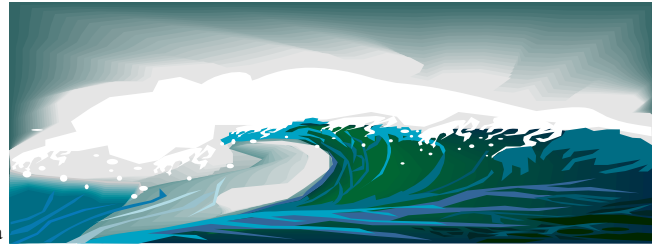




# The *July 2021* Anchor

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...Heb.6:19a



With summer in full swing, one starts to think about families gathering together to enjoy cookouts, picnics, grilling, vacations, and just spending time together. The key words are family and gathering. The two words go together like peanut butter and jelly. Family is important to God and has always been. The Bible tells us that the *husbands and wives are to love each other* (Eph 5:25), that we are to *honor our mothers and fathers* (Ex. 20:12), and that as parents *we are not supposed to provoke our children in a way that discourages them* (Col 3:21). These scriptures remind us that families are important to God. Families are part of the foundation that is built on the cornerstone of faith who is Jesus. Most of all, families are supposed to exude love. Families are a safe harbor where we can let our guard down and just be ourselves. Families may not always get along, but they are family. We help each other. We love each other. It is God, our heavenly Father, who wants us to be real with Him always. He wants to hear the good and bad things going on in our lives. He blesses us continually.

We can find comfort knowing God is there for us in both the thick and thin times. God knows our deepest fears and what brings anxiety to our lives. The good news for us, is that we can cast all of our cares and burdens upon him. We may be the only family someone has. Even when they are not related to us, we're seen as family. Therefore, let us use these summer family get-togethers as a way to invite our family members and friends to church. A simple, "Why don't you come and go to church with me this Sunday," might just be what they need to hear in that moment.

If you are looking for something fun to do this summer, consider a night of baseball fun. We are currently signing up families for Faith and Family Day at the Ballpark in Charleston on July 24. The church is willing to buy you and your family a box seat to enjoy the professional baseball game, the K-Love style Christian Concert that will be held on the field, and the after game fireworks. You can upgrade your admission ticket for \$16.00 more and have unlimited food while you are there. Best of all, our seats will be in the same area, which means fellowship opportunity. If you have an interest in going, please let Susan West know by Friday, July 9 so she can get your name down. All we ask, is that if we purchase you a ticket, you go. I'm guessing, I'll upgrade my ticket.

On another note, I want to thank all of our volunteers who served during Vacation Bible School this year. It was wonderful. The decorations, the lessons, the crafts and music – were just great. All of you made impacts on children that we may never fully see in our lifetime. The

kids seemed to enjoy themselves and I believe all of the adults on the finale night seemed to really be pleased with how everything turned out.

Lastly, on the topic of summertime, the month of July will result in many of us traveling for vacation. My family vacation is in August, but many of your all's may be during the month of July. If you are traveling this year, please be careful out on the roadways. I want to pray a blessing over you and your family for traveling mercies. Remember, you can always catch the service online. To that end, God has been so good to us and He continues to be. Let us all pause to praise His Holy name. Let us all have the best summer ever, especially after the last year we experienced. Enjoy your family time! I'll live you with this thought in regards to family - Psalm 133:1 says, *"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"*

In His service,

*Pastor Toby*





We have averaged 12 for evening services. The Youth were able to start meeting again on Sunday evenings on May 16. It's been great to gather again after a long year of isolation. Our numbers are slowly growing, however, since we have quite a few that have jobs or are on vacation already.

The Youth were active during our three days of *Helping at Home*. They weeded, gathered items for the yard sale that people have been collecting and cleaning cars.

What are the characteristics of the antichrist? That is where our Bible study has been - **Don't Be Fooled**. We are learning to look for the 'wolf in sheep's clothing' as written in Revelations.

The Youth Yard Sale is going to be **BIG** again! Many thanks to everyone who is helping, donating or buying to support the youth. The sale starts July 8 and ends on July 10. Come and look around...you may find your lost treasure.

Some activities planned are the Rhett Walker concert on the Courthouse lawn on July 4 from 6:30-9:00. I will be taking any youth who want to go. We are also planning a trip for kayaking like we did last year. The kids had a great time, even in the muddy waters. When we get everyone's schedule, we will be going to The Wilds in Ohio.

