



This week in discipleship, I have been studying, "Winning the Battle Within." Sin disrupts your communion with God & interrupts the flow of your fellowship. Every believer wrestles with the daily reality of sin. God wants us to avoid sin so we enjoy a close relationship with Him. Sin keeps you from growing to be more like Him. When we sin we dishonor who God is & slander His character, because we belong to Him. There are two big commands to keep in mind: love God and love others. When we violate this

command, we need to go to God and possibly to others and ask for forgiveness. When we yield our lives to the Holy Spirit, He will help us overcome the pull of sin. When we mess up, we need to fess up (1 John 1:9). To confess it to acknowledge or agree with God that we have disobeyed and we call the sin out to God and ask Him to remove it from our lives. Until we reach Heaven, we will battle the tug of sin so trust God for His help, remain humble and keep short sin accounts. We will not become sinless in this life but with His help, we will sin less and less.

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9:00 AM Celebration Service
10:30 AM Contemporary Service

Please help us create an atmosphere for worship...

- Take a moment to silence your mobile devices.
- We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Take advantage of our Preschool & Children's Ministry.

New to FBC?

How to become a Member

Before joining FBLEX, we ask that you attend our "Discovery Class." In this class you will become familiar with our history, beliefs and different ministries. Next class is September 10 at 9 AM in the Conference Room of the Student Center. Sign up at fblex.org

Small Groups - Join one today!



Something New, Something Exciting! Coming September 3. First Baptist will be moving our worship services outdoors. One combined service at the Icehouse Amphitheater for a special baptism service. We will not be having Life Groups on campus. Reach out and connect with anyone you know that may be interested in being baptized on that day. Let's share the excitement of knowing Jesus with others.

For more info about Growth Groups connect with Reynold@fblex.org

This Wednesday at FBC

We will take a break from Wednesday morning Bible study and Wednesday evenings during July. Bible study and activities will resume on August 2. Dinner will resume on August 23.



The First Baptist Lexington Choir & Orchestra has been invited to join with FBC Columbia, FBC Camden, and Milbrook Baptist Aiken for a NIGHT OF WORSHIP. This event will feature a 300+ choir and 60+ orchestra! If you would like to join the choir/orch we will have 3 rehearsals from 6:30-8 PM on the following Wednesdays; July 19 and August 2, 9.

Umbrella Support Group

Umbrella Support Group is for those with a mental health issue and in need of additional support. Next meeting is this Thursday, July 20 in Room 213 of the Fellowship Hall, from 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM.



For more information: Call Luanne Vinson (803) 463-5070 or email luannevinson@gmail.com.

Guatemala Mission Trip

Our trip to work with Jerry and Mindy Kinman, our missionaries in Guatemala, has been confirmed. Our team will leave on Saturday, September 23rd and return on Sunday, October 1st. This will be a construction trip helping to finish a new church near Guatemala City. More details to follow. In the meantime, contact Evans at evans@fblex.org or by cell phone at 803.730.1879.



Solar Eclipse Sunday

On August 20, the day before the solar eclipse we will hear from Dr. Terry Mortenson from Answers in Genesis. He will speak twice Sunday morning (9 & 10:30 AM) and twice Sunday evening (5 & 6 PM). His topic: God speaks through Creation.



We have 1000 solar eclipse glasses to give to the first 1000 people who arrive.

Important Message

If you would like to tithe, or make a payment towards an event or camp, you can do so on our Realm app or on our website fblex.org.

Our previous online giving is no longer available, however, once you are set up with Realm, make sure to cancel your recurring giving in Access ACS to avoid duplicate transactions.



Cafe' Wednesday

There will be NO Wednesday Bible Study until August 2. Spend quality time with family and friends. Use your time wisely, share some of the things that you have learned with others.



Stay Connected

Stay connected with our church community with news, posts, events, files, photos, and online giving with Realm. You should receive an invitation through email to begin the set up process. If you need assistance, stop by the Realm table in the Lobby or email Brittany Smith at brittany@fblex.org.



