



Melissa and I slipped away for a couple days last week. We celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary. A great marriage requires attention, communication, kindness, focus and loyalty. A friend asked me this past week what were some good books on marriage. I sent a text to two of our counselors (Reid Wood & Dr. Bev) and here is what they said: Love and Respect by Emerson Eggerichs, Creating an Intimate Marriage by Jim Burns, The Intimate Mystery by Allender and Longman, Boundaries in Marriage by Cloud and Townsend, Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas, His Needs, Her Needs by Willard F. Harley, Jr. & his other book on marital negotiations He Wins, She Wins and Becoming Soul Mates by Les & Lesley Parrott.

Maybe your marriage could use a "tune up," consider reading one of these books or make an appointment with one of our counselors (803-957-0686). The enemy will work to destroy your family; we must work with God to build strong families.

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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 begins July 9 and is a one day class from 9 AM - 12 PM in the Conference Room of the Student Center.**

Small Groups - No Life Groups today

Growth takes place in our Small Groups, our goal is to develop many quality groups to meet the needs of many people.



- If you've always had a desire to lead or teach a group!
- You've always known that God has gifted you and is leading you to teach.
- You have a desire to help others grow!

Here is an opportunity for you to use your gift to serve the Lord this fall: Become a Life/Home Group leader. If you're interested, please contact Pastor Reynold at (803) 738-6559 or Reynold@fblex.org

This Wednesday at FBC

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



Jason Crabb & Cana's Voice
 WITH THE FBLEX CHOIR

OCTOBER 19 AT 7 PM

Tickets only available to fblex members & guest in July at fblex.org. Password needed: fblexington. Public ticket sales begin August 6.

Let's get connected

Stop by the Realm table for assistance! If you have questions email Brittany Smith at brittany@fblex.org

- ☑ Update and manage your personal information
- ☑ Communicate with groups & teams
- ☑ Follow church announcements
- 🔍 Search church information
- ☑ Manage & review your giving
- ☑ Create and join events

Stay Connected with our church community with news, posts, events, files, & photos. Lets be the church... together

Church App

Our contract has ended with our FBLEX App company. This App is no longer available and is replaced with the new Realm App. If you do your giving online or through the App, you will still be able to do so through Realm. After receiving an invite through email, download the free App by searching for "Connect our Church Community." Help available at the table in the Lobby.



Online Giving Update

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 still available as we merge to Realm. This option will be disabled after July 2nd and you will be redirected to Realm. Once you are set up with Realm, make sure to cancel your recurring giving in Access ACS to avoid duplicate transactions.**



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.



Embrace Cancer Support Group

Embrace Cancer Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall, Room 213 at 6:00 PM. Contact Charlene Thompson at scgirl72011@yahoo.com for more information. We look forward to meeting you on Thursday, July 6.



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.



Sing with us at Night of Praise

The First Baptist Lexington Choir & Orchestra has been invited to join with FBC Columbia, FBC Camden, and Milbrook Baptist Aiken for a NIGHT OF PRAISE on August 13. This event will feature a 300+ choir and 60+ orchestra! If you would like to join the choir/orch we will have 4 rehearsals from 6:30-8 PM on the following Wednesdays; July 5, 12, August 2, & 9.



Discovery Class

Sign up here to attend our next Discovery class beginning July 9 from 9 AM-12 PM in the Conference Room of the Student Center. In this class you will become familiar with our history, beliefs and different ministries. This is a one day class.

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____

How many will be attending? _____

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

2 Timothy 3 & 4, Daniel 1-3. 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



We Need You!

The Hospitality Ministry is looking for a few couples who could help serve coffee and juice before worship. Currently our team serves once a month, however a few more couples could spread this out to once every 5-6 weeks. A rewarding way to serve others! If you have any interest or questions, please contact Roy Stenstrom (roy@fblex.org) or call 803-917-0971.

Guatemala Trip

Our trip to work with Jerry and Mindy Kinman, our missionaries in Guatemala, have 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.

Thailand Trip

Please continue to pray for some of our students who have made their way to Northern and Southern Thailand to serve two of our missionaries and the Burmese Refugees in their respective areas. While there, they will work with elementary age children in areas of art, science, and technology, and continue to train our Burmese friends in conversational English. They will also have a chance to build some classroom equipment in special projects. Please pray for those on the trip and for the people they will minister to while they are there. Those on the trip are: Brooks Anderson, Ava Tranum, Theresa Parker, Robin George, Reagan George, Tristan Cunningham, Kailey Cunningham, Maddie Rice, Kiya Mendez, Sterling Johnson, and Justin Myers.

