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## The Pastor's Pen

Last month I attended the National Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, USA in St. Louis, MO. While there I served as one of the judges for the Oratorical Contest, which awards a \$5,000 scholarship to the winner. The first-place finisher was a young woman from Ohio, who plans to go to Tuskegee and major in pre-med. In listening to her speak I feel like there may be a different calling on her life. She was very articulate, very passionate in her message and engaged the audience to the degree that we would lose sight of the fact that she was only a graduating high school senior. It was a blessing listening to her, and I shared with her that God may have something else in store for her, and that she should keep her ears open to the voice of God, to see what God has in mind.

But this Pastor's Pen is not really about the young woman who won the contest. It is about another contestant. Though I did not see the final tally, out of the fourteen contestants I am pretty sure that if the other judges had graded appropriately she probably came in last. In all of the categories on my score card she was graded pretty low, with the exception of one category called subjective score. I gave her a "10" which was the highest score.

This young lady is from Louisiana and had a New Orleans drawl. She didn't do a good job of enunciating words and her sentence structures in her oration were not that strong. The content was light, as well. But what was of particular interest is that when she started she had only spoken a couple of sentences when she forgot her speech. She started over from the beginning, and stumbled at the same spot again. She tried a third time and seem to feel that she could not do it. She turned around and headed for her seat. But something caught hold of her as she was heading to her seat. She turned around and went back to the podium. My spirit was shouting YES!!! Don't beat defeated!!

When she got back to the podium she struggled through the rest of her speech. I had a copy of it in front of me and noticed that she mixed-up paragraphs, she added things that were not there and from an oratory perspective, still didn't do well. But the thing that made my soul rejoice was that she persevered. I was very proud of her for that.

Mother Theresa once said, "God has not called me to be successful. God has called me to be faithful." In our success driven world we forget that God desires faithfulness. And when we are faithful God will bring about the success that is necessary for every situation (1 Corinthians 15:58). Too often we feel as though all of what we are expected to accomplish is solely left up to us. We must have faith to know that God is always with us and for people of faith, God is always on our team (2 Thessalonians 3:3). There is no better winning combination.

After all of the 14 contestants had finished and the staff was tallying up the scores, the contestants introduced themselves to the audience. The audience politely clapped for each one when the student gave her/his name, where they were from and the school they were attending (with a little stronger applause when one mentioned that she/he was going to a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). But when the young woman from New Orleans began introducing herself, the audience stood and cheered. We judges, breaking the rule, also applauded. That's the spirit of Christ on full display.

Kelly M. Smith Jr.  
Pastor

# SUNDAY

morning live

“*Calling of Prophets*,” looks at how God called various prophets at different times for specific purposes. Included in this unit are the calls and responses of Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Amos.

## Sunday, July 2 “MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH”

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
That’s Not Fair	A Meeting at the Burning Bush Not Burning Up	The Talking Bush

**Background Scripture:** Exodus 3

**Key Verse:** Exodus 3:9-10 *“And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. “So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”*

## Sunday, July 9 “ISAIAH IN THE TEMPLE”

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
Who, Me?	Who, Me?	Who, Me?

**Background Scripture:** Isaiah 6

**Key Verse:** Isaiah 6:8 *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”*

## Sunday, July 16, “JEREMIAH’S CALL AND COMMISSION”

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
You Can Do It	You Got What It Takes	Can I Do It?

