

First Family News

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From the Pastor's Desk

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I am writing this a few days before leaving for my sabbatical so I admit it is a little difficult to focus. Excitement about the trip to the Holy Land and then traveling west to Michigan is beginning to occupy most of my thoughts. Thank you for allowing Joan and me this opportunity. I know I am leaving you the capable hands of Pastor Raleigh and our deacons.

I encourage each of you to remember that June and July are always busy months on our little island. So many visitors come to enjoy all our community has to offer. Remember our call to live on mission begins here in "Our Town" as people from "Every Town" are coming to us. Keep your eyes and your hearts open for opportunities to be a positive witness for the Lord and FBCOI. Keep a few of the "You're Invited" cards in your pocket and give them away to those you meet as you are out and about.

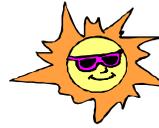
In our Prayer conference Dr. Schofield encouraged us to pray evangelistically. That means pray that the Lord might use vacations, holidays, work

schedules, good times and bad times in people's lives to draw them to himself. So, pray for lost people, pray for Christian witnesses to be active throughout our Island community and continue to pray for your one and then let's watch what the Lord does in our midst.

Then be ready to put feet to your prayers. When you see guests in our worship services go introduce yourself and welcome them before the service gets started. Help them find a place to sit or invite them to sit with you. Ask if they are new to the community, or are they visiting. Thank them for coming. If it is their first time with us invite them to fill out one of the welcome forms so we have a record of their visit. Begin building a relationship with them. It is that relationship that will bring them back. It is relationships that will help them connect and relationships will help those connections to become permanent.

Always remember that God loves you and so does your pastor.

Pastor Charlie



SON DRENCHED BEACH MINISTRY

We will be doing the Son Drenched Beach Ministry June 17 – 21. This ministry takes place on the beach at the E. 14th Place beach access close to Ocean Crest Pier 10am – 2pm each day. We need people to help set up each day, people to hand out flyers on the beach and folks to man the tent and lead the activities. Activities include simple crafts, sand castle and sand sculptures and just having conversations with visitors. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the sanctuary to sign up.

As a part of the Son Drenched Beach Ministry, we also hold a Family Fun Night on the pier on Thursday evening. This is a kind of variety show with a Christian slant. If you would like to be a part of that evening please sign up.

BOSTON MISSION TRIP



Our team for this summer's Boston Mission trip has come together and True Vine Church has already begun receiving registrations for the Sports Camp. The dates for the trip are July 12-21, 2019. Please be in prayer for this team as they travel to the Boston area and as they are working with the children from the Saugus community. Pray that this may be a fruitful time of building relationships with the children and their families so that they may be encouraged to come to VBS at the church the next week.



CHURCH HISTORY FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday evening June 16th we will have a Church History Fellowship in place of our normal evening service. It will be at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. During this time, we will share the brief written church history and encourage members to share things they remember for our history. Our church was begun the first Sunday of June 1960 so this June marks the 59th anniversary. This evening will help us to begin looking toward June of 2020 when we will celebrate 60 years of ministry. Come on out and bring a story or remembrance to share. We will also enjoy some deserts as a part of our time together.

ISLAND YOUTH

reaching for higher ground

CONNECTION

June/July 2019

June

June 2	5:30p	Family Meal
	6:00p	Bible Study
June 5	4:30p	Youth Council Meeting
June 5	6:00p	<i>Culture Shock: Engaging an Ever-Changing Culture With a Never-Changing Gospel</i>
June 9-12	5:45p	Vacation Bible School
June 13	5:45p	Vacation Bible School
	6:45p	VBS Family Experience
June 16.		FATHERS DAY- NO YOUTH
June 19	6:00p	<i>Culture Shock: Engaging an Ever-Changing Culture With a Never-Changing Gospel</i>
June 23.	4:00p	Beach Day
June 26	6:00p	<i>Culture Shock: Engaging an Ever-Changing Culture With a Never-Changing Gospel</i>
June 30	4:30p	Parent Meeting
June 30	5:30p	Family Meal
	6:00p	Bible Study

