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A Message from Our Pastor
Bro. James Hazlewood - Senior Pastor
Church family,

Our memory verse for the month of July is Mark 16:15, which says, *"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.' "* (NKJV). After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His followers multiple times. Matthew tells us that Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples on the mountain in Galilee, giving the command in our memory verse (Matthew 28:16-20). This command is known as The Great Commission, not "The Great Option!" This command was not limited to just the eleven disciples. The Great Commission is a command that every Christian is called to obey. As one preacher wrote, "A Christian is just a man who obeys Christ."¹ Christians obey Jesus when they share the Gospel!

On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate 250 years of independence. According to one source, from 1775 to 2025, 1,304,460 people lost their lives in major wars involving the United States.² As we celebrate, we must remember that our freedoms as Americans have come and are maintained at a high cost of human lives. The Christian's spiritual freedom came at the high cost of heaven, the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. Regardless of the date on the calendar, Christian Americans should celebrate their freedoms every day and give God thanks for His grace toward their nation and them!

I have two specific prayer requests. First, I ask you to pray for our summer mission team, who will partner with Ocoee Outreach in Cleveland, TN, July 12-18, to serve in the Cleveland, TN area. Pray for Bro. Jeffery Hampton, as he leads the team. Our team is scheduled to lead a Vacation Bible School at a local Boys and Girls Club, build a ramp at one home, and put new shingles on another home. We will also have team members providing childcare so others can serve, as well as a team that cooks breakfast every morning. I want to thank Bro. Jeffery for leading the team, those committed to going and serving, all the prayer partners who will be praying, and the church for her support! Second, I ask you to seek the Lord on behalf of the church for a qualified ministry assistant and God's man to lead our music ministry. These two individuals are important parts of our church's functions and ministries.

Blessings,

Bro. James

¹ J. D. Jones, The Gospel according to St. Mark: 14-16:20, ed. C. H. Irwin, vol. 4, A Devotional Commentary (London: The Religious Tract Society, 1913), 327.

² <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1009819/total-us-military-fatalities-in-american-wars-1775-present/>

How To Be Saved:

A. Admit to God that you are a sinner!
(Read Romans 3:23)

B. Believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins!
(Read Acts 16:31)

C. Confess your faith in Jesus and ask Him to save you!
(Read Romans 10:9-10, & 13)



Two Hundred Fifty Years of Grace

Two hundred fifty years have passed,
Since first the spark of freedom
gleamed.
A nation built on hope to last,
Beyond what weary exiles dreamed.

Through trials deep and shadows long,
We've walked by Your sustaining hand;
You turned our sorrow into song,
And poured Your grace across this land.

From mountain peak to rolling sea,
We owe our blessings to the King.
For in Your truth, we find our key,
To every liberty we sing.

Let justice roll like waters pure,
And righteousness exalt the nation;
May Your foundation stand secure,
Our ultimate and sure salvation.

As we look toward the years ahead,
With faithful hearts and eyes set high,
Let love and truth be widely spread,
Beneath the watchful, gracious sky.

JULY'S JONAH

BY BRO. JACKIE VAUGHAN - ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The book of Jonah, the fifth of the Minor Prophets has an unknown author. Jonah first appears as a prophet from Gath. (Read 2 Kings 1:25) Jonah was called by God to preach to the Ninevites, but he ran away from the call. But he could not run from God. Jonah finds himself, after being in a tremendous storm at sea, in the belly of a great big fish. He spends three days in this condition. Then God, who has been in control all this time, spoke to the fish. The fish then vomits Jonah onto dry ground and for the next chapter of his life he obeys God and preaches to the Ninevites.

Well, the people of Ninevah believed God. (Read Jonah 3:5) And God turned from the disaster that He would bring upon Ninevah. (Read Jonah 3:10) So, the book ends (read Jonah 4), with a picture of God's amazing grace. Jonah became angry, sinful. But God showed him kindness, grace.

All of Jonah's trouble really began when he ran from God to start with. There is futility in running from God. Running from God will get us nowhere and will only invite unnecessary hardship. Don't run from God, run to God and live.