**Background Scripture:** Jeremiah 1

**Key Verse:** Jeremiah 1:8 *“Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.*

## Sunday, July 23, “EZEKIEL’S CALL”

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
Speak the Truth Anyway	Tell Them	Mission Impossible

**Background Scripture:** Ezekiel 1–3

**Key Verse:** Ezekiel 3:10-11 *And he said to me, “Son of man, listen carefully and take to heart all the words I speak to you. “Go now to your people in exile and speak to them. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says,’ whether they listen or fail to listen.”*

## Sunday, July 30 “AMOS’S CALL”

Adult Topic	Youth Topic	Children Topic
Facing Hostility	Don’t Give Up	Straight Talk

**Background Scripture:** Amos 7

**Key Verse:** Amos 7:14-15 *Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. “But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”*

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**"Building Fires"**  
Pastor Smith  
Scriptural Text: 2 Timothy 1:6-14  
*Submitted by: Kathy Harrell*

There is great potential in each one of us and our potential is based on our faith. It does not matter what our age may be, God has given each one of certain Gifts, each Gift is useful and each one must be continuously nurtured. Our scriptural text helps us to look at our faith potential much in the same way as 'building fires'. Many times we let the flame, our faith, burn so low that the light of Christ's presence cannot be seen, and it is hard for that spark to be rekindled. But we must fan the flames of our faith and reignite that spirit that is within us so that our Fire is our Faith.

**Point 1. Build to be useful.**

We must build on our faith as God has called each one of us to be who we are. We must have a faith that is useful to us as it sustains us, protects us and encourages us. We continue to build our faith in a constructive way because we know that it will see us through the challenges of life's hardships.

**Point 2. Build with the resources at your disposal.**

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and self-control. The Holy Spirit has placed much in each of us, including our parents and grandparents, that we can call on to help us rekindle the flames. This is a generational faith resource! But we can also use our own 'Faith Story' to share with others, so that others can have a resource available to them.

**Point 3. Build to last.**

We must add different things to the fire, to our faith, to be sure that it does not burn out. Our Sunday morning service and weekly Bible study are important, but we must add to that our daily prayers, individual meditations/study, and other worship services and fellowships. We should constantly keep adding constructively to our faith no matter where we are on that journey, building on the resources that have been placed in us and always keeping that spark ignited so that our faith will last.

May  
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**"I'm In Love With a Sinner"**  
Rev. Joe Ella Darby  
Scriptural Text: Luke 15:1-10, 20-24  
*Submitted by: Beverly M. Brown*

The question was asked of Jesus why was he eating with sinners? God/Christ Jesus wants all humankind to know that they are vulnerable, valuable, and valid. God/Christ Jesus demonstrated this example of having the owner to look for his one lost sheep or the father that was glad when his son who was lost to sin returns home and is accepted by his father in love.

God/Christ Jesus looks for us when we have fallen vulnerable to sinful behavior(s). He fights for us and keeps us under his protection; even when, we are unable to do so for ourselves in a loving manner. The example cited was the loss of a valuable coin. We human beings search for it until it can be located. Again, God/Christ Jesus will look for each of us when we stray away from Him because we are valuable. The father in this selected scripture celebrated with a party for his lost son who returned home broken and at his lowest point in life and living. Just as God/Christ Jesus celebrates when one of His lost individuals returns to truly praise, honor, and glorify Him. Again, that is His example to show us just how important we are to Him.

We are encouraged to pray and keep our heart open to Jesus because he needs us and we definitely need Him. Validation of the son occurred when his father accepted him back in his brokenness just as God/Christ accepts His people just as they are when they return to Him. We were prodded to know that the church is not just a physical building; but, that it needs to be in our heart. Sometimes, until life presents the good and bad and how those we love respond can make a difference to us especially when we are affirmed just as we are at that time and at that moment is another example of validation. And, the validation is that, they do not leave His Children at the time of their greatest need. Finally, God/Christ Jesus grace is free to all; but, God/Christ Jesus allows us choices. Want you truly accept God/Christ Jesus in your heart to be affirmed even as a sinner, you are truly vulnerable, valuable, and validated. Amen, Amen, & Amen.

