



### Good News Shoes

Back on August 11, 2018 our church family purchased and distributed 240 pairs of free shoes to students returning to school. Last year Julie Tuttle was the team leader of this loving outreach we call Good News Shoes. Julie made this still accurate observation, "We watch for shoe sales and raise funds all year long. It was really exciting that this year two other churches joined us and gave away free socks." Now in 2019, several people have joined together to lead this mission endeavor. Don't miss the opportunity to help with this vital outreach, which is approaching in a couple of weeks on Saturday, August 10.

### Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 28  
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

### Teachers for July 28

**Nursery**  
Angie Bynum / Jessica Bynum

**Kids' Time**  
Deb Klopfenstein / Darcy Isch

**LOL**  
Remain in service – summer break  
Resumes on August 11

### Stewardship Report

July 21, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	1,772.00
Missions	160.00
Building/Maint Fund	140.00
McFarren Scholarship	1,000.00
Match Fund	2,100.00
Memorial	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,197.00</b>



## **Student Information**

The church will celebrate Christian Education Sunday during the worship service on August 11. In preparation for this event, there is a sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for you to write your student's name, grade, and school. We include pre-school through college. We use the information to create prayer magnets to pass out to the congregation.



## **Flexibility**

Despite the inclement weather, approximately 72 people joined together for a picnic in our fellowship hall. We thank Gary and Brian for cooking the hamburgers and hotdogs. The Christian Education Board enjoyed hosting the meal at the church so much, they might do it that way again next summer. Hopefully, the swimming will not get cancelled again due to rain.



## **Music Director Update**

In consultation with the deacons, Les has contacted the music departments of Taylor and Huntington Universities. He asked the department heads to encourage any students interested in serving as an intern Music Director to contact us. Please pray for us as we continue the process of securing a part time or intern Music Director.

## **Check Out Our Website**



Recent guests to our church said they found the FBC website on the internet. We have a very simple, yet informative site to help connect with our tech savvy culture. Please bump over to [fbcbluffton.com](http://fbcbluffton.com) and give it a look. Hopefully, you will be impressed with how clearly our church is represented on the worldwide web.

# The Final Word

This past Sunday, we studied Psalm 114 in order to be reminded that Almighty God always has the final word in every circumstance. Followers of Jesus often have no clue as to how or when the LORD will intervene. But we do know the Creator is working from and for eternity to accomplish His perfect will. Consider the following potent Scripture passage, as well as my best explanation from the history books as to what happened.

Isaiah 14:24-27

**The LORD Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will happen.**

**I will crush the Assyrian in my land; on my mountains I will trample him down. His yoke will be taken from my people, and his burden removed from their shoulders."**

**This is the plan determined for the whole world; this is the hand stretched out over all nations.**

**For the LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?**

Some years after Isaiah gave this prophecy, a ruthless Assyrian king named Sennacherib initiated a military campaign against Judah. He successfully defeating several smaller cities and then laid siege to Jerusalem. After approximately three years of being surrounded, things inside the city became extremely desperate. During that long siege no food was allowed into Jerusalem. Sennacherib continued to defy and curse the Most High God. Simultaneously Hezekiah, king of Judah, continued to pray. Then swiftly, God's word against Assyria came to pass. On a single night the angel of the LORD killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers. In the morning Sennacherib made a hasty retreat back to Nineveh. After an unknown period of time, two of his sons assassinated him.

You and I may not fully understand what's happening in life. But there are three important truths about God that we must hold on to tightly.

1. God loves you unconditionally. Yes, sin has negative consequences, but nothing you have done or said will ever diminish or improve the LORD's love.
2. God has total knowledge of you, your situation, and simultaneously understands trillions of other variables impacting things.
3. God has absolute power. Nothing and no one can ever thwart or stop the LORD's good plans and purposes.

Together with you,

Les



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## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

Clyde Shady – Room 228B

Phyllis Shady – Room 254

### River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

### Home

Ed Goetz

Rose McCormick

### K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

## Help People Follow Jesus

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### **This Sunday**

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service