Summer Series

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

June 25 – Speaking Out When Others Try to Silence You. (John 7:10-53)

July 02- Finding Fault, Offering Forgiveness. (John 8:1-30)

July 09- Whose Your Daddy? (John 8:31-59)

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)

Weekly Update

Last Week's Attendance:

Worship AM..... 764

Life/Home Groups..... 547

First Time Guests.....2

Last Week's Giving:

General Fund \$31,110.90

Budget Goal to date..... \$881,400.00

Giving to date \$866,363.37

Missions \$2,985.00

Missions Budget Goal to date..... \$104,000.00

Missions Budget Given to date..... \$100,163.28

Message Series:

"Following the Steps of Jesus"

Today's Message:

"Finding Fault, Offering Forgiveness"

John 8:1-30

We celebrate the birthday and freedom of our nation, we also look in John 8 and see Christ extending freedom to a woman caught in adultery. Jesus also gives freedom to those in a dark world. We live in a nation of freedom but so many are bound by darkness and needs the light of Jesus. We explore the forgiveness and light of Jesus.

I. Freedom from _____ **John 8:1-11**

A. The sinful woman. **John 8:3**

B. The scheming critics. **John 8:3-9**

C. The sympathetic savior. **John 8:9b-11**

Ways to deal with failure.

1. _____ responsibility for your own failure.
2. _____ regretting and start repenting.
3. _____ the former And focus on the future.
4. _____ God to work it all out.

II. Freedom from _____ **John 8:12-30**

A. Man's need is the light. **John 8:12-30**

The properties of light:

1. Light _____.
2. Light _____ darkness.
3. Light _____ guidance.

B. Man's empty search for light. **John 8:21-24**

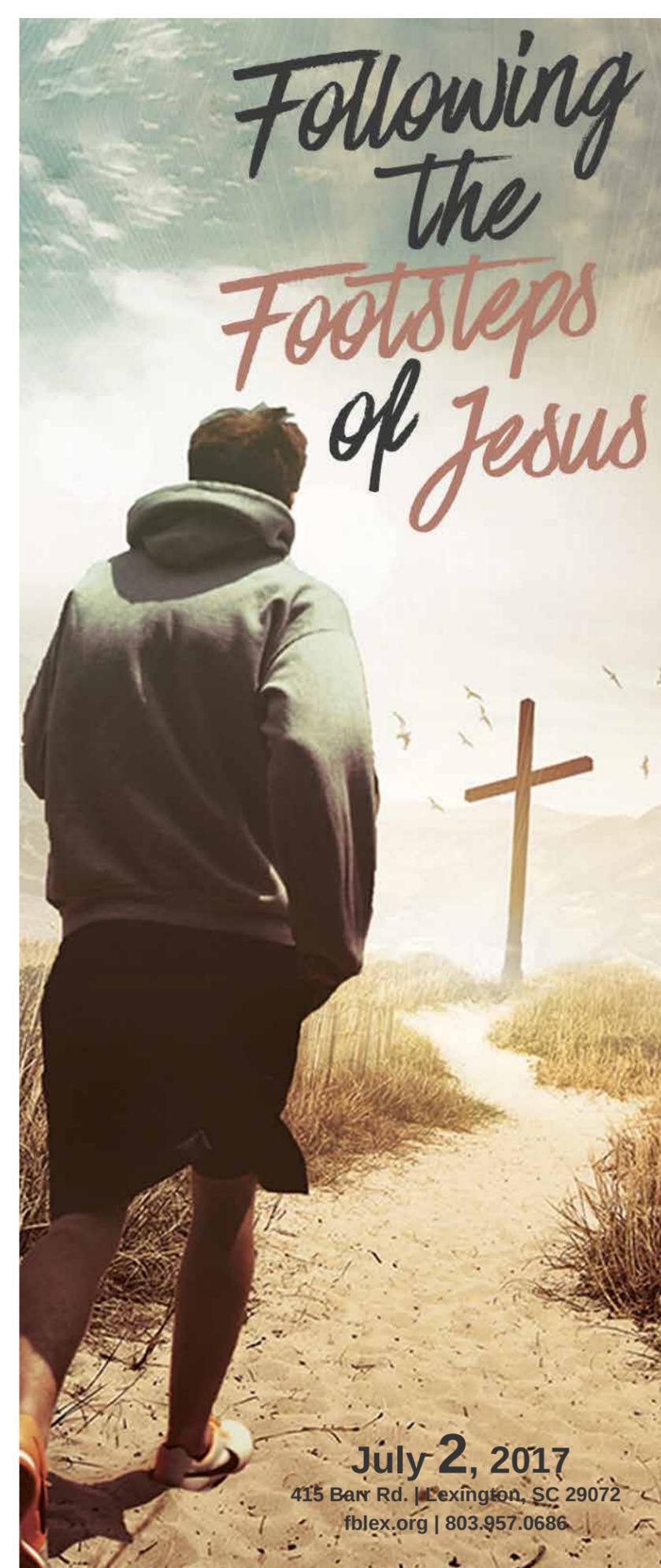
C. Man's failure to understand light. **John 8:25-30**

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

Next Week: "Following the Steps of Jesus," John 8:31-59 "Whose Your Daddy?" The religious Jews were proud to claim that Abraham was their Father. They felt this automatically made them children of God. Jesus said not so fast and told them they were slaves of sin and not son's of God. He confronted them and told them they were actually children of the devil. You can imagine; this didn't go over too well. Jesus goes on to explain that God is His Father and He (Jesus) is the Great I Am.

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LOVING AND LIVING FOR GOD



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