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First Baptist Church Newsletter

*July 26, 2023*

## **A Life Lived For God**

Our Sunday school quarterly observes that the greatest changes in history are happening right now, in our time. The digital age has reconfigured our world. Things once thought unimaginable have come to pass, forever altering our lives. It's estimated that our world has undergone only about 15 percent of the changes expected from the digital revolution. People everywhere feel stretched and sometimes torn by the never-ending changes we are enduring. Many are beleaguered as the digital age disorients and sometimes dehumanizes people. How do we navigate the tumult of such an ever-changing world?

Followers of Christ recognize the signs of the times and understand that God has placed us here, where we are for a reason. We live at the tip of the spear between heaven and earth - as part of the kingdom of God and as citizens of earth. We are certainly in this world, but we need not be of it. In the midst of our world's uncertainty, God has given us a sure Word. He has called us to be His holy people. He wants us to live our lives in a way that is radically distinguished from the world around us - set apart with hope, wholeness, and holiness.

We are called to listen to the Lord and honor Him in all we do. Scripture tells us to "work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14). Holiness will not happen by accident, which is why the inspired writer said, "work" at that lifestyle.

Together with you,

Les



## Prayer Items

Herb Heyerly had back surgery on Monday. Pray for a great recovery.

Ted Shady was admitted to Bluffton Regional after a fall. Pray for Ted and Melanie.

Bob and Judy Grove are recovering from a stomach virus.

Michael White was admitted on Monday to Fort Wayne Lutheran hospital with pneumonia.

Gloria Reeves is still on hospice and has good days and bad days. Don cannot taste food and because of that isn't eating much. Keep praying for them.

## Student

**SIGN-UP**



Sign-up your students along with their school and grade. The list is on the bulletin board in the foyer. We will use this information to make prayer magnets. The church family wants to pray for each student by name throughout the school year. We pass out the prayer magnets on Christian Education Sunday, August 6.

*Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.*

*Psalm 99:5*



## Kids' Time Teachers

**Sunday, July 30**

Angie Bynum  
Jessica Bynum

## Stewardship

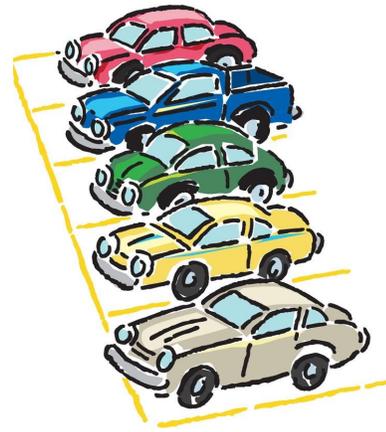
**July 16, 2023**

**July 23, 2023**

General Budget	\$910.25	General Budget	\$2,490.00
Building Maintenance	\$50.00	Building Maintenance	\$40.00
Missions	\$15.00		
McFarren Scholarship	\$52.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,027.25</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,530.00</b>



## STREET FAIR PARKING



Each year we rent our parking spaces for Street Fair. The spaces are \$20 for our FBC family and are available to purchase starting this Sunday. There will be envelopes available in the foyer. Remaining spaces will be available to the public beginning Monday, August 21 for \$25.

## Problem Solving



A zoo built a special eight-foot-high enclosure for its newly acquired kangaroo but the next morning the animal was found hopping around outside. The director of the zoo increased the height of the fence to fifteen feet, but the kangaroo escaped again. Puzzled, the director had the height increased to thirty feet; but, much to his dismay, the kangaroo still escaped.

Watching the director build higher and higher fences, a giraffe asked the kangaroo, "How high do you think they'll build the fence?"

"I don't know," said the kangaroo. "Maybe a thousand feet if they keep leaving the gate unlocked!"

It's easy for us to try and solve a problem in the wrong way. Keep doing the simple foundational things in life, and other things tend to usually work out alright.

~ Les



## MISSIONS

### French Christian Mission Report

Glen Shady and his family are back from France for a brief furlough. They are making two presentations in our area and have invited all to join them. Both presentations will be the same content. Please see info below.

First Church of Christ in Bluffton at 6 pm on Sunday, August 13.  
Markle Church of Christ at 6 pm on Sunday, August 27.

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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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