June 4  
 "Things We Should Really Thank God For"  
 Pastor Smith  
 Scriptural Text: Psalm 107:1-9  
 Submitted by: Deborah Luter

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One of the natural things Christians should be able to do is to thank the Lord. Thanks is an expression of appreciation for something done for us. Unfortunately, too many save their thanks for special occasions. Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Weddings, funerals and birthdays, meals, church meetings and worship services; these times are important. But to "save" our thanks just for these occasions, suggests that every day is not a day of thanksgiving. The psalmist writes this Psalm really just to thank the Lord for what God has done to help the people of Israel.

**Point 1- We should thank God for the connections God gives.**

Look at how the psalmist tells the people of Israel that they used to be a scattered people, but now he had brought them together because of his promised connection that he would never abandon them nor forsake them. There is much more they can do as a connected people with God and with each other than as a scattered people.

**Point 2- We should thank God for the opportunities God gives.**

The psalmist shows the opportunities that the Lord has given the people to get it right. We often complain about what is not happening in our lives. But we should take more time to thank what is. And we should share our story of the opportunity God has given us. Our story can possibly help others see their own reasons for giving thanks.

**Point 3 – We should thank God for the love God gives**

Six times in this Psalm the psalmist mentions something about the love of God. Think about all of the things God has loved us through. Doesn't make any difference of what you may be dealing with, his love is always there. Make sure you tell everybody that you are grateful for what God has done for you.

June 11  
 "The Best Birthday"  
 Pastor Smith  
 Scriptural Text: John 3:1-8, 16-17  
 Submitted by: Constantine Fenderson

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Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian Church. In life we all relish our birthday each year. For children it is a day of celebration in which they enjoy food, presents, and other goodies. In today's text Jesus spoke of having a second birthday when Nicodemus, a Jewish ruler, came to see Him by night. When Jesus told Nicodemus that he has to be born again in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, Nicodemus thought that he had to enter his mother's womb a second time. Jesus explained to him that he had to be born of the water and the spirit. When we are born of the spirit it becomes our best birthday.

There are three points which we can use to explain our best birthday:

**Point 1 – The best birthday comes when we make the best choice.** We all make choices in our lives, some may be simple while others may be profound. However, the best choice we can make is to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. God makes many choices available to us but He wants us to make the best choice of accepting Him as our Lord and Master.

**Point 2 – The best birthday comes when we want to be the best we can possibly be.** Nicodemus wanted to be the best that he could be so he went to Jesus for counseling. God wants us to live the best possible life available so He provides a way through His son Jesus Christ.

**Point 3 – The best birthday comes when we get the best gift.** God gives us many wonderful gifts but the best gift is His son Jesus Christ. He loves us so much that He gave us His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. The second birthday lets us live forever. It teaches love and forgiveness. We receive the greatest gift when we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior.

**Notes of Thanks**

Pastor Smith, Reverend Darby, Reverend Martin & First Baptist Capitol Hill Family,

“For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord.” *Jeremiah 30:17*

Words cannot express my sincerest and most heartfelt gratitude to my First Baptist Church family for your support in my time of illness. I am grateful for your thoughts, prayers and many acts of kindness. I appreciate your outpouring of love through calls, cards, gift cards, money, flowers, food, fruit baskets, prayer books, pajamas and yes, even special care from the nurses of our extraordinary church family!  
Please continue to lift me up in prayer, during this journey, as God continues to heal me.

Thank you from the depths of my heart. You have lifted my spirits in ways I can't even express.  
God Bless,  
Vernell C. Neely

To the Members of First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill;  
Thanks to the entire FBCCH family for your prayers. Prayers have proven to be very helpful. Again thanks! Love, Bernice

To Rev. Dr. Kelly Miller Smith Jr., Pastor & FBCCH Members;

Thank you all for your many acts of kindness and sympathy during our time of bereavement in the loss of our loved one, Vernon Knight.

