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First Baptist Church Newsletter
January 7, 2025



Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray each of you are doing well. I know many of us have been under the weather in the last couple weeks and it will be great to see each of you bounding back to health. Being sick is certainly never fun, but God is good even in the hardest circumstances.

Often when I am sick and feel like I'm just fighting to make it through a day at a time I think of the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19. Elijah had just witnessed the victory of God over the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel and was on top of the world. However, word of this humiliating defeat reached the ears of Jezebel the queen of the northern nation of Israel and she was none too pleased. In fact, she sent word to Elijah that she was going to have him killed. Elijah went from feeling on top of the world to the darkness of the valley and he fled. Thankfully, God has mercy and compassion for us and met Elijah where he was. He assured Elijah and lifted him up, but it wasn't in a big dramatic display like on Mount Carmel. But rather He lifted up Elijah with a gentle whisper (1 Kings 19:12).

I don't know about you, but I'm frequently looking for that BIG dramatic display from God. However, that's not always how God works. Sometimes it is in something small and unassuming. In something that can be easily missed or overlooked if we don't have our focus on Him. I know it can be a challenge, but keep your heart open for that whisper from God.

God Bless,
Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

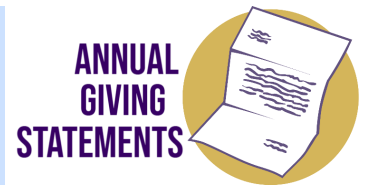
LUNCHEON

Please join us **this Sunday** following worship for a luncheon in honor of **Mike and Jackie Chaney** as they prepare to move away. We are sincerely grateful for their faithful service and dedication to our church. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this new chapter.

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex for those who wish to bring a dish.



The Annual Giving Statements from 2025 are on the table in the gathering place. Please pick yours up. Those left after this Sunday will be mailed.



Annual Report for 2025

We are now compiling the Annual Report for 2025. Please turn in board and officer reports to the church office at your earliest convenience.

Teachers for Sunday Sunday, January 11, 2025

Kids' Time
Angie Bynum &
Chris McFarren



LOL
Traci Heller

Stewardship

January 4, 2025

General Budget	\$5,095.00
Building Maintenance	\$40.00
Missions	\$80.00
Total	\$5,215.00

Dear FB Family, want to say thank you for your kindness & love in the sweet bag of goodies you sent, I miss you all. Pray that God will bless you throughout 2026.
Deut. 31:8

Mary

This Weeks Schedule:

Classes resume, all are welcome!

Small Groups - Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study - Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:15 pm.

Men's Bible Study - Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

New Directory In Progress

We are in the process of updating our church directory and would appreciate your help. Please complete the insert found in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office.

Thank you!



**We're Updating
Our Church Directory**

Heritage Pointe, Warren

Barbara Charles

Ossian Healthcare

Rose McCormick

Melaine Shady

Sandy Langel

Christian Care

Bob Hiester

Bob & Judy Grove

River Terrace

Karen West

Mary Bishop

Carolyn McBride

At Their Home

Don Reeves

Ted Ellis



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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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