July

July 3	6:00p	Independence Day Cookout
July 7	5:30p	Family Meal
	6:00p	Bible Study
July 10	6:00p	<i>Culture Shock: Engaging an Ever-Changing Culture With a Never-Changing Gospel</i>
July 14	5:30p	Family Meal
	6:00p	Bible Study
July 17	6:00p	<i>Culture Shock: Engaging an Ever-Changing Culture With a Never-Changing Gospel</i>
July 20		Evan Gecat Birthday
July 21	5:30p	Family Meal
	6:00p	Bible Study
July 22		Josh Alanis Birthday
July 24	6:00p	<i>Culture Shock: Engaging an Ever-Changing Culture With a Never-Changing Gospel</i>
July 28 -Aug 3		Student Life Camp Mission Trip



It has been a busy couple of months for our FBCOI Island Youth! We are very grateful for your support and encouragement during Youth Month and Youth Sunday. Our youth worked hard preparing every minute of the service and your huge turnout was an incredible show of love and support! Your support during the BBQ Fundraiser is so appreciated, as well. It provided a very helpful boost to the Student Life Cam mission trip fundraising. Thank you!! May was a busy month and closed with a much-needed beach day for Memorial Day and then a kayak trip as a goodbye to one of our Coast Guard youth, Kayla. Looking forward to summer, June ushers in Vacation Bible School and July is our mission trip! The summer series for Wednesday nights will be *Culture Shock*, giving our youth a biblically-saturated understanding of the most urgent issues facing our culture today, and how to apply Gospel to

ALL areas of life and culture. Sunday nights will begin our Summer Psalms Study. This should be a good contrast to our Wednesday night cultural study! We are excited to announce the creation of our new Middle School Ministry over the coming months- giving 6th-8th graders a ministry for them, while they are at a critical stage in their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual development. This is the result of a prayerful two years organization and coordination. I look forward to this new ministry, ushering our pre-teens into Youth and giving them a space to study, pray, and fellowship together! I ask for your continued prayers through this transition!



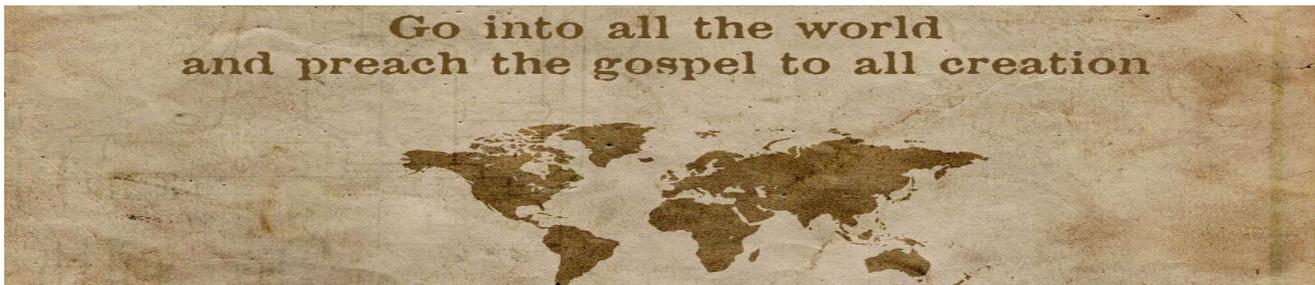
Can you name the adorable little girl in this picture?

Hint- She is a relatively newer member to the FBCOI family, but not to the Family of God.

The first person to call the Church Office -910-278-9511 and correctly identify the girl will win a DQ gift card!

(In order to ensure fairness, you must stop by or call the church office and speak to- or leave a message for- Michelle. Telling other staff or telling Michelle outside of the Church Office will not count toward prize.)

Want to have your picture submitted for the contest? Just see Michelle in the office. We will do a new picture each newsletter.