The Knight Family

<i>Summation and Synthesis for Service</i>	Please join us for the Selah Nurture Series. The topics are listed below. The sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill.:
	<p><b><u>August 2017 – No session</u></b></p> <p><b><u>September 2, 2017 – Faith’s Sight: Blending into the Vision for FBCCH (Proverbs 29:18)</u></b> This <i>Nurture Day</i> is designed to share the vision for the church. This will incorporate pulling together the fruit from the Discipleship Training, the monthly Nurture Day sessions, and the ministry proposals for the new church year. The intent will be to help people to see the importance of all of these components working together to help the church in her growth, maturity and mission.</p>

**Come Kick It With  
First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill**

**KICKBALL  
GAME**

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm  
Cleveland Park Community Center  
620 Winfrey Avenue, Nashville, TN

Hosted By  
*The Young Adult Fellowship*

Everyone ages 13 & up are invited to play

Kelly Miller Smith Jr., Pastor  
625 Rosa L. Parks Blvd.

For more information contact  
Tequila Johnson @ (423) 504-2959

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**Deacons of the Week**

If you should need pastoral assistance, contact the Deacon of the Week for assistance.

Week	Deacon	Phone #
July 2	James Collier	(615) 331-1378
July 9	Carol Boone	(615) 851-1527
July 16	Ronald McFarland, Jr.	(615) 331-0564
July 23	Ivan Davis	(615) 320-1531
July 30	Jean Lambert	(615) 226-7552


**Scarritt Bennett Center Events**

1008 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, 37212, 615-340-7500

[www.scarrittbennett.org](http://www.scarrittbennett.org).

- **Storylines: Always Making Connections Book Club** – Open to all women. 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Monthly.
- **Vespers & All That Jazz** – Sundays, 6:30 p.m. in Wightman Chapel

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**Blood Pressure Screenings**

The Health Care Committee will be available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays to provide blood pressure screenings in the Frankie Pierce Lounge and on the lower level.

**Help Needed!**

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is in need of people who are willing to provide homework help to our children after school. Our church will begin offering homework help in all subject matters this fall. We plan to begin with Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact Jill Jones at (404) 723-5384 or Miriam Currie (615) 948-6580 to sign up if you are willing to help.

**The Frist Senior Mondays (Over 65 years of age)**

The Third Monday of each month is Senior Monday at the Frist from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. LIVE in the lobby. Half price admission \$6, \$3 parking (first hour, \$1 per hour after that) and other discounts and activities. Admission includes tours and in-gallery activities.

**Fifty Forward “Victory Over Crime”** – A free program supporting older adults who have been victimized by crime. Caring professional help victims to overcome the trauma of crimes such as neglect, financial exploitation, domestic violence, sexual assault, mail or phone fraud, burglary and physical abuse.

For more information or to request assistance, call Victory Over Crime at (615) 743-3417.

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**Children’s Church** convenes every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in The Chapel. Children ages 5 – 12 are welcome.



Parents may pick children up downstairs after the worship service is over. To volunteer, or for questions, contact Felecia Johnson at [fakcjohnson@aol.com](mailto:fakcjohnson@aol.com) or (615) 209-8035.

pm (July 5, 12, 19, 26)

**Praise Dance Rehearsals** Wednesdays 4:30 pm– 5:30

**Hand Bell Choir Rehearsals** Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (July 1, 8, 22, 29)



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### LET'S CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

The Benevolence Committee is requesting your continued support of donations of the following items:

- Seasoned and gently-used men's and women's clothing
- Children's clothing and toys
- Household items and linens
- Hotel-size personal care items.

For questions on where to deliver your donations or how you may be of additional assistance, please contact Rosa Mimms, Chairperson.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CAPITOL HILL



NURTURE SERIES

October 2016 through September 2017

**Tell Me Something Good:  
Your Faith. Your Story.**

Luke 8:39

Saturday, July 1, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

### An Exploration into Forgiveness (Part III)

Submitted by Rev. Joe Ella Darby (Chair, Ministry of Discipleship)

*“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” ~Hebrews 4:16*

So, you have chosen to forgive and begin the journey of releasing the offender and entrusting the offense to God. Now what? Below are some helpful nuggets for the journey...