God Bless,
Bro. Jackie

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

BY LYNN SNIDER - MINISTRY ASSISTANT

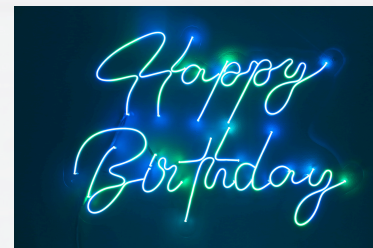
Well, I shouldn't have said good-bye so fast! I'm currently still in the saddle, so to speak. That just gives me another opportunity to fill you in on a few things. Our line-up for worship leaders this month are as follows: July 5 - Hunter Martin, July 12- Dylan Jordan, July 19 - Clark Perkins and then on July 26 we'll have Ricky Clark. Continue to be in prayer as we wait for the person that God has chosen to be our new worship leader.

The Mission Team will be heading to Cleveland bright and early on Sunday, July 12. It's never too early to be praying for them. If you're unable to go on the mission trip, but you still want to be helpful, there's still time to donate cases of water or cases of small bottles of Gatorade. It gets really hot doing the work that Ocoee has planned. A cold bottle of Gatorade, or water, is so refreshing and helps to get the job done! If you're not much of a shopper, you may want to donate cash and someone will make the purchase for you. Just see Jeffery Hampton.

It won't be long before the addition to the church will be complete. The folks that have been working on it, have worked so hard to make it what we have envisioned. Do me a favor. Treasure this area for me. I want to return from time to time to enjoy this space with you. This addition will be a beautiful area for our children to further their knowledge of our loving Savior. It will serve as an area in which they can learn songs of praise as they attend Wee Wee Worship. It will also become an area where lifelong friendships are nurtured. I still have friends from my days as a child in church! Adults, you will have more space to learn and fellowship in fresh classrooms, too. This will allow you to invite more friends to join you in learning about the Bible, in addition to having great discussions in Sunday School. This new area is a great tool to encourage others to attend FBC to enjoy all that it has to offer!

However, this new area comes with responsibilities, too. One area of responsibility is to keep it tidy. As mothers everywhere would say, "clean up!" David Hilliard will appreciate your effort to dispose of candy wrappers, or any paper that you don't want to take home. Just take a minute and toss it into a nearby trash can. Also, teach your children to respect the new furniture and the freshly painted walls. Feet belong on the floor, not the walls or tabletops. Let's work together to keep this area something we can all be proud of.

And as I final note, I want to thank all of you for being my friends, for encouraging me, making me laugh and even making me cry. I've decided that it's not going to be a good-bye, it's just see you later. Thanks for all you've done for me. You're in my heart to stay!



- 1 MELANIE HIGH
- 2 BRO. JAMES HAZLEWOOD
- 3 JAN JOHNSON
- 4 JOEY RADFORD
- 5 PAULA HUGGINS, CHRIS PETTY
- 7 SHELBY SINGLETON ESSARY, MELISSA LEHMKUHL
- 9 LINDA OVERTON
- 10 MEGAN DAVIDSON
- 15 DIANE MINYARD, PARIS SMITH
- 17 GRACE PUCKETT
- 18 DEREK RAWLS, KERI ADAMS, CAROLINE HARRIS
- 19 ZAC ELLIOTT
- 21 ADDISEN COOPER
- 22 SANDRA DUDLEY BELEW
- 23 KAYLEE SIMMONS
- 24 HARLEY ROBERSON
- 25 FAITH HAZLEWOOD, WHITNEY ABERNATHY
- 27 JOSH COOPER, TORI SINGLETON
- 29 HOLLY MCALISTER
- 31 MAGEN COOPER

CHILDREN'S CORNER

BY CAROL FEATHERSTON - CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Thank you to all the people who volunteered in any way to help make VBS a success! Our church is not only blessed with so many sweet children, but also so many parents, grandparents, and other adults who are always willing to step up and help when it comes to the kids. Your willingness to serve is always appreciated, and does not go unnoticed.

