

# August Newsletter



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## CLC Wrap-Up

7/17/22

The CLC held a lengthy meeting last month. The agenda was short, but the discussion was long. Some of the items discussed at the meeting consisted of:

- Leadership Team reports,
- The financial report,
- Updates on a recent change to a new church insurance company and the Lois Ragsdale memorial sign, and
- A discussion of the recent survey regarding our Sunday morning schedule.

Some of those will be presented at next week's quarterly business meeting, but a couple of points that we felt should be communicated as soon as possible include the financial report and the Sunday morning schedule.

- Regarding finances, through the first six months of the year, the budget giving is falling short of the budget goal by 16.2%, or \$44,372. The bright side is that expenditures only exceeded our giving by \$410. However, this is still a troubling concern. There were three months at the beginning of the year in which we were not paying one of the staff salaries, so now that we are fully staffed, we will be spending more from our budget.

Giving to our debt retirement has been good, but is not keeping pace with our goal to retire the debt by the end of the year. So far this year, we have received \$35,233 in additional principle to help pay off the mortgage, which now stands at about \$205,000.

- Regarding the Sunday morning schedule, after reviewing the survey results and extensive discussion, the CLC decided not to recommend changes to our current schedule at this time.

### (Pastors Doug's Note To the Church about this decision...)

Much prayer went into that decision before, during, and after the survey. It was discussed that both worship services have inherent value to the core "DNA" of the church, that some persons would feel alienated from their preferred worship style, and that it could negatively affect attendance in the church. As most of you know, in the past couple of years, we've lost a number of people from the church. But recently, both worship services have stabilized in attendance and have shown signs of growth. The CLC feels that because of the current growth trajectory, this is not a good time to introduce a change that could reignite a negative trend. However, it also feels that each of our worship services has value to our community. Different persons prefer different worship styles and we are a rare church these days that offers two distinctive styles. Although from a numbers perspective, there is not a need for two separate worship services right now, the challenge is to grow back into needing them. So let's focus on rebuilding the church and serving Him in love and unity.

On a practical note, one of the critical issues with offering two worship services is having the necessary volunteers to make it work. We need at least 4 teams of three persons each just to provide audio, video, and live streaming capabilities. We currently only have six persons helping in those areas, some working every week. We also need more musicians, especially for a truly contemporary worship service. Although we want to worship God in the greatest ways possible, please understand that there must be practical considerations in doing so. **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS**, musicians and technicians. Please pray for that, too.



08/04 Mary Smith	08/14 Milda Pierce
08/06 Bob Thames	08/15 Faye Frey
08/07 Olivia Andrews	08/16 Judi DuBois
08/07 Jeremiah Faalafua	08/16 Reggie McDonough
08/11 Linda Carey	08/18 Ronnie Phillips
08/11 Phyllis Ferguson	08/16 LuAnn Klein
08/11 Rick Leonard	08/27 Jayden Faalafua
08/13 Carla Lockard	08/30 Dorothy Pierce

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

08/07 Bill & Charlotte Heron	08/13 Fred & Valerie Mack
08/14 David & Jackie LaFerney Sr.	08/24 Bryan & Barbara Wright
08/27 Bob & Phyllis Jones	08/27 Nick & Lucy Kaufman
08/28 Dustin & Alicia Brown	08/30 Jerry & Susan Riches



## **Barry Bouchillon - Minister of Music**

**Did you mark your calendar for August 14th - 18th?**

**For the “*Singing School*” of course! This is for everyone.**

**For those who “can sing”, you will love it.**

**For those who “used to sing”, you will love it.**

**For those who thought, “I can’t sing”, you will love it.**

**What if you “actually can sing”, if shown how?**

**Remember that I really believe that I can teach “almost anyone” to sing.**

**Are you up for a challenge? I am.**

**Try it, you never will know unless you try.**

**Come out and join us August 14th - 18th.**

**3:00pm - 5:00pm**



# THE PASTOR'S TWO BITS

Most of you are now well aware of the results of the recent survey that we did regarding whether to move to one worship service or continue to have two. Although the vast majority of you indicated that you would be in favor of combining our services into one, the CLC (at my recommendation) chose not to do make a motion to do so. The primary reason was that a significant percentage of persons indicated that they might leave the church if we made such a change. The two prevalent reasons for that concerned families with children and music style. But beyond those issues is the concept of unity.