Where Will You Serve?

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

I am interested in serving in:

- Preschool Ministry
- Children Ministry
- 5th & 6th Grade
- Student Ministries
- College & Career
- Adult Small Groups
- Choir/Orchestra
- Celebrate Recovery
- Barn Builders
- GSF (Home bound)
- Other Opportunities _____

Facebook Live

Watch our services live. Log on to Facebook and like the First Baptist of Lexington page. Our 9 and 10:30 AM services will be live on Sundays.

Spiritual Spotters

Daniel 9-12 & Galatians 1. Reading schedule and Spiritual Spotter group list is available at the Men's Table in the side Lobby. Join in on one of the groups!

Prayer Need?

If you have a pressing prayer need, fill out a prayer card (pew pocket) and place it on the altar at the invitation. The prayer team will lift your request to the Lord. If you would like to be a part of the prayer team, email Noel Fields (fun4fields@aol.com).

Connect Card

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift of chocolate covered pecans.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Sub-division: _____

Phone (home): _____

His: Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Hers: Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children's Information:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade: _____

Did your children attend with you today?

Yes No

Please check all that apply:

First-time Guest Returning Guest

Regular Attender FBC Member

Visiting Family/Friends

New to the Community

Looking for a New Church Home

Married Single College

How did you hear about us?

I would like information about:

Beginning a relationship with Christ

Baptism

Membership at FBC/Discovery Class

Life/Home Groups



Total Eclipse Tailgate

Heritage Christian Academy invites you to view the eclipse on August 21 from 1-3 PM at 649 Barr Rd! Pelican Snoballs will be on site to provide cool refreshments for the whole family. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and include admission, tailgate reservation, NASA-approved solar viewing glasses, and more! Register today at fblex.org to reserve your spot.

Counseling Needs

Pastor Paul Bishop is taking a sabbatical this month and working on a book. His administrative assistant Jason Hallman (Jason@fblex.org) is available to help you and Reid Wood (one of several counselors) is available as well (call the counseling office and leave a message and someone will reach out to you, 957-0686).

Summer Series

Summer message series: "Following the Steps of Jesus."

July 16 – What the Blind Man Saw. (John 9)

July 23 – The Big Bad Wolf & the Good Shepherd. (John 10:1-21)

July 30 – In His Grip. (John 10:22-42)

August 06 – Dead Man Walking. (John 11:1-44)

August 13 – The Plot Thickens. (John 11:45-57)

Widows Garden Ministry

Some of our FBLEX widows had a great time at the Garden Ministry for Widows event hosted by Gail Wright. They enjoyed breakfast in the garden, exchanged their favorite Bible verse and summertime vegetable recipes. Our ladies then picked homegrown vegetables to take home.



Weekly Update

Last Week's Attendance:

Worship AM..... 766
 First Time Guests.....7
 Life/Home Groups.....522

Last Week's Giving:

General Fund \$28,338.96
 Budget Goal to date..... \$949,200.00
 Giving to date \$933,155.89
Missions \$2,528.33
 Missions Budget Goal to date..... \$112,000.00
 Missions Budget Given to date..... \$106,745.11

Message Series:
 "Following the Steps of Jesus"

Today's Message:
 "What the Blind Man Saw"
John 9

In chapter 8 of John, Jesus declared: "I Am the light of the world." In John 9 He demonstrated it by giving sight to the blind man (we move from declaration to demonstration). Questions to ponder: why wash in the pool of Siloam? Why didn't the man's parents tell the religious leaders what had happened to their son? Who is "blind" in this passage though they wouldn't admit it? We will also discover other insights as we work through the passage.

1) The _____ (John 9:1-2)

Ephesians 5:15-17, Ecclesiastes 12:1-2

2) The _____ (John 9:13-23)

3) The _____ (John 9:35-41)

CLOSE: What do you see?

