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First Baptist Church Newsletter

August 12, 2026

Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that everyone is doing well this week and that God works in ways that each of you notice throughout the week. This past Sunday I spoke of removing the barriers in your life that stand in the way of growth that God wishes to see, both in our lives and in the lives of others. It's not always an easy thing to do by any means. Sometimes we do such things because we are frightened of stepping out into unfamiliar territory. Sometimes we do them because that's all we know and the way we've always done things.

I know many of you have expressed wishes to see the church grow and I believe we have seen the buds of growth in the time I've been here. However, just because we can see things starting doesn't mean we can't just let it be. A gardener doesn't plant seeds and the moment buds appear then goes on to ignore the garden. A builder doesn't finish the structure and then forgo putting up the siding and drywall. It has been so wonderful to see the faces each week of those who call this church home and the sight of new faces appearing amongst those already here. As the church grows to whatever speed God dictates, we must be ready to meet the challenges that accompany growth to ensure those who come through our doors are welcomed and find a church home amongst us. Answers won't always come quick or easy, but I know together we will continue to grow ourselves and welcome those who join us. I'll close with the famous words of Psalm 3:5-6.

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

God bless,
Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

Final Friday: Game Night

Join us for our next Final Friday event August 21th at 7:00 p.m. We will have a variety of board games and card games for a great opportunity to connect with others. You are more than welcome to bring your favorite game to share as well!

We hope to see you there!

STREET FAIR PARKING

Each year we rent our parking spaces for Street Fair. The spaces are $25 for our FBC family. To reserve your space, fill-out an envelope available in the foyer; please include your payment. Remaining spaces will be available to the public beginning Monday, August 24 for $30.

Teachers for Sunday

August 16, 2026

Kids' Time
Joyce Evans

LOL
Darcy Isch

Stewardship

August 9, 2026

General Budget	$3,649.00
Building Maintenance	$80.00
Missions	$100.00
Memorials	$50.00
Church Store	$100.00
Total	**$3,979.00**

FOOD STORE

Our Church Food Store is here to care for members of our church family who may need a helping hand. We invite you to be part of this ministry through your generosity and service.

Please sign up in the narthex if you are willing to purchase or donate food and household items.

If you are willing to help, please contact Jan Jones.

If you are in need of assistance or would like to use the Food Store, please contact Pastor Peter.

We are currently collecting donations for our Samaritans Purse Project. We are seeking either monetary donations or items that can be packed into shoeboxes such as small toys, school supplies, and clothing accessory. These simple gifts bring joy, hope, and love of Christ to children around the world. We also ask that you save any shoeboxes you have at home and bring them to Helen for the Samaritan's Purse project. Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

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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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