- Continue to choose forgiveness. As shared previously, forgiveness is not a feeling, but a choice. In the movie, *The Shack*, we are admonished “not to let the pain inside devour us, robbing us of joy and crippling our capacity to love. Many of us stay stuck not because we can’t forgive; we stay stuck because we won’t forgive.” The benefit of forgiveness is that it frees and increases our capacity to love and experience deeper healing.
- Hold forgiveness as a gift of grace, being careful not to use it as a weapon. At times, it can be tempting to withhold forgiveness, using it as a tool to manipulate the other so that you can feel powerful or have the upper hand in the relationship. This is not love. Once you have forgiven your offender, they are not to be imprisoned by their offense. However, it is fair, honest, and appropriate to tell your offender that it will take time to heal and restore your relationship. Please know that it is never okay for the offender to demand restoration; there should be appropriate boundaries that will foster the rebuilding of trust. Understanding forgiveness as a gift of grace says you will not use the pain or withhold forgiveness as a weapon of retaliation. In humility, knowing that you too need God’s forgiveness and grace, you choose to give forgiveness, allowing grace and mercy to heal.
- Stay open to reconciliation. Forgiveness does not automatically reestablish a relationship; however, you should remain open to reconciliation as appropriate (Romans 12:18). Reconciliation is conditional and is based on the changed attitudes and actions of the offender. When God forgives us, the consequences of our wrongdoing are not erased. Likewise, there are consequences that affect the process of rebuilding trust. Depending upon the depth of the offense, there needs to be appropriate boundaries in place. It is wise to look for changes in another person before restoring trust (Matthew 7:16a). Be clear on guidelines needed for restoration. A helpful resource is *Boundaries* by Dr. Henry Cloud.
- Allow time for trust to be rebuilt and wounds to heal. Trust is a valuable commodity, so heed the words in Matthew 7:6, “...do not throw your pearls to pigs...” It is not my intent to call anyone a pig, but show it is imperative to guard your heart/trust (Proverbs 4:23). Allow the offender to regain your trust so the relationship can be healthy. If you scrape your leg, it will be sore for a while and will take time to heal. So is it with emotional healing. Go through the process of healing by applying God’s Word and prayer as a salve (Luke 6:28). Just like a physical wound, soon the hurt won’t be tender to the touch.
- Be okay if the relationship has to end. I know for many people it is hard to think that as Christians we should end a relationship. But if there is a “pattern” of offenses and betrayal, along with an unrepentant heart or a willingness to take ownership of wrong, then it is wise for the relationship to end. This does not mean you do not forgive, it is just wise to cut it off before it becomes toxic. Setbacks and disappointments will be present on the journey, but the attitude of the offender will help set the tone for the fate of the relationship. Do not give up too easily, but know when it is time for a necessary ending. Seek wisdom from those who understand the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation. You should always forgive, even if the relationship cannot be reconciled.
- Trust God forward. Walking in forgiveness is ultimately a matter of trusting God. Trusting God to give you wisdom, trusting God to heal your hurt and pain, and trusting that God is still good and trustworthy although God allowed this pain in your life. No one is exempt from pain, but we have to trust that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28). We also have trust God to make things right in God’s way and time and continue to let love win (Romans 12:19-21).