I was the driving force for doing the survey. I first suggested it to the staff, then to the CLC. I have been praying a long time about it and many of you have come to me in recent months asking that we move to one worship service. In past years, I've had just the opposite. Persons have told me that if we ever go to one service, they would leave the church. But as best I can remember, all of those persons have either died, moved from the area, or have chosen to attend other churches anyway. My prayer for this survey was that we would discover that we could make such a decision in unity and build from there. Sadly, that didn't happen. However, it doesn't mean that we can't have unity as we are.

Acts 2:46-47 give us a beautiful picture of unity in the early church: *And they, continuing daily with one another in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.* People in the early church simply liked one another and wanted to do life together. But it probably wasn't as easy as it sounds. They still had to take care of their own business and families, too. But they were so excited about God that they made Him (and 'church') a top priority. They invited their friends and became friends with the

many 'strangers' that were brought into their church by others. It was intentional and fun and exciting. And God blessed and the church grew by thousands.

There are several things we can do to bring that same enthusiasm into FG FBC, several things we can be intentional about:

**Outreach and evangelism.** Let's get serious about inviting people to church and when opportunities arise, sharing the Gospel with the lost. That is the single best foundation for church growth.

**Be intentional about welcoming new people.** There should never be a guest in our worship services who doesn't get multiple invitations to do lunch afterward and to accompany someone to one of our Sunday School classes. That's how new friendships start.

**Attend 'the other' worship service now and then and sit with someone you don't know.** It doesn't matter which worship service you commonly attend, go to the other sometimes for the specific purpose of meeting someone you don't know. Again, invite them to lunch afterward. Make it your 'make a new friend at church' day.

**Participate in other fellowship activities of the church and 3x3 Groups. Make it a point to meet persons you don't know, whether church members or not.** You will likely hear new and different life stories and go away thinking, 'Wow, that was nice!'

Building unity in the church is not rocket science. But it can really take off beautifully if we try.

-Pastor Doug

# M & M Luncheon

## August 17th - 11:00 am

### M & M's (Monday for the Master)

**PURPOSE:** We are a group of God's children who see a need to minister to those in our church (community) who are alone – widows, widowers, or shut-in, or have special needs. We meet once a month and plan a special outing or celebration (birthdays) for those who we minister to. We visit, cook, do small tasks, and love those who God puts on our hearts. We strive to do this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 5:16:** “Let your light so shine before men so that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”





# Pastor Elliot's Tidbits

## *Twists & Turns*

**“Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths.” Psalm 25:4**

What an AMAZING month we had here at Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church! Right after we celebrated Independence day with our friends and families, we celebrated together at our church picnic. There was lots of great food and fun... and music. I appreciated the music provided, including a solo from Brianna! And then, without missing a beat, our church family came together for Vacation Bible School. The church was decorated most excellently, everyone was ready to minister to the 38 kids registered to attend and READY, SET, GO!!! We were off! We had Bible Teachers, Bible Teacher helpers, a Missions Teacher and a Missions Teacher helper, Craft Leaders, Game Leaders, Registration Leaders, Security teams, a Kitchen Crew that not only fed the 30+ kids we had each night, but also the 30+ Leaders. And then there were the Team Leaders and Team Leader Helpers who stayed with their team of kids every night making sure they all made it to the right place at the right time!

**We learned that Following Jesus changes the Game! Each of the nights had a specific focus...**

On Monday we learned that “**Jesus is Holy**, and that changes everything.”

On Tuesday we learned that “**Jesus is Trustworthy**, even when I doubt.”

On Wednesday we learned that “**Jesus is Forgiving**, even when I sin.”

On Thursday we learned that “**Jesus is Worth Following**, even when it gets tough.”

On Friday we learned that “**Jesus is for Everyone**, including ME!”

We followed Peter through his many adventures; the miraculous catch of fish, walking on the water, the 2nd miraculous catch of fish after Jesus was raised from the dead, the healing of the lame man, and Peter’s encounter with Cornelius.

