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First Baptist Church Newsletter

August 5, 2026

Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that everyone is having a great week and that you can see God working in each of your lives. However, that won't always be the case. Sometimes as we go through life it is hard to look outside of our current circumstances. As Christians, we can look to God and rely on Him in all situations; however, sometimes it feels like the answers aren't coming when we want them. If you've ever felt like this, I can promise you're not the only one.

13 I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
14 Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

These words can be found in Psalm 27 by David, once described as a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). David had his own share of hardships and troubles. Even waiting to receive the kingship of Israel was something he had to wait to receive. Depending on our circumstances the waiting can feel anywhere from an annoyance to downright depressing. However, I can promise that God's timing is always better than our own. It doesn't make the waiting any better or the hardships that we endure, but ultimately God has plans for us. The ultimate fulfillment of those plans will be seen once we have left this life. Strive each day for God's kingdom for this world is ultimately not our home. We're just here recruiting and bringing others into the faith, so that they too might enjoy eternity with our loving God.

God bless,
Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

LOL - LISTEN OBEY LOVE

LOL is a class for third through eighth grade students. It has been on summer break, but will start up again this Sunday, August 9th. The students stay in the worship service during the first part and then leave for class during the offertory. There is a note for dismissal in the bulletin. They meet upstairs in the classroom of the Christian Education wing. This class does not meet on the first Sunday of the month so that teachers and students may participate in communion It also does not meet on holiday weekends.

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!

Teachers for Sunday

August 9, 2026

Kids' Time
Angie Bynum &
Chris McFarren

LOL
Traci Heller

Stewardship

August 2, 2026

General Budget	$1,025.00
Building Maintenance	$40.00
Missions	$50.00
Total	**$1,115.00**

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 this Sunday, August 9th. 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.

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.

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

Remember Our Homebound Members

<u>Heritage Pointe, Warren</u>
Barbara Charles

<u>Ossian Healthcare</u>
Melaine Shady
Sandy Langel

<u>Christian Care</u>
Bob Hiester
Judy Grove

<u>River Terrace</u>
Karen West
Mary Bishop
Carolyn McBride

<u>At Their Home</u>
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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