# JULY CALENDAR

01 	SATURDAY <b>Selah Nurture Series</b> <i>Darrell L. Hayes</i> <i>Ruth Mc Griff</i> <i>D.J. Wootson</i>
02 	SUNDAY <i>St. Clair Foster</i> <i>Regina C. Jackson</i> <i>Nanette Lacey</i> <i>Tiana McKnight</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
03 	MONDAY <i>Judson R. Wood</i>
04	TUESDAY
05 	WEDNESDAY <i>Brittany Ennix</i> 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
06 	THURSDAY <i>Daryl J. Hawkins</i> <i>Herman F. Jackson</i> <i>Simon Morrow</i>
07 	FRIDAY <i>Rosetta Miller Perry</i>
08	SATURDAY
09 	SUNDAY <i>Rev. Dr. Arrold Martin</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service 1:30 <b>Young Adult Kickball Game</b>
10 	MONDAY <i>Camille Calloway</i> <i>Chandra N. Lipsomb</i> <i>Gary Cornell Rowe</i> <i>Minister lanny Babb</i>
11 	TUESDAY <i>Barbara R. Smith</i> <i>Pastor Kelly M. Smith, Jr.</i>

12 	WEDNESDAY <i>Evelyn P. Fancher</i> <i>Liz J. Johnson</i> 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
13	THURSDAY
14 	FRIDAY <i>Candace Cosey</i> <i>Isolina Rankins</i>
15 	SATURDAY <i>Sheila Robertson Littleton</i> <i>Tamarah S. Daniels</i>
16	SUNDAY 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
17	MONDAY <i>Maribeth Crutchfield White</i> <i>Mona Hayes</i> <i>Roosevelt Roper</i> <i>MaKayla L. Sampson</i>
18	TUESDAY
19	WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
20 	THURSDAY <i>Keenan L. Robinson</i>
21	FRIDAY
22 	SATURDAY <i>Antwan L. Hamilton</i> <i>Ryan Odell King</i>
23 	SUNDAY <i>John R. Alexander</i> <i>Vincent Baker</i> Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> Worship Service
24	MONDAY
25 	TUESDAY <i>Sue Hall Smith</i> <i>Erma J. Todd</i> <i>Robert D. Wood, II</i>

26 	WEDNESDAY <i>Destiny E. Westbrook</i> 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
27 	THURSDAY <i>James R. Collier</i> <i>Ernest E. Dismuke</i> <i>Benny Perry</i> <i>Beverly A. Scott</i>
28	FRIDAY
29	SATURDAY
30 	SUNDAY <i>Sheldon Greene</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
31 	MONDAY <i>Harvey J. Doughty</i> <i>George F. Vinson</i>

01	TUESDAY	 Dorothy B. Jarrett	15	TUESDAY	 Jasmine Bell
02	WEDNESDAY	 Zuri Walker Dinkins Geardean Johnson Carl E. Jones, Jr.	16	WEDNESDAY	 Sharon Dixon Gentry Paul Luter Elisha Richardson
03	THURSDAY	 Ilene White	17	THURSDAY	 Debra Howse
04	FRIDAY	 Helen Anderson Robin Jones Battle Ivan Davis Delores Dismuke Grimes Donette Holder Catherine Lovett	18	FRIDAY	 Whitley Campbell
05	SATURDAY	 Augustus Bankhead Cynthia F. Jones!	19	SATURDAY	
06	SUNDAY	8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service	20	SUNDAY	 Manosha Hunter Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 8:45 10:00 Worship Service
07	MONDAY	 John Fenderon David O. Jones	21	MONDAY	 Sylvia A. Burton
08	TUESDAY	 William D. Baron Chase Cruthcfield	22	TUESDAY	 Christopher Easley Randall Washington
09	WEDNESDAY	 Gwendolyn Kelly Harris Krystle N. Martin Mary O. Pleas	23	WEDNESDAY	
10	THURSDAY	 Shirley Bass	24	THURSDAY	 Monica B. Carter
11	FRIDAY		25	FRIDAY	 Terrance A. Hurd
12	SATURDAY	 Danielle Anderson	26	SATURDAY	
13	SUNDAY	 Harry Grant 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service	27	SUNDAY	 Jane G. Fort Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 8:45 10:00 Worship Service
14	MONDAY		28	MONDAY	
			29	TUESDAY	 Shirley Cody Latasha Smith Jeffery B. Wood, Jr.
			30	WEDNESDAY	 Richard. H. Dinkins E. Jean Lambert
			31	THURSDAY	