The kids had a great time, and so did the leaders! 5 kids responded to the call to be a Christ follower and 2 kids responded to the call to be baptized. So far, the results of my follow is that 2 of the 5 accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior and 1 confirmed his desire to be baptized. I still have more to follow up with and am working to find good dates with two more families. There are a two more families who have not responded to my initial contact.

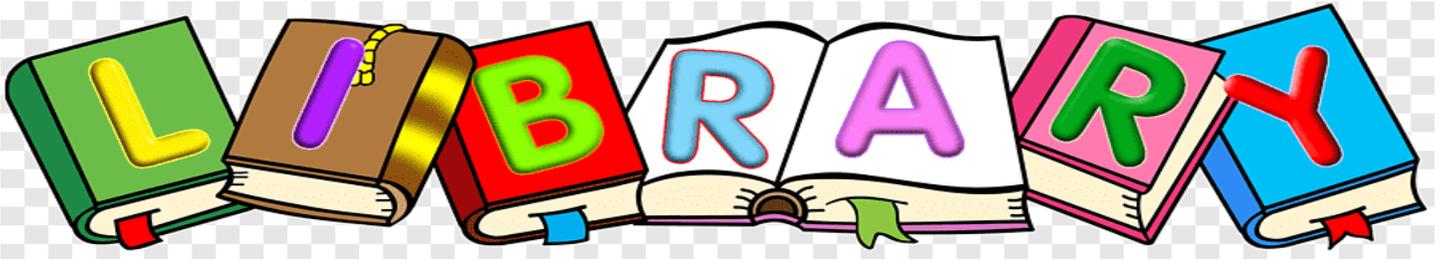
**To God be the glory for the great and amazing things He has done for us and is doing through us!**

Pastor Elliot

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*Commit your works to the LORD, And your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3*

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## **HISTORY**

**HISTORY is defined as, “the study of past events”.**

**The simple definition being, “the study of change over time”.**

**It could be medical, scientific, technological, political,  
cultural or religious.**

**This information article refers to the History of our church.**

**There is a bookcase in the conference room where**

**you can find notebooks that contain history of**

**Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church.**

**We invite you to enjoy the contents of these notebooks**

**at your leisure in the conference room, thus becoming**

**more knowledgeable about the history of the people**

**and events where you worship.**

**Please do not remove any of the material from the  
conference room as they are irreplaceable.**

**We would like to thank those of you who have contributed  
articles, pictures, and any other information regarding the  
history of Fairfield Glade First Baptist Church.**

**God’s blessings to you as you learn and reminisce.**



# Women's Retreat

**September 22nd & 23rd**

We would like to invite all ladies to the Women's Retreat

***"Refreshed and Renewed"***

***Registration is \$25.00***

***Registration Forms are available at the Welcome Desk***

If you have any questions, please call Linda York at

**731-363-1959**

Registration forms are due by September 1, 2023

Ladies, take a break and be *Refreshed and Renewed* in Christ!



## **GOODIES !!!!!**

**We're wanting to be more inviting to our guests  
and visitors as well as our members.**

**The Goodie Ministry needs you!' Please  
sign up to bring Goodies on Sunday  
mornings. Or just bring something to  
share.**



### **Intercessors Prayer Group**

You are invited to attend

In Room 120

Wednesday's at 9:00am

Mrs. Janice Botbyl has answered the call to facilitate the

**Intercessors Prayer Group**

There is a **Prayer Box** available on the credenza at the main entrance of  
the church where you may place your prayer request.



### **Leadership Team - Ministry Opportunities**

**Serving on a leadership team is a great way to serve the church and help  
us strengthen and grow. You can find descriptions of all of the teams  
on our website. If you are interested in serving on a team, contact  
the team leader or the church office.**

## Stewardship Moment - Debt Free in 2023!

One of our approved Strategic Planning goals is to pay off our current debt by the end of 2023. Currently our mortgage balance is  $\approx$  \$220,000.

We are making progress, but have a long way to go to reach this goal!

Please prayerfully consider how you can help!

