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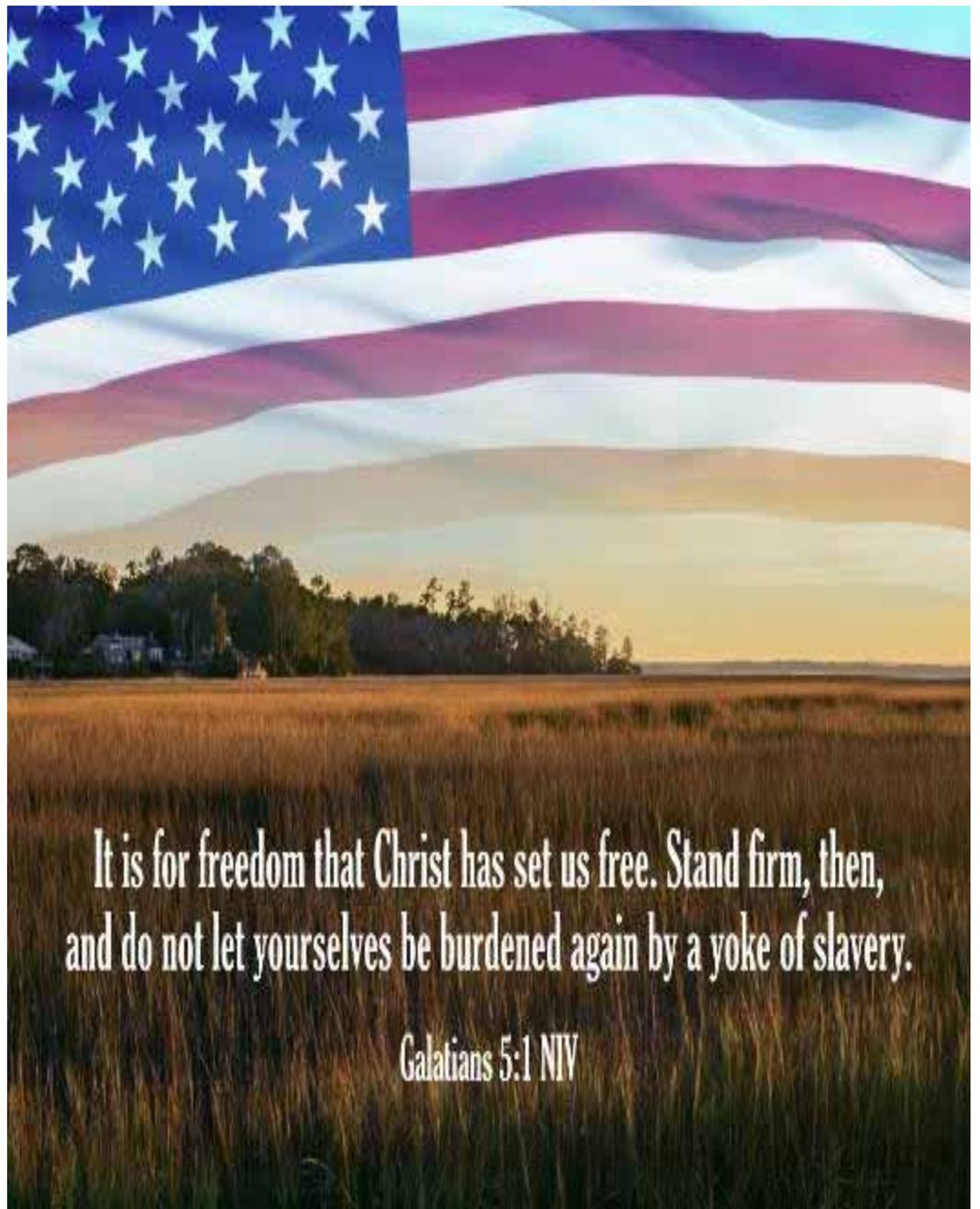
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The Bridge Builder



It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then,
and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NIV

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH . . .

Dear Church Family,

We started our journey together back in January talking about the "impossible" being God's specialty. We have been saying that the "impossible" is a living reality at FBCBC. This past Sunday provides more evidence of the wondrous work in which God is doing within our midst and in each one of us personally. We are witnessing people stepping out and stepping up saying, "I want to be obedient and follow after Jesus." Obedience is often a frowned upon word today, but it is the means to be free from the constraints of one's sins and past. We all need this and we all can experience it through Jesus Christ. Obedience is the fuel which sends the Gospel forward and is the fruit of the Gospel at work.

Sunday we finish our Philippians series, "The Joy of the Gospel", by focusing on the last verses, Phil. 4:14-23. Paul writes finishing expressing his gratefulness for the love and care shown to him. He remarks that their gift is evidence of their devotion to the Gospel and "a fragrant offering" before God. A person who completely surrenders and trust in the fullness of God and His promises can be certain of having their needs met. The needs met though are according to God's purposes for propelling the Gospel to others. God could have designed any means He wanted to propel the Gospel to others. He choose you. You are the means for others to hear and know the Gospel. Don't know how God can use you? It starts with obeying Him by being willing to be used. Are you ready?

