading sports camp during our mission trip in August. Many thanks to all the youth parents and adult helpers in making this a wonderful success. We are already capturing ideas and ways to make next year even better.

MISSION TRIP: As mentioned last month's update, we are partnering with a small church outside Fort Drum, New York along with the youth group from Fort Drum Main Chapel lead by Chaplain (CPT) Geoff and Ashley Fuller. The mission trip is August 11-18. The youth will conduct service projects during morning and early afternoon hours, followed by sports camp in the evening. The FBC youth are responsible for leading the Sports Camp. I need firm decision on who is going by July 2nd. Information was emailed as a reminder a few days ago. Thank you to the parents and youth leaders who have volunteered to make this mission trip possible. Many thanks to Ashley Fuller and the Black River UMC for hosting our Youth Group.

KINGSFEST: Fourteen youth and six chaperones spent two days at King's Dominion to enjoy the rides and listen to some of the top Christian music groups with such headliners as MercyMe, Crowder, Rend Collective, and Four King and Country. Many thanks to the prayer warriors who kept the rainstorms away from the all-day event and the chaperones.



Get ready to head to Camp Kehukee for the annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 26th! There will fishing, cornhole, volleyball, and swimming in the pool, but more important – there will be fellowship and, of course, good food.

12:30 – 4:30 p.m. with lunch served at 1:00 p.m.

The Church will provide drinks and fried chicken. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish (pasta, salad, fruit, vegetable...) if your last name begins with A-M; if your last name begins with N-Z, bring a dessert.

Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary near Pastor Boggs' office.

Sign by Wednesday, August 15th and join the fun!



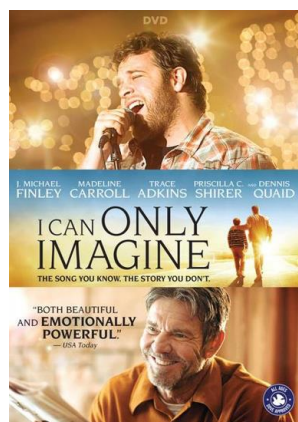
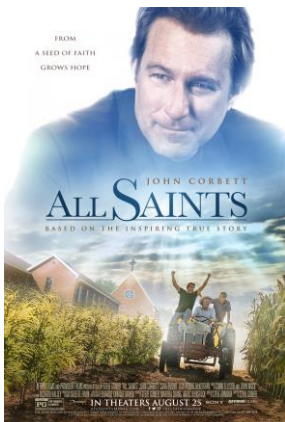
The Wednesday Night Dinner Crew is looking for volunteers to prepare dinner for our Café when it starts back up in September. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information, please contact Brenda Goodrich or the church office.

From the Library

In case you haven't heard, your FBC library has 2 new DVDs in the collection for you to check out: "All Saints" and "I Can Only Imagine."

"All Saints" stars John Corbett and was filmed in Tennessee. The movie is based on a powerful "true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock, the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all."

"I Can Only Imagine" - the inspiring true story behind MercyMe's hit song - stars Dennis Quaid and Trace Adkins. "Bart Millard found escape in music. Hitting the road in a decrepit tour bus, Bart and his band MercyMe set out on an amazing journey none of them could have ever imagined in this uplifting, music-filled movie that beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God's love."



Thank you for the many empty shoeboxes donated so far. We will soon be covering and decorating to ready them for packing. Raymond & I are requesting rolls of decorative Duct Tape to cover these boxes. Suggestions from other OCC packers say the Duct/Duck tape is good because it makes the pretty box sturdy and water resistant (which helps recipients reuse the boxes). There are lots of colors and designs of Duct Tape now to pick from. If you purchase, we have a storage at FBC and will happily accept them.

With increased costs in everything in our lives, Gospel materials that are included in each box as well as shipping charges have increased. This year we want folks to know that they can donate to help with the \$9 suggested contribution. So if you can't pack a box, consider this option.

Thank you for helping share God's Love.
Patti & Raymond



Reminder that the next Quarterly FBC Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 18th in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m.

FBC "Spruce it Up" Project

Folks have been hard at work sprucing up FBC, and great steps have been made to make the church shine. Thanks to everyone who has pitched in to help! The areas cleaned so far are: vestibule, sanctuary, FLC entrance, and halls outside the Pastor's office and down by the parlor. Automatic double doors as well as hanging light outside the doors where a bird had built a nest were cleaned.

Areas that still need to be targeted include the second floor educational wing, classrooms and areas behind baptistry, halls and steps and doors leading to Fellowship Hall, classrooms near and possibly in Fellowship Hall area, halls and steps leading down to gym, gym area, walls outside gym area, bathrooms near gym, and hallways and steps areas leading from gym up to FLC.

The next clean-up dates are scheduled for July 16th and July 17th, but cleaning can be done at any time. A list of areas that need "sprucing up" can be found in the volunteer office or contact the church office if you'd like to help with the cleaning. For safety, please do not work alone in the building - find a partner. If cleaning is done outside of the group work days, please let the church office know or note the areas of clean-up on the bulletin board in the volunteer office/copy room.



The Flamingos are Back!

The Youth are raising funds for their upcoming mission trip with a little help from some plastic feathered friends. July is for the birds as a flock of flamingos will be making their rounds in a neighborhood near you! If you would like to send a flock of pink lawn flamingos to temporarily nest with a friend or neighbor, forms are available throughout the church, in the church office, in this newsletter, or online at our website. The birds will be circulating through the month of July, so hurry, place your orders in the boxes located throughout the church or mail them in! Insurance is available, but remember, policies only protect you if the birds aren't already on their way! If you have questions, email Sheila Minor at sminorcpa@gmail.com.



The Flamingos are Back!

Support the FBC Youth mission trip to New York with this fun fundraiser!

A small flock of 25 pink lawn flamingos has relocated to Hopewell. These birds are looking for nice, well-kept front yards as a temporary home.



How it Works:

If you would like to send these flamingos to “nest” in a friend or neighbor’s yard for a day or two, simply fill out the form below and place it (along with payment) in the baskets located throughout the Church.

Our flamingo friends will appear in the designated yard one night (we will let you know when), and stay for about 24 -48 hours before moving on to their next nesting grounds. The house to which you have sent the birds will receive a note of thanks for hosting our guests and, unless you request to remain anonymous, acknowledgement of the sender.

First requests to send a flocking are \$20, subsequent requests are \$15 each.

If you would like to remain anonymous to your flockee, add \$5 to each request and put a star next to the person’s name and address.

Insurance is available for purchase. Insurance prevents you from getting flocked and costs \$50. If someone attempts to flock an insured yard, they will have an option to flock someone else or a refund.

Your Name & email _____

Flockees:	Cost	Anony- mous?	Total
1) Name & Address: _____	\$20	\$5	\$ _____
2) Name & Address: _____	\$15	\$5	\$ _____
3) Name & Address: _____	\$15	\$5	\$ _____
4) Name & Address: _____	\$15	\$5	\$ _____
5) Name & Address: _____	\$15	\$5	\$ _____
Do you wish to purchase insurance for yourself?	YES	NO	\$50
			\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL			\$ _____

Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church and write “Flocking” in the memo

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