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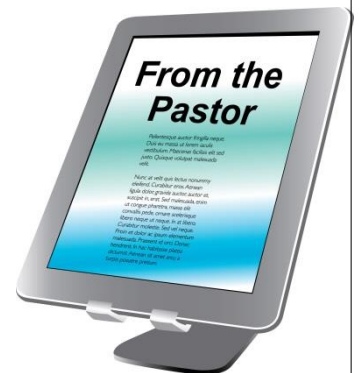
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One Sunday, as a family drove home from church, little Susie turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, there's something the preacher said this morning that I don't understand." The mother asked, "What's that, honey?" Susie said, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. He said that God's so big that He could hold the whole world in his hand. Is that true?" The mother replied, "Yes, honey, that's true." "But Mommy, he also said the God comes to live inside us when we trust Jesus to be our Lord and Savior. Is that true, too?" The mother assured little Susie that what the pastor has said was true. With a puzzled look on her face, Susie then asked, "If God is bigger than us, and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"



Susie had it right, didn't she? If God lives in you...He ought to show through...and the lost and dying world around us ought to see Him in us. The only hope for America is Jesus...AMEN? If you believe that, listen to what Jesus said – Matthew 5:16 – **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.** Listen in Psalm 33:12 – **Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.** When our nation, including those who call themselves Christians, cease to look to God...we cease to be blessed by God.

The sad truth is that Christians in America are the majority...**BUT**...we are doing very little to speak out as a witness for the Lord. We are content to sit in our homes and shake our heads at the direction our country is headed. We are content to sit in church and say "Amen" to the sermon...**BUT**...do very little **OUTSIDE** the church to be a witness for the Lord. God expects us to use the freedom that our founding fathers made possible to be a witness for Christ in this sinful world we live.

As we enter into July, we need to be shouting out the message of the Lord Jesus Christ, the unbelieving world is shouting out its message:

- The gays & lesbians are speaking out...gay marriages are being performed...AND...our leaders are listening to them.
- The abortionists are speaking out...abortion is still legal and on the increase...AND...our leaders are listening to them.
- The liberals are speaking out...family values has become a laughing stock...AND...our leaders are listening to them.

Our forefathers CLAIMED this nation for God. We need to RE-CLAIM it for God...AMEN? How can we do this?

1. Pray for America and our leaders.
2. As a Christian, live righteous lives, standing on the principles and values of God's Word.
3. Shine forth the light of Christ, Who lives within you...let Jesus show through. Let others see that Jesus is the only hope for America...the only hope for an eternity in Heaven.

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Library News

JULY – HAPPY JULY 4th

On our nation's birthday offer thanksgiving to our Lord for the freedoms we enjoy – including the freedom to worship God, read the Bible, and to study His Word. Also remember those who have given their lives for all our freedoms.

Enjoy this day off work, but realize your dependence on God. Drink, eat, and abide in His Word, knowing that it is life itself. With God's wisdom and in His power, the Holy Spirit will instruct you.

Here are a few books from our Library...

Hear Me When I Call by Charles Swindoll. Do you ever find it difficult to express your thoughts or desires to God? You may be facing a stressful work situation, a frightening diagnosis, or everyday challenges of marriage or parenthood. You want to pray but feel empty, distracted, or uncertain about what to say. Let the author guide you through the prayers of your heart. You will find effective prayers on the themes of your life. This book helps put into words what your heart and soul are trying to express as you draw closer to the One who always hears you.

The Applause of Heaven by Max Lucado. Certain things about God are easy to imagine. I can picture Him creating the world and suspending the stars. I can fathom a God who knows me, who made me, and I can even fathom a God who hears me. But a God who is in love with me? A God who is crazy for me? A God who cheers for me? That's hard to imagine. But that's the message of the Bible. And that is the message of this book.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

July Birthdays

1	Cricket Sehr
3	Nadia Smathers
6	Amanda Bartley
7	Noah Sparkman
8	Joe Stephens
	Ann Callis
	Linda Poteete
12	Roy Poteete
16	Dean Ploen
17	Glenda White
	Elizabeth Mefferd
	Brandon Sparkman
18	Daniel Barley
19	Kimberly Pullen
20	Marlene Jackson
	Brenda Emery
	Jerry McLain
21	Patrick Weston
23	Echan Groves
25	Anita Wright
26	Ella Gallimore
28	Eva Ploen
31	Jenny Dudzinski

*Happy Birthday
to You!*

Odds 'n Ends

I am excited to announce the beginning of Phase 1 of the return to a new normal in our **FBC Kids' Ministry**.