We have seen in the last weeks people being baptized, a person surrendering to the ministry, people coming to Christ, youth serving as missionaries, giving to help people in need, etc. Keep praying my dear friends, for we are only at the beginning of what God is doing. Share the good news of the Gospel and invite someone to experience what's happening at FBCBC, where the "impossible" is a living reality every day.

Your Pastor,
Douglas Shows
1 Cor. 16:13-14

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Oh what a blessing it was to be able to partake in the Lord's Supper last Saturday. Thank you for remembering the Homebound and for including us in such a wonderful tribute to our Lord. Thanks to Hiram and H.K Clark for their visit and for making this special event possible. The love of the Lord just shines through the Clark family as well as the rest of my church family. We love and appreciate you so!

Dorothy Browning

Kathy Young

Thank you Bro. Shows, Donnie Stanton and Marvin Waddell for allowing me to be a part of the Lord's Supper in my home. I appreciated it so much.

Lois Parker



Ease into
Summer Luncheon

Sunday, July 10
following the morning service



Menu: Hot dogs & watermelon

We are asking \$2.00 from each person attending. Sign up and pay through Sunday School or the church office by Sunday, July 3.

YOUTH NEWS . . .

What's Next?

I'd like to once again thank each and everyone for their prayers and support over the last week. Because of these you have sent 16 missionaries for one week to go out and share the gospel through construction projects. I am happy to announce that the Gospel was shared not only by your missionaries but others just like them from seven different states across the southeast. Students from Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi all joined in the share the Gospel to the city of Ponchatoula over 1,000 times leading many of those to Christ. Pray for the churches of that town so that they may come along side and grow these new Christians in maturity and in their new faith! It was because of you that this was made possible. Thank you for following God's call to support this mission!

What's Next? Well I know it may surprise a few, but Real Life is only about 1 month away. Can you believe it? This year's theme is "Know" which comes from 1 John 5:13. *"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."* Said another way - Upon all this evidence, it is but right that we believe on the name of the Son of God. Believers have eternal life in the covenant of the gospel. I am so excited and ready for this year's Real Life. I hope that you are just as excited as I am as we continue to look how we may improve from year to year. This year we will add an additional break out class. In years past we have included college aged students and adults within the same class, but this year we will separate these classes into a college class and an adult class. We also have many places of service and by next week we should have a list of these opportunities. Go ahead and begin to pray about how God can use you for this event! We need all hands on deck!

Be Intentional,
Aaron

Ministerial Alliance

July is our month to serve at the Ministerial Alliance. If God is leading you to serve in this capacity please contact Aaron at the church office. The Alliance is open on Monday's and Wednesday's from 9:00 a.m. - Noon!

Sunday School News

Attendance Sunday was 144! I know everyone is proud of that. Thanks go out to Deanna Crull who does a good job every Sunday keeping up with attendance for each Sunday – not an easy job! We really appreciate her! John Woods announced Sunday in Adult 7 and then later in church that he has surrendered to the ministry. We all wish him well and will keep him in our prayers.

See you Sunday,
Troy

SCHOOL SUPPLY MONEY

The nine adopted David children and 1 natural child from Old Salem will be returning to school in the fall and will need approximately \$50 each for supplies. Each Adult Sunday School department is being asked to provide for 2 of the children, but anyone who would like to can give to this fund. This money needs to be turned in to the office, labeled "Family" by July 10th.

GOLDEN HARVEST MEETING

Due to July 4 falling on a Monday, the Golden Harvest Luncheon is being moved to Monday, July 11. Charles Hartman and Darrell Segura will be battling each other in a Gumbo Cook-off! To stay with the Cajun theme, Jesse Domingue will be providing the entertainment. Bring a covered dish that will go good with gumbo or a dessert.

NURSERY WORKERS July 3, 2016

Sunday School Brittany Ernst

Worship Service Thelma Wheelis

Volunteers always needed. Please call
Brittany Ernst at 409.313.1215.

LOOK AT THE RECORDS

June 26, 2016

Average Weekly Needs	\$10,163.14
Sunday Receipts	\$ 6,165.00
Y-T-D Avg. Weekly Receipts	\$10,144.52

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS THIS WEEK

Debt Retirement	\$ 00.00
Retirement Y-T-D	\$803.00
Debt:	<u>\$00,000.00</u>

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School	144
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WORSHIP SERVICE:

Celebration Service of Worship	171
Nursery	10
TOTAL AM WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	181

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Sunday, July 3, 2016

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Celebration Worship Service
Children's Church
for 4 yr. old — 2nd grade

NO PM ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting
7:00 Men's Prayer Time

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

6:30 Mid-Week Worship Service
Children's Activities
Student Worship
7:30 Instrumental Rehearsal

Thursday, July 7, 2016

4:30 Golden Harvest Game Night

MINISTRY AT THE MEADOWS

June 27th one resident accepted Christ as Lord
and Savior.

Next service July 11, 10:00 a.m.

Church members encouraged to come and show
Christ's love to the residents.

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Aaron Little	Minister to Students
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	Director of Children's Ministry

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 — 4:30
MONDAY — FRIDAY

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