We are also still taking donations for the Lois Ragsdale Memorial church sign. The estimated cost of the sign is around \$40,000 and we have only collected about \$14,500. We have decided on the sign location to maximize its visibility from the Food City road. We will be starting to run the electric to the sign in a couple of weeks. Exciting times at FGFBC!!!!

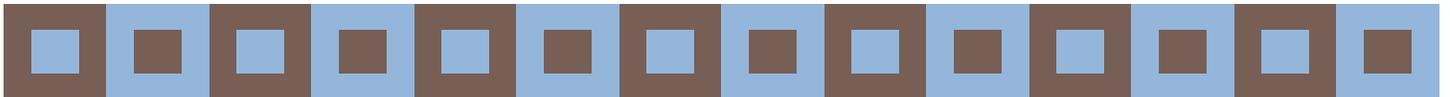
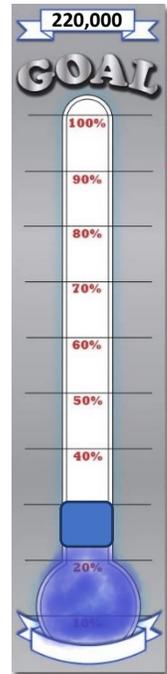


Also, the Stewardship/Finance Team is looking for two more Team Members to join us. If you have a heart to serve God and our church, please email Bill Foley at [billfoleyretired@comcast.net](mailto:billfoleyretired@comcast.net).

God Bless!

Bill Foley, Chairperson

Stewardship/Finance Committee



**AUGUST 17th @ 5:00pm**

**Bring a dish (hot or cold) to share.**

Meetings are 2nd Thursday  
each month at 11:00 AM.

**FG First Baptist Church**  
**130 Towne Centre Drive**  
**Fairfield Glade, TN 38571**

In the Fellowship Hall,  
enter on the Portico Side.

Our meetings provide valuable  
education and information.  
Attendees are encouraged to ask  
questions and share concerns and  
experiences. No one should walk  
this journey alone.

Each month there is a qualified  
speaker or DVD on topics relative  
to Dementia and Caregiving.

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**RESOURCES**

**Alzheimers' Tennessee**  
931-526-8010  
Alztennessee.org

**CareblazersTV**  
Careblazers.com

**Care Patrol**  
Finding a facility in TN.  
865-333-0933  
carepatrol.com

**livingwithalz.org**  
4 short films

**Pat Summit Foundation**  
**Diagnosis**  
865-305-2273  
Patsummit.org

**Seniorhelpers.com**  
Free DVD  
Teepa Snow Care Academy  
800-760-6389

**Vanderbilt Cognitive Medicine &  
Dementia Care Center**  
Diagnosis  
615-936-0060

**Memory Loss Support**  
**Fairfield Glade**



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*No one should  
walk this journey  
alone.*



# *Soothing Souls*

*Every 4th Tuesday @ 1:00 pm*



# *First Baptist Church - Golf League*



*8/3/23 @ Heatherhurst Brae - Back 9*

*Tee Times - 8:10 am & 8:20 am*

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*8/10/23 @ Heatherhurst Crag - Front 9*

*Tee Times - 11:40 am & 11:50 am*

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*8/17/23 @ Stonehenge - Front 9*

*Tee Times - 7:30 am & 7:40 am*

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*8/24/23 @ Druid Hills - Back 9*

*Tee Times - 8:10 am & 8:20 am*

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*8/31/23 @ Dorchester - Back 9*

*Tee Times - 7:40 am & 7:50 am*



## **Upcoming Events**

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**August 4, 11, 18, 25 - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00am**

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**August 7 - M & M's Leader's Meeting @ 9:30am**

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**August 9 - Awana Training & Orientation @ 6:00pm**

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**August 10 - Memory Loss Support Group @ 11:00am**

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**August 14-18 - Singing School @ 3:00pm**

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**August 15 - Discipleship Team Meeting @ 11:00am**

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**August 16 - Awana Begins @ 5:30pm**

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**August 17 - M&M Luncheon @ 11:00am**

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**August 17 - Game Night @ 5:00pm**

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**August 19 - Men's Breakfast @ 8:00am**

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**August 21 - CLC Meeting @ 3:30pm**

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**August 22 - Soothing Souls @ 1:00 pm**

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