We will begin this Sunday, July 5th with **Children's Church** meeting downstairs in the fellowship hall during the 11:00 service. Since we cannot have Sunday school or Sunday evening activities, we have extended the ages to kindergarten (5 years of age) through sixth grade. If you were asked to attend the 9:00 service, it is okay to switch if you would like to do so. Social distancing will be practiced, and the room will be cleaned and sanitized after the service. We ask that you please drop your child/children off before the service begins in the fellowship hall. We will not be coming into the service to walk the students down. This will help us keep the social distancing guidelines we have in place.

We are also starting fresh with a new Children's Church leader/helper rotation. If you would like to sign up to help in children's church, please let me know as soon as possible. You can email me at joshhowland@bellsouth.net or call the church office at 615-302-2027. We are looking for at least 10 couples that are willing to invest in our children. That will mean that each couple would serve roughly once every two months.

We are praying that in the coming months more of the restrictions will be lifted so we can add more opportunities to serve and minister to our children here at FBC Spring Hill. Please bear with us as we work through the uncertainty of this virus. We have every child in mind from

birth through high school, and we are trying to do as much as we can safely and in accordance with the government. We are not sure when Phase 2 will begin, but we are extremely excited to begin Phase 1.

Thank you and please keep praying as we begin this new adventure.
Josh Howland, Family Pastor



**Graduate Recognition
Sunday, July 19**

Though their senior year has been unusual, we are extremely thankful and proud of our high school seniors. Please help us shower them with encouragement as they venture off to college life. There is a drop box in the lobby and another outside the door of the church from June 25 – July 8. Just bring a card and/or note for each graduate. We will collect, sort, and give them to the grads.






Our Graduates:
Judson Hester
Sarah Seiber
Meredith Warren

Thank you for loving our youth!!



JULY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Welcome Jonathan Lingle, Worship Leader Worship Service 9:00 am & 11:00 am	6	7 10 am Ladies Prayer Group 6:30 pm Deacons' Mtg.	8	9	10	11
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Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Worship – 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Children's Worship – 11:00 am

Wednesday

*All Activities other than Sunday Morning Worship are currently suspended until further notice.
Thank you for your patience as we work through the Guidelines for re-opening during the pandemic.*



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Dear Church and Congregation,

My name is Patricia Keenan and I am the Community Advocate Coordinator for the South Central Human Resource Agency. We are the agency in Maury County which runs programs such as Head Start/Early Head Start, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and my reason for contacting you today, the Senior Nutrition Service Program which includes a Meals on Wheels program.

In Maury County, we currently serve 69 seniors in our meal delivery program to whom we deliver a hot lunch five days a week. We are looking for additional people in the county to help us continue to serve these seniors. These meals enable our seniors to enjoy the comfort and safety of being in their homes knowing they have at least one hot meal a day during the week. Many of our seniors rely on this program due to mobility issues that can make it difficult to make regular trips to the grocery store or they have problems preparing or cooking meals on a regular basis. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the county's congregant site had to close and those clients were able to move to home delivery. In January and February we delivered 2138 meals, in March and April that number rose to 2412. We expect this trend to continue. However, also due to the pandemic, we need to replace volunteers as some of them were considered at risk themselves and had to stop to ensure their safety.

The opportunity to help is completely up to those willing to help. We recommend joining with a friend to deliver the meals thus making it easier for each person. You can deliver one day a week or more. The lunches are packed at the Maury County Senior Center in Columbia each day by our center Site Director and are ready to go when the volunteers arrive. Delivery times are between 12:00 noon and 1:00pm. Volunteers will be given the same group of deliveries each time. Delivering to the same people allows for the volunteers to get to know the seniors they are delivering to. Sometimes this delivery is the only contact our senior has that day and the opportunity to create that connection and relationship with others is incredibly important.

In order to ensure that seniors in Maury County continue to receive this daily hot meal, we are asking for your help. If you have anyone in your congregation that would be interested in joining us in this important program for the seniors in Maury County, please do not hesitate to contact Sara Brown, Deputy Director or me at the information below.

Sincerely,

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