



I've been working through a discipleship lesson on spiritual gifts this week. Our memory verse, 1 Corinthians 12:7 says: "A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other." Spiritual gifts are God's way of equipping you to accomplish the purpose He has for you in your life. These gifts are to be used within the "Body of Christ," His church. The church needs your gift and you need the gift of others. Your spiritual gift is not for your personal benefit, but for the benefit of the whole church.

In the month of July, we recruit leaders for the fall and we ask folks to commit for one year. If you try an area and it doesn't fit your "gift set," we allow you to graciously step out and try something else. Be in prayer where God would have you serve. When you use your gift you will be satisfied and others will be strengthened. The question is not if you will serve your God but where does God want you to serve. Let us know how we can help you get started.

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

**Small Groups - Join one today!**

Small Groups meet weekly for connection and spiritual growth. Part of building healthy groups is doing life together.



God Provides Salvation (G.P.S.) Life Group goes apple picking to build family relationships. This Group meets at 9 AM in Modular 2 and are presently studying "How to Live out the Christian Life."

For more info about Growth Groups connect with 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.



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 4 rehearsals from 6:30-8 PM on the following Wednesdays; July 12, 19 and August 2, 9.

**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.

**WATCH US ONLINE**

f LIVE or vimeo

**Welcome Home Thailand Team**

Our Thailand team arrived home on Saturday... weary from traveling but full of joy from all they saw and experienced. Stay tuned, after a little rest, we will have them report what God is doing!



**Guatemala Mission 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.



**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.



**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.*

**Important Message**

**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 4-8.** 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



### Family Mission Trip

This week a team of nearly 30 people will be serving in Summerville, SC in the name of Jesus Christ and The Pines Church, a 2 year old church plant. Doing an array of service projects, servant evangelism projects, and running a Sports VBS program, we'll be busy all day long. Please pray for energy as we serve in the heat, for open opportunities for conversation and ministry, and resilience in the face of obstacles that may arise. The following families will be traveling: The Sims, Harmon, Cortes, Teeter, & Hughes.

### 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 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..... 731

First Time Guests.....7

#### Last Week's Giving:

**General Fund** ..... **\$38,453.56**

Budget Goal to date..... \$915,300.00

Giving to date ..... \$904,816.93

**Missions** ..... **\$4,053.50**

Missions Budget Goal to date..... \$108,000.00

Missions Budget Given to date..... \$104,216.78

**Message Series:**  
"Following the Steps of Jesus"

**Today's Message:**  
"Whose Your Daddy?"  
**John 8:31-59**

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. Ouch! 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.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ is our Father. **John 8:39-43**

2) The \_\_\_\_\_ is your father. **John 8:44-48, 1 Peter 5:8-9**

3) \_\_\_\_\_ is my Father. **John 8:49-59, 2 Corinthians 5:8**

**CLOSE:** "Whose Your Daddy?"

- Your earthly father got you here but he can't get you into heaven.

- The enemy Satan would love to deceive you into thinking all is well...live a good life.

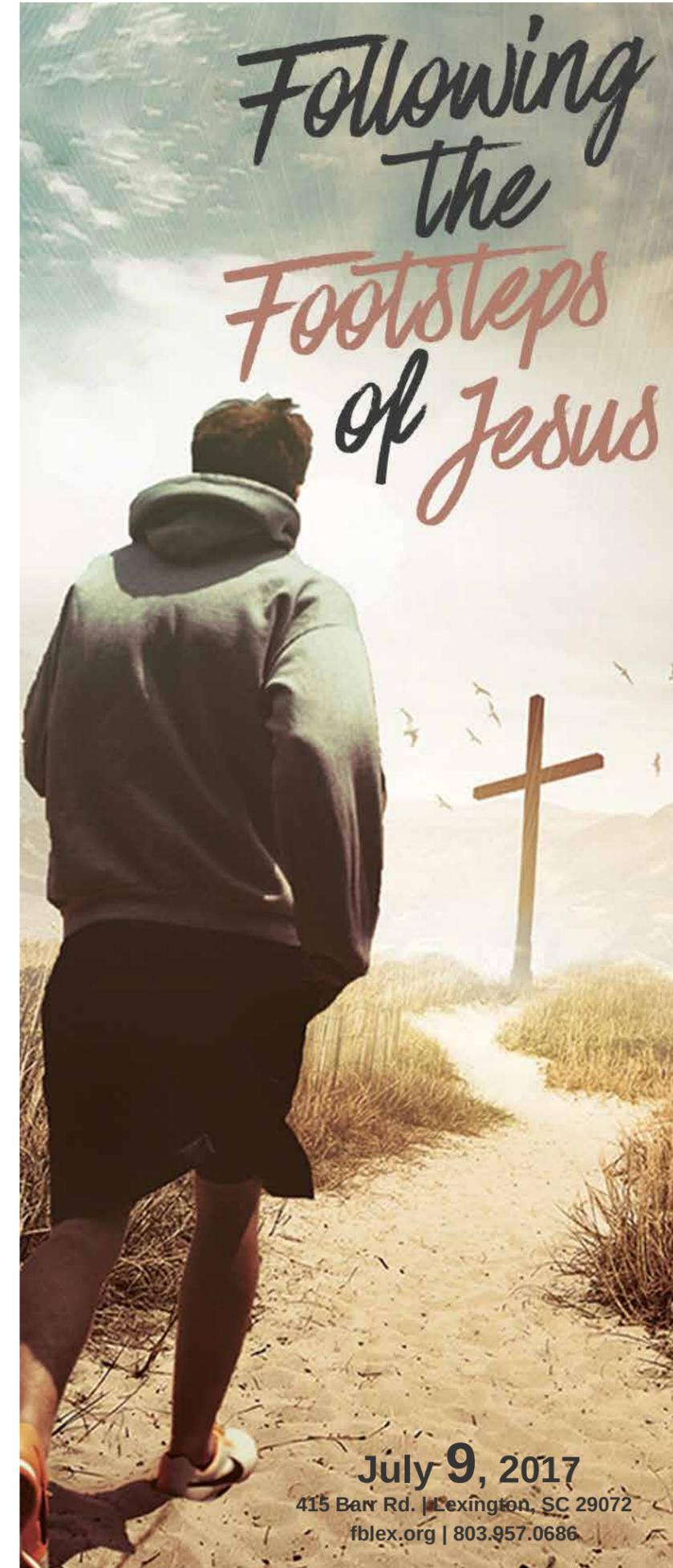
- God the Father sent His Son (the Great I Am) to earth so one day we could leave earth and get to Heaven. Do you believe?

\*Small Group question sheet available at Welcome Desk.

**Next Week:** "Following the Steps of Jesus," John 9 "What the Blind Man Saw." 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* next week.

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**OUR PURPOSE**  
**LOVING AND LIVING FOR GOD**



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