We have 3 youth going to the Senior High camp at Cowen on July 11- Aaron Wagoner, Grace Shirley and Makenzie Grandon. Please pray for their travels and their time at camp to help them grow in the Lord.

I am keeping in touch with all the kids and trying hard to show them Christ. Thanks to all who support our Junior and Senior High Youth.

In His service,

*Ann*



## Youth Yard Sale

One man's trash is another man's treasure!  
Bring your unwanted items to the youth yard  
sale today! Pick up is available. Contact Ann  
or the office today.

Then come and look for your treasure on  
July 8, 9, 10 to find the bargain of the year!

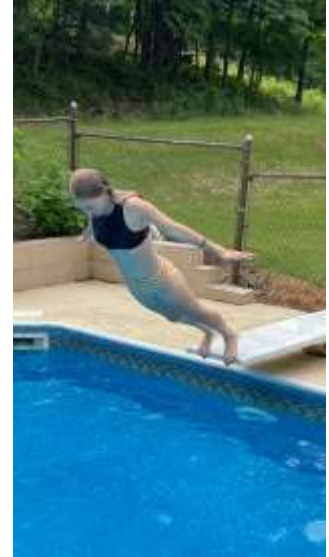
From trash to treasure to support the  
Youth. We Thank You!





# Help at Home

Ann had kids working around town helping at the homes of our people in big and small ways. Kolton, Angus & Izzy Boothe, Dylan Pautz, Chessa Sigmon, Justin Smith, Charlie Tennant and John Wagoner and others moved items from houses to the Fellowship Hall as well as other jobs that were needed around town. Thanks to all the Youth for their hard work! Thanks to the adults who helped the kids too! Helen, Kathy, and Susan. The youth also had time to cool off in the Johnson pool a couple days.



# Brother's Keepers



Makenzie Grandon led music one evening at Brother's Keeper. FBC Fellowship Hall was the meeting place for lunch during the week of BK in Ravenswood. Kenzie and Aaron Wagoner represented FBC.

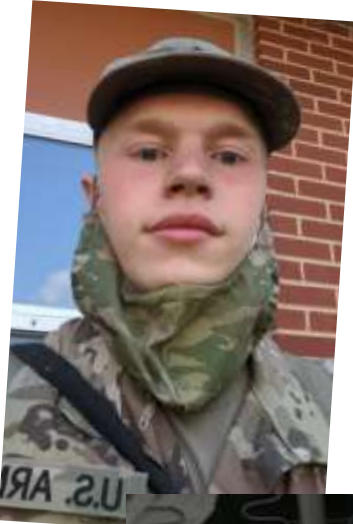
# This and That at FBC



How sad to see the Macintosh house in flames!

The house is two doors from the church and such a landmark. Many were privy to the uses it had over the years. Thankfully, the fire was contained and didn't affect the church.

It's good to know they will be fixing it up.



We've been missing Philip at church and youth. But never fear! He'll be back in August.

**Be safe Philip!**



## It's that time again!

The Nominating Committee will be meeting on July 6 to organize and begin looking for people for our church offices and committees.

This is a difficult job. Please be in pray for the committee and for the church.

Remember, the Lord may be leading you to a position to do His work. Open your heart and be in prayer if you are asked to take a place. Your ideas and love may be just what FBC needs to reach more people for Christ!





# Happy Birthday



Take me out to the ball-  
game...



We are gathering adults and youth who would like to attend the Faith and Family Day at Power Park in Charleston on July 24.

Enjoy an afternoon and evening with a baseball game, KLove concert with Render the Heart, and fireworks. The church will pay \$6 for your ticket and we can sit together in box seats.

If you would like to upgrade to include an all you can eat ticket, the cost is \$22.00. (the church will still pay \$6 of your ticket.)

Contact Susan in the office by July 9. We need at least 20 people to sign up to get the \$6 seats.

### **Second Quarter Business Meeting**

Our Second Quarterly Business Meeting is July 14 at 6:30. There will be no Bible study that evening. All members are encouraged to attend to discuss the Lord's work in our church.

*ALL REPORTS ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY JULY 7.*

Thank you.