- The helpless blind man receives his sight.
- The self-righteous religious people remain spiritually blind.
- Jesus is the light of the world.

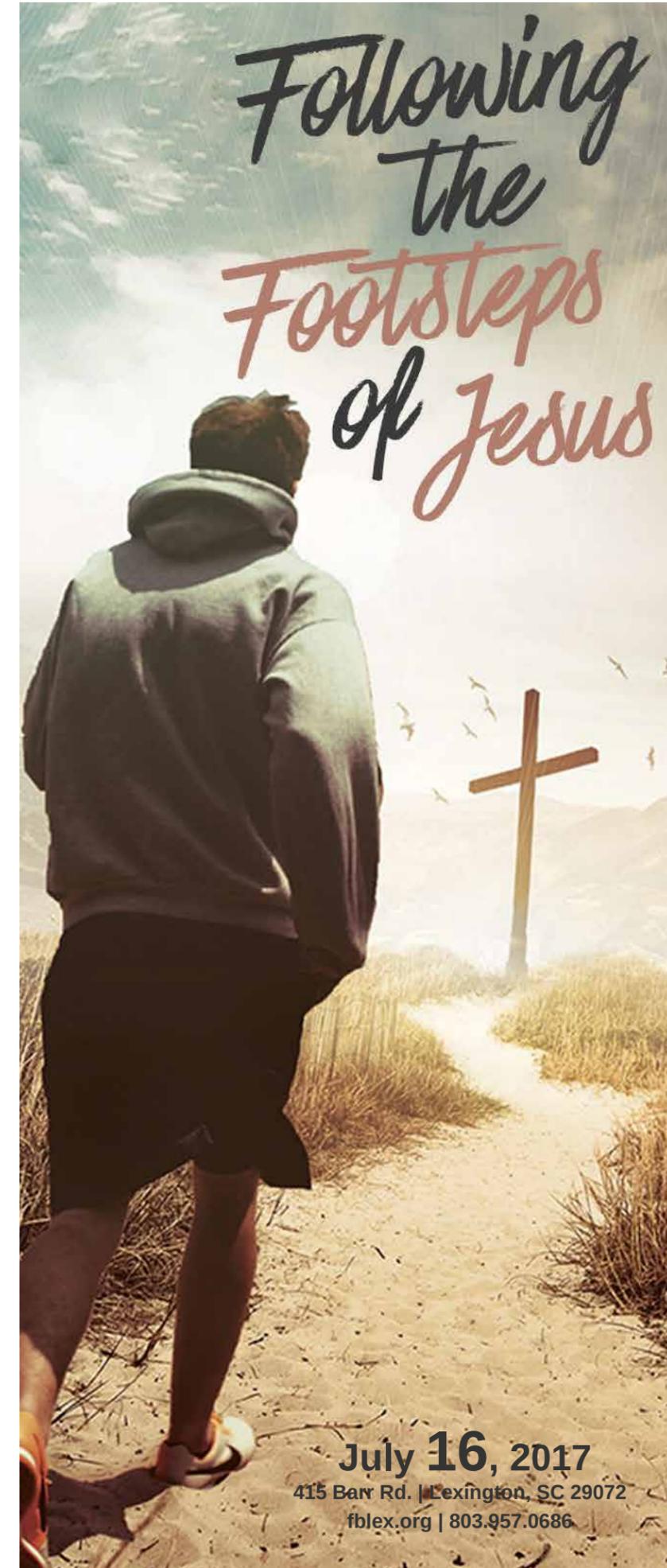
*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.
 The saved a wretch like me.
 I once was lost, but now I'm found.
 'Twas blind but now I see.*

**Small Group question sheet available at Welcome Desk.*

Next Week: "Following the Steps of Jesus," The Big Bad Wolf and the True Shepherd. "Bleat: The Sound of Worship." John 10 teaches us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, so we will explore what that means for us and how our "sheepishness" brings honor and glory to Christ.

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 LOVING AND LIVING FOR GOD



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