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First Baptist Church Newsletter  
August 13, 2025

Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope this article reaches each of you amid a wonderful day and that God blesses each of you this week. Considering we have just started a new sermon series going over the parables of Jesus I stumbled across a quote from C. S. Lewis in his book "The Great Divorce" that I thought was quite appropriate considering last Sunday's message. He wrote, "*There are two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says... 'Thy will be done.'*"

The purpose of parables is to seed the hearts of those who hear. Some receive it willingly and let it take root and those are the ones who will look to God in their various situations and say to God, "*Thy will be done.*" As such, their roots will grow deep in their faith of Christ Jesus and their dependance on God. Rooted so firmly in Him that they can endure the storms of this world.

However, some hearts are completely unwilling to receive Him or be a shallow faith that crumples under trials or only let it only become a bumper sticker type faith that is easily forgotten/covered up. Those various hearts refuse to submit to God instead of allowing Him to rule their lives, those are the one that God says to, "*Thy will be done.*" You see God loves each of us so much He allows us the freedom of choice. The choice to choose him or not to choose Him. He does not force us like what we would expect to hear in an earthly sinful version of an abusive relationship. No. He calls us into a deeper relationship. He calls to each of us through love and allows each of us to make that choice. Because God is love. Pure and holy. Love without choice is empty and hollow.

Paul touched on this in the first chapter of Romans writing, "<sup>24</sup> *Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts...*" Paul was speaking on how mankind elevated itself in their own minds. How they created their own gods to worship and fell into their own folly. God allowed it and I am sure it broke His heart. But despite their choice He said, "*Thy will be done.*"

I hope and pray that each of our hearts is that tilled soil that looks to God. That heart that cries out, "Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name." May your lives, may this church, always look to God through thick and thin.

God Bless,

Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

## STREET FAIR PARKING



Each Year we rent our parking spaces for Street Fair. The spaces are \$20 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 25 for \$25.

As Mike and Jackie Chaney prepare to move later this year, we are looking for someone to take over the role of Financial Secretary. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to Monroe or speak with one of the deacons.

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

Thank you!



### Stewardship

**August 3, 2025**

General Budget	\$2,710.00
Building Maintenance	\$170.00
Missions	\$180.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,060.00</b>

**August 3, 2025**

General Budget	\$1,600.00
Building Maintenance	\$65.00
Missions	\$150.00
Street Fair Parking	\$245.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,060.00</b>

**Teachers for Sunday**  
Sunday, August 17, 2025

**Kids' Time**  
Evalyn Fate &  
Jackson Collins



**LOL**  
Darcy Isch

**Refreshments for Kids**

Teachers will provide drinks for the children in the Education Wing on Sunday mornings. Please do not allow the children to bring refreshments from The Gathering Place to class. Thank you!

**Birthdays To Add To Your Calendar:**

Pastor Peter Fairchild

March 8<sup>th</sup>

Mindy Fairchild

September 11<sup>th</sup>

Lucy Fairchild

December 31<sup>st</sup>

Elliot Fairchild

January 8<sup>th</sup>

Heritage Pointe, Warren

Barbara Charles

River Terrace

Karen West  
Carolyn McBride

Ossian Healthcare

Rose McCormick  
Sandy Langel



PRAY for our  
Homebound

Christian Care

Bob Hiester

At Their Home

Don Reeves

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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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