Daily Bible Readings for May

July 1 "Israelites Meet God at Mount Sinai"	Exodus 19:1-9	July 16 "Jeremiah Called to Speak God's Words"	Jeremiah 1:4-10
July 2 "Moses Called to Free Enslaved Israelites"	Exodus 3:1-12	July 17 "Ezekiel, the Lord's Messenger"	Ezekiel 2:1-7
July 3 "The Reign of King Uzziah"	2 Chronicles 26:1-10, 15	July 18 "Words of Lamentation, Mourning, Woe"	Ezekiel 2:8-10
July 4 "True Worship in Action"	Isaiah 58:6-12	July 19 "Eat the Scroll and Prophecy"	Revelation 10:8-11
July 5 "Holiness Befits God's House"	Psalms 93	July 20 "Written Edict Stops Jewish Calamity"	Esther 8:7-10
July 6 "Gentiles Will Hear the Good News"	Acts 28:23-29	July 21 "Sentinel Must Convey God's Message"	Ezekiel 3:12-21
July 7 "Perfect Your Holiness Living"	2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1	July 22 "Israel Exalted at Last"	Ezekiel 17:22-24
July 8 "Practice Holiness While Waiting"	2 Peter 3:11-16	July 23 "Ezekiel's Call to Speak"	Ezekiel 3:1-11
July 9 "Isaiah Called to Mission"	Isaiah 6:1-8	July 24 "The Elect Keep the Commandments"	Deuteronomy 7:7-11
July 10 "A Prophet Like Moses"	Deuteronomy 18:15-22	July 25 "Hananiah Opposes Prophetic Message"	Jeremiah 28:12-16
July 11 "By Almond Branch and Boiling Pot"	Jeremiah 1:11-19	July 26 "Oracle Against Israel"	Amos 1:1-2, 3:12-15
July 12 "Assured of the Lord's Deliverance"	Jeremiah 15:10-21	July 27 "Seek Good and Live"	Amos 5:10-15
July 13 "A Prophetic Message from the Potter"	Jeremiah 18:1-11	July 28 "Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters"	Amos 5:18-24
July 14 "Egypt Punished; Israel Saved"	Jeremiah 46:25-28	July 29 "David's Kingdom Restored"	Amos 9:11-15
July 15 "Jesus Calls Disciples"	Mark 1:16-20	July 30 "Called to Prophecy to My People"	Amos 7:10-17
July 31 "Jesus Commissions Disciples"		Acts 1:1-11	

**"We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer..."**



### PRAYER REQUESTS

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Bro. Leroy Duff  
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**In order to make our prayer list current, please let the church office know if you (or someone you know) have changed address or if someone should be added to or removed from the prayer list**

If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to come and visit us! There are several ways to become a member of FBCCH.

**Baptism** - when a person is willing to initially express a belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is willing to live one's life according to His will. Baptism is the symbolic initiation into the Christian faith.

**Christian Experience** - when a person who has previously been a member of another church chooses to unite with FBCCH, believing this to be the place for one's spiritual nurturing. These people have already been baptized and have committed a faith relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Watchcare** - when a person wishes to have his or her membership with FBCCH while he or she is temporarily living in the city.

**Associate** - when a person who has a membership in another church wishes to have a membership in FBCCH.

**Restoration** - when a former member chooses to rejoin FBCCH.

### Scheduling Access to Church Buildings

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To all groups needing entry and use of the church, sanctuary, and Ennix-Jones Center during the week, please call the church office at 255-8757 in advance of your event. This is to ensure personnel are available to allow entry and to have a record for security purposes. Your cooperation is highly appreciated.

Please send all electronic correspondence to: [fbccch13@gmail.com](mailto:fbccch13@gmail.com).

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