During the month of April, the Evangelism Committee supported many church activities in which First Baptist Oak Island demonstrated the love of Christ to our community. We assisted in publicizing the Spring Break Sports Camp. Praise the Lord for the 9 participants who professed faith in Christ for the first time. People of all ages from FBCOI and other volunteers shared their time and energy and, thus, touched the lives of many families. Attendance at the celebration meal and recognition program was wonderful and everyone was enthusiastic.

Another outstanding April event sponsored by the Evangelism Committee was the "Praying the Heart of God" conference. Dr. Chris Schofield shared kingdom prayer principles, encouraged us to keep our eyes on the Lord, and taught us how to pray for our neighbors in Christ. The committee provided a light lunch which was enjoyed by many. Thank you, Dr. Schofield, for challenging us to deepen our prayer lives.

The Brunswick Release Time Ministry will be wrapping up their year of Bible study. Thank you, Beth Key, for leading meaningful Bible study for middle school students who choose to participate in this activity and for driving our church van. The committee voted to provide funds from the Evangelism budget to assist in their end-of-year celebration. We will continue to support this ministry next year when the school year resumes and will look for ways to educate our church on this critically important ministry.

The committee also voted to provide financial support for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes program at SBHS. We also ask the church to be in prayer for FCA.

Upcoming activities will include Vacation Bible School in June followed by Son Drenched Ministry. Volunteers are needed for both of these programs.

Thank you to our new Welcome Center volunteers. If you want to help visitors feel welcome to FBCOI and can serve approximately one Sunday every 3 months, please let someone on the committee know. All you really need is a big smile and a big heart.

Your Evangelism Committee – Lisa Barker, Lynn Benjamin, Brenda King, Palmer Lowery, Rich Pearce

Happy Birthday

June

03 *Lauren McCoy & Wes Heafner*
06 *Julie Overpeck*
07 *Nona Gabany*
08 *Joan Carter*
14 *Shelly Burke*
20 *Gary Holbrooks & Bunnie Richardson*
21 *Lynn Cornelius*
22 *Marion Gunther & Beth Key*
24 *Paul Cummings*
25 *Ann Carpenter*
28 *Daniel Ward*
29 *Shaun Wilcox*
30 *Marcia Palmeter*

July

02 *Jack Benjamin*
04 *Pat Eatmon*
05 *Elaina Nobles*
07 *Lynn Mills*
10 *Sterlin Smith & Lee Anna Sturkie*
11 *Chloe Key & Tootie Smith*
13 *Aaron Burke*
14 *Teresa Carroll & Paul Whitley*
16 *Evelyn Beavers*
17 *Nita Kiser*
18 *Amber Bolduc*
20 *Evan Gescat; Adele Scott & Joe Barker*
23 *Randy Martin*
24 *Cassidy Barker*
27 *Susan Holbrooks*
28 *Janice Finchum*
29 *Peggy Fagg*
30 *Adam Broadwell*
31 *Linda Coble*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Property & Space- 7pm	5 Youth- 6pm Prayer Mtg-7pm	6 Lena Early- 7pm	7	8
9 VBS 5:45-8:45	10 -----	11 -----	12 Mission Action- 11am -----	13 -----	14	15
16 Happy Father's Day Church History Fellowship- 6pm	17 10am- 2pm- Son	18 Drenched	19 Beach Youth- 6pm Prayer Mtg-7pm	20 Piecemakers- 10am Ministry Family Fun Night- OCP	21 OCP	22
23 4pm- Youth Beach Day	24	25 Stewardship- 7pm	26 Youth- 6pm Prayer Mtg-7pm	27	28	29
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	1 Church Council- 7pm	2 Property & Space- 7pm	3 Youth Cook Out- 6pm		5	6
7 Lord's Supper	8 Deacons- 7pm	9	10 Mission Action- 11am Youth- 6pm Prayer Mtg-7pm	11	12 {-BOSTON	13 MISSION
14 -----	15 -----	16 -----	17 ----- Youth- 6pm Prayer Mtg-7pm	18 -----	19 -----	20 -----
21 ----- TRIP}	22	23 Stewardship- 7pm	24 Quarterly Church Conference- 7pm	25	26	27
28 Youth- Student	29 Life Camp	30 Mission Trip	31 -----			