



Faithful First NewsLetter

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Rest, Renewal, and Remaining Connected

Dear First Baptist Family,

As we embrace the warmth and beauty of summer, many of us are enjoying vacations, family gatherings, and opportunities to slow down from the pace of everyday life. Summer is a wonderful gift from God, a season to rest, refresh, and be renewed. Even our Savior modeled the importance of stepping away to pray, reflect, and find strength in the presence of the Father.

While we take time to recharge physically, let us also remember to nourish our spirits. Whether you're traveling across the country or enjoying a staycation close to home, I encourage you to remain faithful in your commitment to God through prayer, the reading of Scripture, generosity, and especially corporate worship.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us, "Do not neglect meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another..." (Hebrews 10:25). There is something powerful about gathering with fellow believers to worship, pray, and hear the Word of God. If you're away, I encourage you to find a local church to worship with or join us online. Stay connected because your spiritual growth doesn't take a vacation.

As we look ahead, I am especially excited about Vacation Bible School 2026, taking place August 3–8. VBS is always a joyful week of learning, fellowship, worship, and fun for children, youth, and adults alike. If you haven't already done so, be sure to register before Sunday, July 26, and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to experience this incredible week together.

Additionally, I invite you to join us for Sunday Morning Worship in Patterson-Gaines Memorial Chapel on Sunday, August 2, at 10:15 a.m. as we prepare our hearts and celebrate the beginning of another impactful Vacation Bible School week.

May this season bring you rest for your body, renewal for your soul, and a deeper appreciation for God's goodness and faithfulness. I pray that wherever your summer journey takes you, you will continue walking closely with Christ and sharing His love with those around you.

Have a blessed, safe, and joy-filled summer. I look forward to worshipping with you soon. With gratitude and love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'T.C. Davidson'.

Rev. Dr. Todd C. Davidson
Senior Pastor



Upcoming Events

FBCH Closed

July 4th Holiday – July 2-4, 2026

2026 Freedom School Finalé

Friday, July 31, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Men's Action Fellowship Bible Study – Part 2

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 - 12:00 p.m.



For more information on these and other events, visit our website at www.thefbch.org.

Save the Date:

2026 Vacation Bible Study - August 3-8, 2026

Registration Closes Sunday, July 26, 2026

Sunday Morning Worship Service in Patterson-Gaines Memorial Chapel

Sunday, August 2, 2026 - 10:15 a.m.

Summer Faith Challenge - "30 Days of Faith & Fellowship"

Challenge members to complete as many activities as possible throughout July.

- ☐ Read a chapter of the Bible
- ☐ Attend Sunday Worship
- ☐ Invite someone to church
- ☐ Pray for a neighbor
- ☐ Listen to a worship playlist
- ☐ Perform one random act of kindness
- ☐ Attend a Bible study or small group
- ☐ Memorize one Bible verse
- ☐ Spend 15 minutes in quiet prayer
- ☐ Share a testimony with someone

Bonus: Bring your completed checklist to church in August for a small prize or recognition.

DRIVERS NEEDED!

Volunteers must have a valid driver's license and be under 70 years of age.

Persons who hold a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) are much needed and welcomed.

For more information, please contact Deacon Alfred Marable at 757-256-6860.

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 regularly for updates on events, news, and other important information.