



Faith Baptist

Sunday August 17, 2025

"Where JESUS will always be our first love"



Pastor's Corner

God is prying your fingers, so you let go of your dreams, rest in His peace, and take up His calling for your life. 1 Peter 1:6-7 "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Sometimes it is really hard to imagine that there is a greater plan for your life than the one you have dreamed, been driven to grasp, and dropped sweat and tears to achieve. But trust me God's plan and purpose is eternally greater. Oh, to let go and let God takes great faith. God can take a little faith and give you a luminous future. In grace He leads you where you didn't plan to go in order to produce in you what you couldn't achieve on your own. In these moments He works to alter the values of your heart so that you let go of your little kingdom of one and give yourself to His Kingdom of glory and grace. God is working right now, not so much to give us predicable, comfortable, and pleasurable lives, but rather working through circumstances to transform our lives. Are you willing today to finally give in so God can live in your life, freely working and altering you into someone greater than you could dream for yourself. Love Bro. Brian 8/17/2025

EVANGELISM/Missions Team

Bob White, Missions Leader

Nancy and I have been really challenged with the conference session materials at the Jerusalem Council II. Wednesday morning, Dr. Leonard Sweet presented a message on maintaining a human emphasis that will overcome the non-human emphasis of AI during the 3rd Millennium of the Church. He referenced the catch phrase, CPR = Close Personal Relationship as a goal to remember in our services and personal relationships. One take-away thought used the example of the salmon fish "our struggles do not diminish our humanity but perfect it. Through the upstream battle of choosing love over efficiency, hope over despair, and forgiveness over revenge, God's Spirit transfigures us into our truest, most beautiful form – not as enhanced beings, but as fully realized humans". Christ came as a human being, not an AI creation. We look forward to sharing more upon our return to Faith Baptist.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Bob Shearer, Chair

Praising God for his wisdom and direction, the leadership committee has reviewed and suggested a plan for both remodeling and adding to the existing building. The plan showing all construction is available for everyone to look at in the front foyer. Please look at what we feel is the direction the Lord is leading us into the future. This plan will hopefully equip us to satisfy our current congregation and also allow us to meet the needs of others looking for a small neighborly Bible believing, God driven church. What is next PRAYER BY ALL? We will have a vote to accept this plan, then the architect will put together plans showing electrical, plumbing, and air conditioning, as well as both interior and exterior finishes. These plans will then go out for bid to the different trades in hopes to have a minimum of three bids for all work. After pricing is returned and approved we will submit for permitting from Rockledge. Estimated time frame: plans approved by congregation by September, architect finalize drawings, church approves end of October, drawings out for bid, with bids returned reviewed and approved by the church mid December. Drawings submitted to Rockledge for approval with prayers they are approved by February of 2026, with a start date of March 2026. My estimated time would be that we are looking at praying for a completed project in the fall of 2026. Review what we are looking to do; the following are significant changes; completely changing the sanctuary turning it 180 degrees, adding a new entrance with a porta-cohere on the side of the existing building, moving the kitchen and bathrooms to the existing group gathering room, and adding many new bathrooms for all. A new addition going out the rear of the building giving us room for expansion of our existing sanctuary and at the same time giving us the room needed for Sunday school rooms and special events. Please be excited and in prayer. In closing, while this will be an expensive endeavor the church has already raised most of the money needed and we need to trust in God to provide thru the generosity of those who will get to enjoy the end results of this project.

SIMPLE FAITH - Sunday, August 31

Join us on August 31st for an evening of good gospel music with Simple Faith. Please contact Sally Wagner to let her know what finger foods you would like to bring to share. (321) 482-7579

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!

Sandy and David Gillespie, Events Coordinators

With fall just around the corner and the year closing in, we want you to mark your calendars for some events you will not want to miss! On Saturday, October 4th, at 5:00 p.m., please join us for the Pastor Appreciation Fish Fry. It's a great time to remember how blessed our church is to have Pastor Brian and Missy. As we move into November, please plan to attend a Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 16th after the 11 a.m. Worship Service. The Annual Christmas Party will be December 6th at 5:00 p.m. More details will be coming on this and all the events as we draw closer to the dates. On September 6th at 10:00 a.m., the Events Committee will have a planning meeting here at the church. If you are looking for a way to serve, while having fun and Christian Fellowship, please consider joining this team!

CHOIR

Missy Jones, Choir Director

Do you love to sing? Are you looking for a fun and rewarding way to connect with others and unleash your musical spirit? Come join our choir! We are a friendly and welcoming group who enjoy creating beautiful music together. No prior choir experience is necessary, just a passion for singing! Join us for our next rehearsal. We meet Sunday evening at 5pm in the sanctuary..

SCRIPTURE

1st Peter 1:8-9 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Prayer is such an important part of our Armor of God and our relationship with Christ. **If you are submitting a prayer request for a friend, please seek their permission first.** We would like to respect the privacy of those listed.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER REQUESTS

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Judy Hampton - Eyes - Glaucoma
Patti Gloade
John Buck - Cancer treatments
Pat Jenkins
Tracie Chinaris
Zana and Todd Renak Pray for God's healing, mercy, strength, and peace

TRAVEL MERCIES & PROTECTION FOR MEMBERS

John and Fran Kashshy
Bob and Nancy White

Sally Wagner - Not feeling well
Barbara Zada - still having back issues - doctor has order MRI
Carolyn Wheeler - having surgery Thursday morning for aneurysm
Lee George - surgery rescheduled for August 22
Gail Swindle - Aunt Shurley having back and knee issues - pray for healing
Missy Jones - Susan having 6 hour cancer surgery - pray for comfort and healing and husband who is taking care of her
Ron Black - praying for salvation - in hospice
Pastor Brian - Pray for both Pete and Hope Hope did not have procedure this past Friday.
Pastor Brian - Steve with bladder cancer
Rich Stevens - family friend, Jennie, fell and broke elbow, pray for healing and comfort
Karen sick with sinus infection - Rich having problems with the Achilles heal, will be having MRI.
Donna Souder - Prayers for Ken's lab work
Debbie Leotta - prayers for finding employment
Pam Burwell - prayer for Howard and Betty, elderly neighbors
Howard continues to fall and Betty's breast cancer has returned
Kem Collins - seeing doctor on Thursday about her knee

Unspoken

Pray for the upcoming Budget and Building Restructuring.

Happy Anniversary
Bill & Marilyn Cheek August 22

If you have information for the newsletter you would like to have listed, please send to gail.swindle@gmail.com or call Gail at 321-720-8693. Please provide by Thursday of each week.