Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that each of you are doing well this week and that God works in each of your hearts and lives to draw you ever closer to Him day by day. As we are now through Mother's and Father's Day this year, I had the words of Paul bouncing around in my head as he wrote to the Ephesians in chapter 6:1-4.

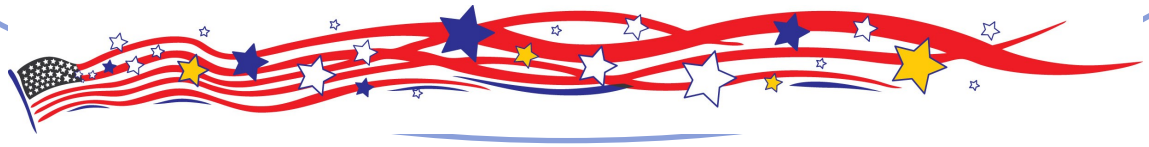
> 6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. [2] "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise – [3] "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." [4] Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Paul here notes that "honor your father and mother" is a callback to the Ten Commandments. Commandments 1-4 focus on God: no other gods, no idols, don't misuse His name, and observe the Sabbath as a day devoted to Him. The fifth and first commandment related to mankind and our relationship with each other starts with the commandment to "honor your father and mother" and as Paul points out, it has a promise attached to it as well. But Paul doesn't simply stop there. He highlights that fathers, or parents, should not frustrate their children, but should raise them in training and instruction of the Lord. Why? Because God's wisdom surpasses our own.

As Christians we need to strive to be good examples, because this world is filled with brokenness. To the children whose parents are far from the Lord, show the love of God. To the parents with rebellious children, show the love and instruction of God. By doing so we may be lights in this world. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move and convict those who have strayed and need that relationship with Jesus breathed into them. After all, we all needed that.

God bless,
Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

Join us on Sunday, July 5, as our choir presents a special selection of patriotic music during worship service. As we celebrate our nation's freedom and give thanks to God for His many blessings, we invite you to enjoy this meaningful time of music and worship with our church family.



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.

Men's Bible Study on Pause

The Men's Thursday morning Bible Study will be taking a short break for the summer and will resume in September.

Stewardship

June 21, 2026

General Budget	$1,855.00
Building Maintenance	$120.00
Missions	$100.00
Special Events/Speakers	$60.00
Total	**$2,135.00**

Teachers for Sunday

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Kids' Time
Deb Klopfenstein &
Hunter Zoll

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

3rd Austin Davis

4th Ted Ellis
Carolyn McBride

8th Debbie Cantrell

15th Earl Brickley

16th Ryker Davis

19th Judy Grove

21st Janet Heyerly

28th Mike Chaney

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Small Groups 10 am & 7pm	2 C.E Meeting 6:30 pm	3	4
5	6	7	8 Small Groups 10 am & 7pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Small Groups 10 am & 7pm Deacons Meeting 6:00 pm	16	17	18
19	20 Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22 Small Groups 10 am & 7pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Small Groups 10 am & 7pm	30	31 Final Friday: Movie night	

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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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