A very special "THANK YOU" goes to Mrs. Lynn who has gone above and beyond the duties of a ministry assistant! The children love her so much, and she has been such a blessing to our children's ministry while serving here at FBC. We are so sad to see you go, but wish you all the best that life has to offer. No one deserves it more than you, and we know that God will always bless you for the special person that you are!! No matter where you go and what you do, always remember WE LOVE YOU!

GIRLS IN ACTION

BY JACLYN WEBER - GA'S LEADER

July is here which means it's time to gather items for Christmas in August! This year we have chosen Nathan Woods in Lansing, NC with the Appalachian Church Northwest. This fits perfectly with our June missionaries which was located in the Appalachian mountain region.

Nathan shares, "Appalachian Church Northwest would love to be a part of Christmas in August. We are working with a local elementary school in the mountains of Ashe County, North Carolina, to provide needed supplies to students in January. There are 333 students in grades K-6, and 70% of enrolled students are at or below the poverty level.

Each student will be given a "You Matter Bag" which contains supplies for the second semester as well as a personal gift. The school does not permit religious materials, but we will be able to include a note from our church along with our website."

The GA's will be collecting the following items throughout the month of July to ship to Nathan in August:

- Clear plastic water bottles
- Durable pencil pouches
- K-2 sketch pads
- Lined journals
- K-2 washable markers
- Colored pens
- Travel size games
- Ticonderoga pencils
- Quality pink block erasers
- Drawstring bags

We appreciate everyone's help each year with this ministry project! If you have any questions, please reach out.

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OUR WONDERFUL BUS DRIVERS

JULY 1 - CHRIS PENCE
JULY 5 - HAL SMITH
JULY 8 - DUSTIN PRITCHARD
JULY 12 - TONY MITCHELL
JULY 15 - JONATHAN JAMES
JULY 19 - JEFF BROWN
JULY 22 - CODY RICKETTS
JULY 26 - ISAAC ERVIN
JULY 29 - JACKIE VAUGHAN

****PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
AT 731-235-3365, MONDAY-FRIDAY,
8:00 A.M. - NOON,
IF YOU NEED A RIDE.**

OUR FRIENDLY GREETERS

JULY 5 - JONATHAN JAMES, MARK
WEAVER, JOEY FEATHERSTON
JULY 12 - HAL SMITH, ANDREW PETTY,
DAVID HUGUELEY
JULY 19 - PAULA HUGGINS, CHAD SHARPE,
JOEY FEATHERSTON
JULY 26 - JONATHAN JAMES, TYLER
MITCHELL, MARGIE STALEY

OUR LOVING NURSERY STAFF (PROVIDED DURING ALL SERVICES)

JULY 5 - ASHTON MONTGOMERY
JULY 12 - BETH SCATES
JULY 19 - ROBIN HIGDON
JULY 26 - JANET LEGONS

OUR AWESOME CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

JULY 5 - DIANE CROOM/ERIKA JAMES
JULY 12 - HALEY FEATHERSTON/LISA WEAVER
JULY 19 - JENNY ERVIN/ANDREA SHARPE
JULY 26 - KELLY CROOM/CAROL
FEATHERSTON

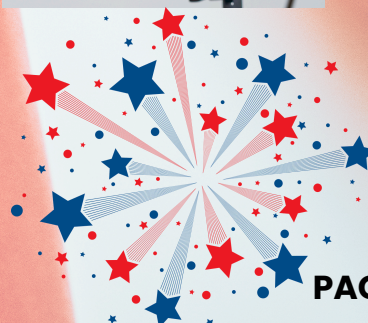
OUR EXCELLENT TEAM OF COUNTERS

JULY 5 - DAVID WINSTEAD/JAKE WATERFIELD
JULY 12 - DAVID WINSTEAD/ROGER STEWART
JULY 19 - DAVID WINSTEAD/TY SMITHSON
JULY 26 - DAVID WINSTEAD/CHRIS PENCE

View Our Services Online:

YouTube: First Baptist Church Greenfield
Facebook: First Baptist Church-Greenfield

**You can now listen to our 11 AM
Sunday service on WCMT AM 1410,
FM 92.7, 96.1, 99.7, 100.5 or 103.3.**



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

BY SUSAN MITCHELL - WMU DIRECTOR

In our June meeting we learned of the work of Rob Allen, who serves as director of Send Relief Ashland(Kentucky). This area is a part of Appalachia, and much poverty exists there. Rob says that in spite of this, the people are resilient and keep going. He asks us to pray that he and his team would use every ministry opportunity to proclaim Jesus. This should be our prayer for our church also. Part of our Annie Armstrong Offering goes to support Rob in this work.

