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First Baptist Church Newsletter

July 22, 2026

Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that each of you are doing well this week as we get back into swing with our Link articles. We have seen quite a few of our members going through some rough times lately, but it is so encouraging to see how our faith is carried with us through those tough moments. Despite the things we go through, God is always there walking us through the tough times.

Carrying the light of Christ in our lives not only helps ourselves; but those who witness what we go through whether it's family, friends, or complete strangers that witness our lives. For believers, it's encouraging to see the light of God in each other. It encourages us in our walk that we ultimately have salvation through Jesus regardless of what we may have to endure here on earth. It makes me think of 1 John 1:7, "*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*"

As believers, its encouraging for us to come together. In the good times and in the bad. Even in the normal grind of a day, our fellowship can help encourage each other for the times that lay ahead. Are we perfect, no. However, we are purified through Jesus and through the Holy Spirit we can strive day by day to be a better version of ourselves as we follow the example of Christ in our own lives.

God bless,

Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

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Stewardship

July 12, 2026		July 19, 2026	
General Budget	$25,490.00	General Budget	$1,180.00
Building Maintenance	$20.00	Missions	$50.00
World Missions	$100.00	Deacons	$26.00
Total	**$25,610.00**	McFarren Scholarships	$26.00
		Total	**$1,282.00**

Christian Education Sunday

Each new school year, the Christian Education Board sponsors a Sunday to celebrate the importance of education and give spiritual support. Christian Education Sunday is August 9th. During the service, we give Bibles to students going into the third grade, pass out prayer magnets that represent each student, and pray over the new school year. Deacons will distribute the McFarren Scholarships to post-high school recipients. Please plan to attend this special Sunday.

Sign-Up: In order for us to make accurate prayer magnets, we need student information including the school and grade. Please sign up your students, pre-school through college on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Final Friday Church Movie Night

Join us for Final Friday July 31 at 7:00 pm. Join us for a movie night featuring *The Prince of Egypt.* This is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun for our church family.

We hope to see you there!

Please save any shoeboxes you have at home and bring them to Helen for the Samaritan's Purse project. Thank you!

Teachers for Sunday

July 26, 2026

Kids' Time
Deb Klopfenstein &
Hunter Zoll

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

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202 W. Cherry Street
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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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