Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that each of you are doing well this week and that God is seen walking beside you through the highs and lows of your life. It's good for us to see those times, but it is equally important for us to remember those times. When people forget what God has done, then people tend to start relying on their own strength to get through circumstances and therefore fail to acknowledge God in the present. There are multiple examples of this idea throughout the Old and New Testament.

> [2] *Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands*. (Deut. 8:2)
> [19] *And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."*
> (Luke 22:19)

Remembering what God has done is a powerful thing for the believer, because it gives us hope in the present. It assures us that God is there in whatever we might find ourselves, but we almost must remember what God has done in our nation as well. This coming July 4th we will have been a nation for two hundred and fifty years. A nation founded on Christian principles. Although we have not always been perfect, God has blessed us and I truly believe that is because of how God was a part of this nation from its inception. I do worry about how God has slowly been removed from places within this nation; because as God has been removed bit by bit, things have gotten darker. We as Christians need to be more vocal about our faith, about our God and Jesus the light of the world. Christians who share that light will stand out all the more in contrast to the rest of the world. Giving hope to those who desperately need it.

God bless,
Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
Thank you so much for your support during my recent spinal fusion surgery. Each card and prayer and uplifting words meant so much to me and really carried me through some very rough days. I miss you all! Praying to see you in church some day soon.
Love & Prayers,
Judy Ziegler

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Join us this 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

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.

Stewardship

June 28, 2026

General Budget	$8,055.10
Building Maintenance	$30.00
Missions	$460.00
Total	**$8,545.10**

Teachers for Sunday
Sunday, July 5 2026

Kids' Time
Evalyn Fate

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

About Sunday's Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Jones is an ordained American Baptist minister, educator, author, and speaker. He holds a Master's in Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary. He has served in Christian ministry, including as a senior pastor, associate pastor, youth minister, interim pastor, and guest preacher. His preaching is known for its humor, warmth, practical application, storytelling, and emphasis on God's grace and faithfulness.

Dr. Jones holds a Ph.D. in Education and recently retired following a distinguished 31-year career in higher education leadership, serving as a Vice President at universities in Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia, and Massachusetts. He currently serves as Associate Faculty with the University of Arizona, teaching online communication courses from his home in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He is the author of ***For the Love of Stephen: The Story of a Boy Who Was Never Broken***, an award-winning memoir about his brother, Steve, who lived with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The book features a foreword by Dr. Temple Grandin and has been accepted into the collection of the Library of Congress. It is available on Amazon. You can learn more at his website: www.authorstuartjones.com

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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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