### **CommUnity Kitchen**

We are in need of individuals, families or groups willing to work with the CommUnity Kitchen on some different Saturdays the rest of the year. Our next open Saturday is July 24.

If you are willing to help with this ministry, please contact the office or sign up on the office side door.

### **The Fellowship Hall Is Open**

After a year of mostly no use, we are glad to announce the FBC Fellowship Hall can now be used by our people for showers and family parties.

Please complete the form in the office and check the office calendar for availability.





# VBS 1960's style



FBC has always been in the business of reaching out, bringing in and sharing the gospel. We thank God for the volunteers who have helped throughout the years.

How many people do you recognize?

Thanks Carol Crow for the picture!

# VBS 2021



# Prepping for VBS



Building a castle isn't as easy as it looks!

Thanks to all who came to cut and paint; build and design, and make the place special for the kids we reached out to.





# Good and Goopy!





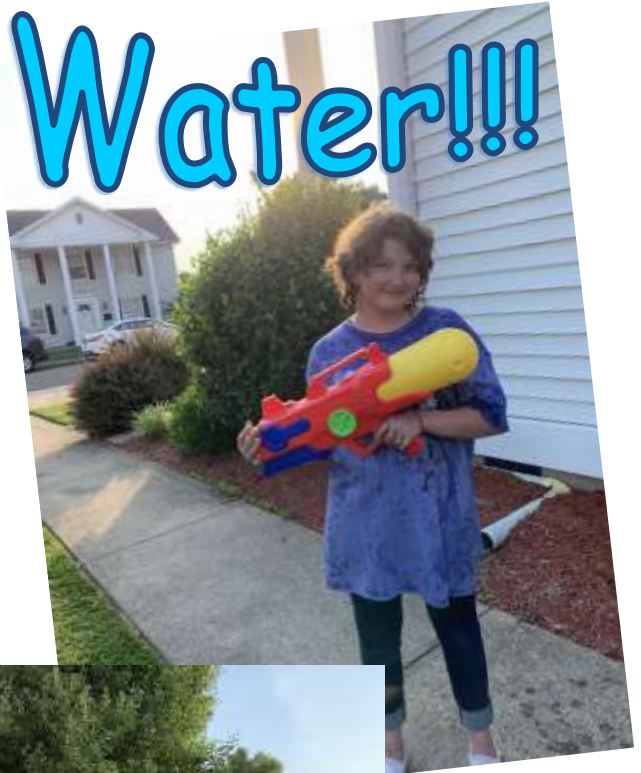
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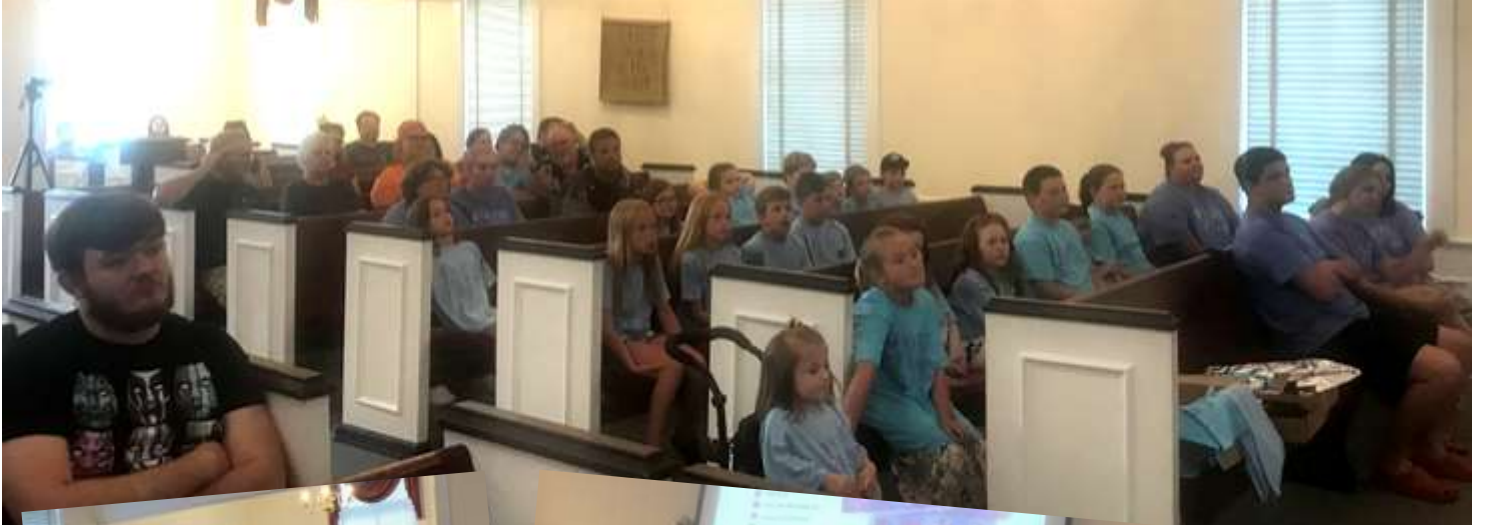
# Food...