Our next meeting will be on July 12. We will meet in the library at 5 p.m. We will definitely be praying for our mission team, who will be leaving on this day.

LIGHTHOUSE STUDENT MINISTRY

BY BRO. ERIC DAVIDSON - MINISTER OF YOUTH

July is probably my favorite summer month. Throughout my entire childhood, I always looked forward to the 4th of July. For me, that meant a week at the lakehouse and fireworks everywhere! My brothers and I definitely did some questionable things with fireworks, but we don't want to talk about that.

July 4th for Americans is a time to celebrate our Declaration of Independence. While all Americans have freedom in the United States physically, many Americans do not have freedom from sin and the punishment of sin. For Christians, we have two extraordinary gifts in our physical freedoms and our freedom from sin and it's consequences. Jesus commands us in the great comission to tell everyone about the hope that is in us.

So while we are celebrating the freedom that makes us Americans, let's remember that Jesus paid an even dearer price so that all people may experience eternal salvation. In your various gatherings this month remember the calling that you have to share Christ with others, and to live a life set apart from this world.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUTH: ● Mission Trip ● DNOW Lake Trip

Youth don't forget that I teach a discipleship training class on Sunday evenings as well. It starts at 5pm and I would love to see you there! Youth, come join us for food and worship every Wednesday evening at 6 PM!

God Bless, Eric Davidson

The Hem of His Garment Sewing Ministry

BY SUSAN WILLIAMS, MELISSA LEHMKUHL & AMBER GRAVES

The Hem of His Garment Sewing Ministry met on Saturday, June 13, 2026. Our attendance was down a bit this month, but definitely not our productivity! While some of our dedicated ladies worked on quilted prayer squares, and crocheting baby blankets, others were able to finish five pieced quilt squares for our first baby quilt to be gifted to one of our forthcoming babies in our church! It's truly amazing, and such a blessing, to see what beautiful work these ladies produce! We are about to reach 3,000 quilted prayer squares which have been made, gifted and distributed! This past year, in addition to quilts and blankets made for babies born in our church family, and quilted prayer squares, we have also made adult bibs for all of the nursing homes in Weakley County! We invite all who wish to participate in this awesome ministry to join us! No sewing experience required!

Important notice: We have voted not to meet in the month of July due to several members being out for various reasons. However, we will resume Saturday, August 8, from 9:00 AM until noon, at the Greenfield First Baptist Church Youth Building. Come join us!

The Lighthouse Student Ministry

**(6th Grade - 12th Grade)
Wednesday Nights @ 6 PM
Meal, Worship, & Bible Study**



Opportunities to Worship & Serve:

Morning Worship	Sunday @ 8:30 AM and 11AM
Connection Time	Sunday @ 9:30 AM
Sunday School for All Ages	Sunday @ 10 AM
Discipleship Training	Sunday @ 5 PM
Evening Worship	Sunday @ 6 PM

Wee Worship (PreK-5th Grade)
Sunday @ 6 PM

Lighthouse Student Ministry
Wednesday @ 6 PM
(6th Grade - 12th Grade)

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Wednesday @ 7 PM

RA's / GA's / Mission Friends
Wednesday @ 7 PM
(Pre-school - 5th grade)

Church Staff:

Bro. James Hazlewood - Senior Pastor
Bro. Jackie Vaughan - Associate Pastor
VACANT - Minister of Music
Bro. Eric Davidson - Minister of Youth
Carol Featherston - Children's Director
Lynn Snider - Ministry Assistant
David Hilliard - Custodian

