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First Baptist Church Newsletter

July 8, 2026

Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that each of you are doing well this week and God blesses you day by day. I was glad to hear from Stuart that church went well last Sunday and he felt very welcomed. As for my family and myself, we enjoyed a quiet time together. Sure, we had things to do, but it was nice to be able to put a pause and enjoy time together. It made me think about an article that I read recently about the spiritual discipline of silence. That may sound a bit odd, but Ecclesiastes 3:7 affirms this thought saying that there is "…a time to be silent…" A section of the article nailed this home stating…

> Practicing silence should be an intentional moment of sitting at the feet of Jesus. There shouldn't be hurry, stress, or a desire to run from this silence. Silence with God is holy. And His holiness is best found when we put our lives aside and simply sit still with no noise, asking God to reveal Himself to us.

It's no surprise to hear that this world has become busy and noisy. There are plenty of excuses to make of why you can't do devotions, pray, read your Bible, etc.; but I encourage all of us to put a pause on our lives and focus on Him. Take a Psalm like Psalm 16 or another and prayerfully consider the words contained within. Look to Jesus and place your worries and cares at His feet. It is a good thing to put things on pause and turn to Him. Don't let the world overtake you.

God bless,

Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

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 this Sunday, July 12.

Office Schedule

Monroe will be out of the office from July 13 to July 20. During this time, the church office will be closed, and there will be no newsletter next week. However, the church will remain open during Pastor Peter's regular hours.

Teachers for Sunday

July 12, 2026

Kids' Time
Angie Bynum &
Chris McFarren

July 19, 2026

Kids' Time
Joyce Evans

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

" Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry itself."

Matthew 6:34

Stewardship

July 5, 2026

General Budget	$2,179.00
Building Maintenance	$330.00
Missions	$165.00
Total	**$2,674.00**

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 TBD. 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!

Heritage Pointe, Warren
Barbara Charles

Ossian Healthcare
Rose McCormick
Melaine Shady
Sandy Langel

Christian Care
Bob Hiester
Judy Grove

Remember Our Homebound Members

River Terrace
Karen West
Mary Bishop
Carolyn McBride

At Their Home
Don Reeves
Ted Ellis

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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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