# and Water!!!







We are the Knights of North Castle!



Go Spazky Go!





# Lovin our little ones!







**Here's our Science Guy!**



# Crafty, aren't we?!





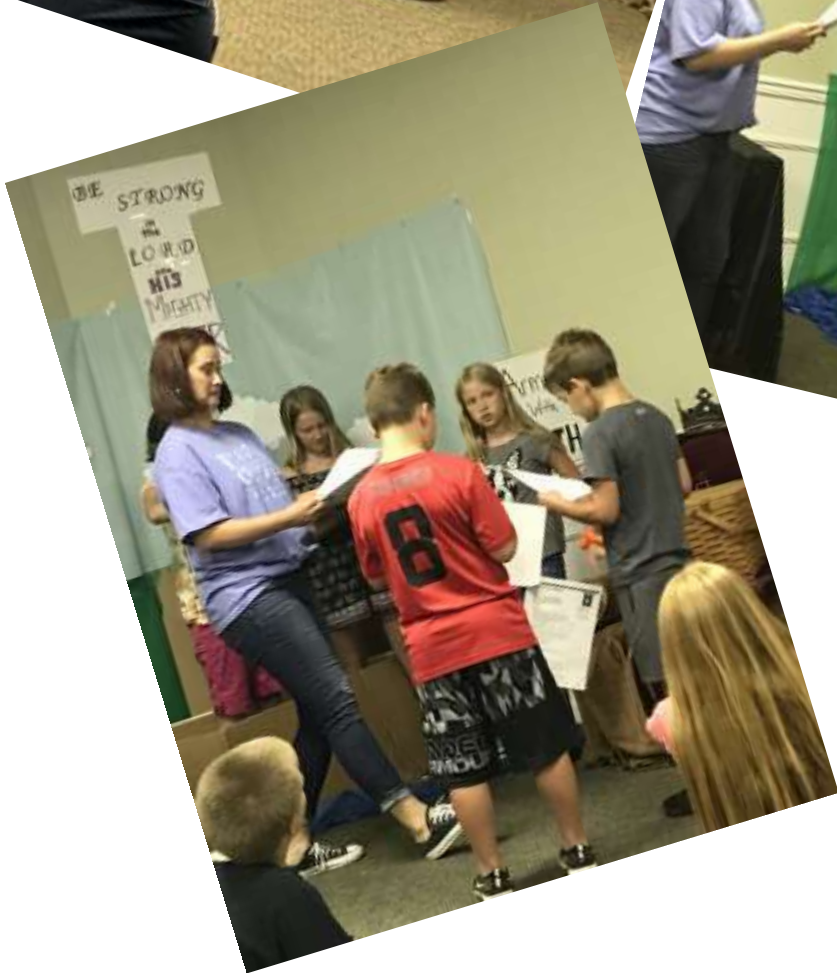


# Smiles and Styles





# Bible Stories!



## *With Love...*

Summer has finally arrived; we are getting relief from Covid and things are starting to get back to normal. It is so good to see the smiling faces without the masks and the church pews starting to fill up again.

Thanks to all those who worked hard to put together another wonderful Bible School. It was great to see all the kids having so much fun and learning about God and the Bible while enjoying it so much. I had the pleasure of bringing two of the small children one evening. I had forgotten how much pleasure little ones can bring into our lives and hearts. It meant so much to me at a time when I am going through such a great loss in my life.

Isn't it wonderful how God works? When we are suffering and hurting He finds a way to give us peace and something to lift our hearts and spirits. All we have to do is open our hearts to Him and we will find a love and comfort that is greater than all things. He is there for us and all He wants is for us to let Him come into our lives.

