Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that each of you are doing well this week and that God can be seen daily working in your lives as you seek His wisdom and guidance. When we follow God's guidance, we know that He has our backs regardless of how rough the road may get at times. That road can certainly get quite rough as I'm sure you all know.

In fact, as most if not all of you know by now, it has been a rough road for Robert "Bob" Groves family with his passing on Thursday of last week. Death, as tragic and heart breaking as it is, is not the end for those who put their faith and trust in Christ through His death and resurrection. It's a goodbye, for now. I, myself, have never been a fan of goodbyes, after all who wouldn't want to spend time with their loved ones. Thankfully through Christ's resurrection we know that this is only a temporary goodbye that will usher in an eternity where all the brokenness of this world is done away with. An eternity where our God and Savior comes to dwell with us and wipe every tear from our eye (*Revelation 21:4*).

It is okay to grieve. It is okay to mourn. It helps the healing process, but we don't have to grieve like those who have no hope (*1 Thess 4:13*). But I would encourage anyone affected by Bob's death or the death of another that was dear to you. It isn't the end. If anything, we should be joyous for them. They have shed the pains of this world and are living in glory that we can only imagine. We who are left behind are called to endure. To push forward until we too are called home. I'll close with these words from 1 Corinthians 15:55 as Paul references Hosea 13:14.

55 "*Where, O death, is your victory?*
Where, O death, is your sting?"

God bless,
Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

Harry A. McFarren

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students connected with First Baptist Church who are pursuing post-high school education are invited to apply for a monetary scholarship for 2026-2027 academic year. Stop by or contact the church office for an application. The deadline to submit an application is July 12.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Teachers for Sunday

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Kids' Time
Angie Bynum &
Chris McFarren

(Note: LOL is on break for the summer.)

Stewardship

June 7, 2026

General Budget	$2,885.00
Building Maintenance	$320.00
Missions	$55.00
Memorials	$50.00
Church Store	$100.00
Special Events/Speakers	$275.00
Total	**$3,935.00**

FOOD STORE

Our Church Food Store is here to care for members of our church family who may need a helping hand. We invite you to be part of this ministry through your generosity and service.

Please sign up in the narthex if you are willing to purchase or donate food and household items.

If you are willing to help, please contact Jan Jones.

If you are in need of assistance or would like to use the Food Store, please contact Pastor Peter.

Final Friday: Tincaps Game

Our June Final Friday event will be a trip to a Fort Wayne TinCaps game next Friday, June 19! We have purchased the tickets, which were $25 per person. If you would like to help support this event through a donation, it would be greatly appreciated.

For those who would like to travel together, meet at the church at 6:00 p.m., and we can follow one another to the game. If you prefer to meet us there, Pastor Peter will be waiting outside the gates to distribute tickets before the game.

We look forward to a fun evening of fellowship and baseball!

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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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