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First Baptist Church Newsletter  
January 28, 2026



Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that everyone has remained safe and warm during the winter storm that hit this weekend. On Sunday, my family and I remained hunkered down and when I got outside, I was quite surprised with just how heavy the snow was. Thankfully we have a very nice neighbor that was kind enough to use his snow blower on our drive.

Now, while being essentially stuck at home on Sunday I couldn't help but think to what it was like being stuck at home during Covid. In one aspect it was great to have time with my family, but on the other hand as time stretched out tensions seemed to mount across America. As tensions mounted so did divisions between individuals. In today's social climate across the United States, we are still living in a world where tensions are high. We are bombarded daily through news and media with those pushing agendas and propaganda. How are we as Christians supposed to respond to a world that continues to escalate?

Last week I came across a verse of Scripture in Proverbs. Now there are a couple things to note first. Firstly, be very careful not to take Scripture out of context. It is very easy to take a verse of Scripture and warp it to make it say whatever you want it to. Secondly, however, a proverb is a short poetic sentence that conveys wisdom in a concise and memorable form. Most proverbs take the form of a two-line unit that are related in some way. In one such nugget of wisdom is Proverbs 18:17.

<sup>17</sup>In a lawsuit the first to speak seems right,  
until someone comes forward and cross-examines.

This does not mean that the first to speak is always wrong. It means that a discerning God-fearing man or woman should get ALL the information before making snap judgements. Do not let your emotions rule your decisions and actions, but pray for wisdom and discernment from God. Everything being shoved in our faces from the world is counting on us to take everything at face value. I would HIGHLY encourage anyone to get the full picture of events, even if that means doing some research yourself. Lies are easy to espouse if no one ever bothers to uncover the truth.

God Bless,  
Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

Dear F.B.C. family,

Thank you for the wonderful dinner and party celebrating our time together. Also, thank you for the gifts, cards, and kind words expressed to us. It has been an amazing 40 years, and we have thoroughly enjoyed worshiping and serving God with all of you. We are people caring for people, celebrating Christ, and communicating God's word.

May God always keep you in the palm of His hand.

Mike and Jackie Chaney



Our first Communion service of the year will be held **this Sunday**, February 1. As we gather at the Lord's Table, we are reminded of His love and sacrifice. Communion will be celebrated every other month throughout the year. We look forward to sharing this time together.



If you have not picked up your 2025 Annual Giving Statement or your offering envelope, please pick the up from the table in the Narthex.

Thank you.

**Teachers for Sunday**  
Sunday, February 1, 2026

**Kids' Time**  
Evalyn Fate &  
Jackson Collins



**LOL**  
Remain in Service.



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4<sup>th</sup> Eric Gaston  
 7<sup>th</sup> Olivia Nicholson  
 11<sup>th</sup> Mary Bishop

20<sup>th</sup> Helen Steffen  
 27<sup>th</sup> Wharrens Julmisse  
 28<sup>th</sup> Angie Bynum

# February 2026

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

1	2	3	4 Ad. Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Small Groups 10 am & 7pm	5 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	6	7
8	9	10	11 Ad. Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Small Groups 10 am & 7pm	12 Christian Ed. Meeting 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	13	14
15	16 Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18 Ad. Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Small Groups 10 am & 7pm Deacons Meeting 5pm	19 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	20	21
22	23	24	25 Ad. Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Small Groups 10 am & 7pm	26 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	27	28

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## **Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

**Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.**

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