I know I am late saying this but all of you and the Church have been so wonderful to me and my children during this time of our loss. It has been so hard for me to find words to thank you enough for all that you have done - your phone calls, your cards, food, and most of all your prayers. I realize now just how much all of you, the church, and my God and Savior mean to me. From the bottom of my heart! Thank you so much. We love all of you so much.

*John Stephenson*





**Focus on Sunday School:**



**Amazing Creatures in the Bible**

We hear about dinosaurs, wombats, spiny anteaters and more in the world today. But have you heard about any of these?

The **Leviathan** was a seven headed sea monster that glided through the water, coiling and trying to destroy God's creation. But God destroyed it instead. Isaiah 27:1

The **Ophanim** had the appearance of a man but had 4 faces and four wings. Their legs were straight and their feet were like a calf's and shone like polished bronze. Under their wings on four sides were hands like a man. Their wings touched each other and they did not turn when they moved. Ezekiel 1:4-9

**Locusts** looked like horses prepared for battle. They wore something like crowns of gold with human faces and long hair, lion's teeth, breastplates of iron and tails like a scorpion. The wings made the sound of chariots rushing into battle. They were sent to torment humans. Their leader was Apollyon. Revelations 9:7-11

It's amazing what you can learn in Sunday School!

**July Calendar**

- July 1** Deaconess Meeting
- July 4** Happy Fourth of July, Rhett Walker concert for youth
- July 5** Office Closed
- July 6** Nominating Committee
- July 7** All reports due for 2nd Quarter
- July 8-10** Youth Yard Sale
- July 11-17** High School Camp Cowen
- July 12** BOCE; Trustee Meeting
- July 13** Men's Fellowship
- July 14** Financial Committee; 2nd Quarter Business Meeting
- July 15** CIRCLE
- July 19** Deacons' Meeting; Anchor Articles Due
- July 24** Power BB Game; Concert; Fireworks

**July Birthdays**



- Pastor Toby—7/1**
- Micah Arrington—7/4**
- Dena Williams—7/5**
- Christie Mize—7/5**
- Allen Palmer—7/5**
- Sherry Dzierzanski—7/6**
- Mona Eubank—7/9**
- John Stephenson—7/12**
- Roger Rader—7/12**
- Jeff Flesher—7/16**
- Zach Wood—7/17**
- Annabelle Flesher—7/19**
- Jordan Williams—7/19**
- Carolyn Brown—7/21**
- Ron Starkey—7/30**

Is your birthday name missing?  
Tell Susan

**Bible Book of the Month  
July 2021**

**James**



**CommUnity Kitchen**

- July 3** No CK
- July 10** Burt Lyons
- July 17** Women's CIRCLE
- July 24** **OPEN**
- July 31** Calvary Baptist

If your family or group would like to help out with this ministry, please contact the office. Thank you.

## CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR



Prayer for our fellow members is an important part of our relationship with the Lord and helps us to grow closer as a church family. Each day during this month there is a different individual or family that you are asked to include in your prayers.



# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Aaron & Melissa Bennett, Beau, Cass	2 Blake Bennett	3 Thomas & Peggy Boothe, Izzy, Kolton
4 Carolyn Brown	5 Jason Brown	6 CW & Mary Caldwell, Carly, Josie	7 Tom & Patti Calvert	8 Grant & Cari Chapman	9 Shawn & Tanya Cole	10 Brent & Sandy Confer
11 Jamison Cooper, Dalilah	12 Dave & Carol Crow	13 Bryan & Andrea Crow, Benjamin	14 Brandon & Anna Davis, Liam	15 Mike & Tara Davis	16 Marie DeLong	17 Bryan & Andrea Donahue, Xavier, Violet
18 Danny & Sherry Dzierzanski	19 Rodney & Sheila Eskins	20 Mona Eubanks	21 Heidi Farrell	22 Annabelle Flesher	23 Jeff & Venisa Flesher	24 Nathanael Flesher
25 Helen Frank	26 Jim & Kathy Frazier	27 Wayne Fridley	28 Mark & Susan Gerstell	<b>29</b> <b>Kenny Goodwin</b>	30 Mike & Angela Graham, Alli, Caralyn	31 Jacob Graham



If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14