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First Baptist Church Newsletter

March 10, 2026

Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that all of you are doing well this week. Firstly, I want to thank you all for your well wishes for my birthday yesterday. It's amazing how in one day you can have some call you old and others call you young. It was however truly appreciated.

It did however get me thinking about Psalms and specifically Psalm 31, which was written by David. Yes, the very same David that was a mere shepherd boy that slew a giant and became a king. However, David was not exempt from the difficulties of life either. In verse 10 of Psalm 31 David writes...

*<sup>10</sup> My life is consumed by anguish  
and my years by groaning;  
my strength fails because of my affliction,  
and my bones grow weak.*

I don't know about each of you, but I *feel* that. Those moments and times in my life where it just seems nothing but trouble is everywhere I look. Even the past can be seen in a dim view in the midst of hard times and trials, but thank the Lord that we can take refuge in Him and look to a new dawn. As David says in verse 14 of the same chapter, "<sup>14</sup> *But I trust in you, Lord; I say, 'You are my God.'*" How we view difficulties and struggles is often dependent on who we look to in those times of trials. I encourage each of you to go through Psalm 31 this week. Think of it, pray on it, and see where God leads you. I'll leave you with another excerpt from the same Psalm for some encouragement as you go through this new week God has gifted us.

*<sup>19</sup> How abundant are the good things  
that you have stored up for those who fear you,  
that you bestow in the sight of all,  
on those who take refuge in you.*

God Bless,  
Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

# New Directory In Progress

We are in the process of updating our church directory and would appreciate your help. If you haven't filled out the directory insert yet, please take a moment to so and return it this Sunday. You can place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office.

Thank you!



The Duncan family would like to thank everyone who provided food and gave their time to help. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

- Helen Steffen and Bev Betz

## Teachers for Sunday Sunday, March 15, 2026

**Kids' Time**  
Joyce Evans



**LOL**  
Darcy Isch

## Stewardship March 8, 2026

General Budget	\$3,830.00
Building Maintenance	\$270.00
Missions	\$35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,135.00</b>



# Next Weeks Schedule



Trustee Meeting - Monday at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Deacons Meeting - Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

*"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew,  
like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender  
plants."*

*Deuteronomy 32:2*

## Heritage Pointe, Warren

Barbara Charles

## Ossian Healthcare

Rose McCormick

Melaine Shady

Sandy Langel

## Christian Care

Bob Hiester

Bob & Judy Grove



PRAY for our  
Homebound

## 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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