

# Faithful First NewsLetter



July 2025

## Our Pastor's Corner

Beloved First Baptist Church Family,

Grace and peace to each of you as we enter this new month filled with gratitude, reflection, and renewed hope.

Let me begin by celebrating the tremendous success of our Men's Weekend! What a joy it was to witness the strength, unity, and faith of our men as they stood boldly in their purpose. From the powerful worship experiences to the meaningful fellowship, this weekend reminded us of the vital role our men play in the life of our church and community. Thank you to everyone who participated, planned, and prayed it into being.

As we turn the page to July, we prepare to recognize Independence Day—a time when our nation reflects on the ideals of freedom, justice, and equality. And yet, in the midst of a complex and often challenging political climate, many hearts are weary. We see the tension, the division, and the uncertainty that surround us. But I urge you, my brothers and sisters, to not lose heart.

Our hope is not rooted in politics or policies—it is rooted in the unchanging promises of God. Galatians 5:1 reminds us, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." As a people of faith, we are called to live free in Christ, to speak truth in love, and to work for justice not just with our voices, but with our lives.

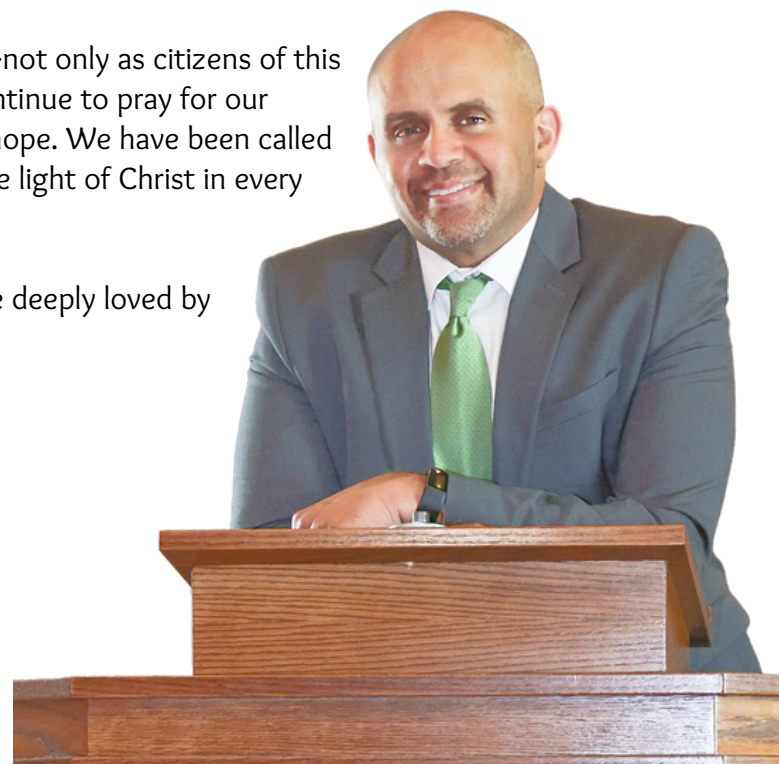
This July, let us be inspired by the promise of freedom—not only as citizens of this country, but as heirs to the Kingdom of God. Let us continue to pray for our nation, lead with compassion, and anchor ourselves in hope. We have been called "for such a time as this," and together, we will shine the light of Christ in every corner of our community.

Stay encouraged. Stay faithful. And remember—you are deeply loved by your church and eternally held by your God.

Blessings and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.C. Davidson'.

Rev. Dr. Todd C. Davidson  
Senior Pastor



# July Events

Offices are closed July 3-5<sup>th</sup> and will reopen Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study resumes and will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, July 16, 23 and 30 – both virtual and in-person.

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The FBCH Bereavement Ministry will host a 13-week GriefShare support series beginning Tuesday, July 22 through October 28, 2025, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in Room 205. This ministry offers compassionate support for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Register online at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) and search for First Baptist Church. For more info, contact Rev. Delrose Reynolds-Porter at [bereavementministry@thefbch.org](mailto:bereavementministry@thefbch.org).

# August Events

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

Aug 4-8, 2025 @ 5:30pm - 8:30pm



For more information on these and other events, visit our website at [www.thefbch.org](http://www.thefbch.org).

## Independence Day Reflection

As we celebrate this Fourth of July, we pause not only to honor the founding of our nation, but to reflect on the values we are still called to uphold—justice, unity, and true liberty for all.

In these uncertain times, with division and unrest often filling our headlines, we remain rooted in a greater hope—the unchanging truth of God’s Word and the power of His love to heal, unite, and restore.

Galatians 5:13 reminds us:

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

As believers, our freedom in Christ compels us to be light in dark places, to stand for truth, and to be agents of peace and justice in our communities. Though the nation may face challenges, our faith is not shaken, and our mission remains clear.

This Independence Day, may we celebrate not just with fireworks and flags, but with faith-filled action, prayerful hearts, and a commitment to love boldly.

Happy Independence Day from your First Baptist Church of Hampton family. Together, we press forward—with hope.

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries



We celebrate and honor all members born in July and those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month. May your special day be filled with love, joy, and blessings. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary!

## Stay Connected

We are continuously exploring ways to enhance our communication, fellowship, and worship experiences. Your feedback is important to us! Please share your thoughts and suggestions with the church office or through our website. Be sure to visit [www.thefbch.org](http://www.thefbch.org) regularly for updates on events, news, and other important information.