



The Path

Louisa FBC Newsletter



July 2026

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. - 2 Corinthians 3:17

From Pastor Chuck's Desk

**Gonna say
Yeh-Yeh-Yeh-Yes
To Vuh-Vuh-Vuh VBS.**

**Yes to the blessing of Studying God's Word.
Yes to the best thing – Jesus is Lord.**

Have you ever got this song stuck in your head? It asks a simple question: How ya gonna say Yes to VBS?

**How ya gonna say Yes to VBS?
By rockin' in the Worship Rally.**

Our kids will be learning and singing worship songs to the glory of God. Psalm 100:1-2 "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing." I pray that our church loves to sing praises to our King. Singing praises to our Lord is a beautiful way to worship. Ephesians 5:19 "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

**How ya gonna say Yes to VBS?
By learning my ABC's.**

This is a great way of learning the core steps of responding to the Gospel message.

A – Admit to the Lord that you are a sinner and recognize you need forgiveness. Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

B – Believe that Jesus is God's Son and that HE died for your sins and rose again. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

C – Confess your faith in Jesus and commit to follow Him as Lord of your life. Romans 10:9-10 "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you

will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

You can teach children a great many things but nothing is better than Jesus is Lord of our life.

**How ya gonna say Yes to VBS?
Reading the Word of God.**

We would give our children a flashlight if they were going to be walking in the dark. Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." We live in a dark world, and we need His Word to guide us.

**How ya gonna say Yes to VBS?
By living my life like Jesus.**

John 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." This world is nudging our kids to be like a pro athlete, a pop star, a super hero, or even a social media influencer. Becoming more like Christ should be the desire of every believer, for ourselves and our families. Thankfully, the Lord is at work in our lives every day. Phil. 1:6 "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." Saying Yes to VBS is one of those ways in which he works on me and you.

What time is it? It is that time of year when we say Yes to VBS. Bring your kids, grandkids, great grandkids, neighbor kids, and come and serve (there is a place for you) as we grow together as a family in Christ. Matthew 19:14 "But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

**May His face shine
upon you!**

Pastor Chuck Price

Tim Time

Happy Birthday, America! Can you believe that the year is half over? As we celebrate the 4th of July, we look back and are thankful to God for how He has blessed our country over these last 250 years, and we can also thank Him for how He has blessed us this past half year.



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. — 1 Peter 4:10-11

Mission week is finished, and what a blessing it was, with around 100 of our church family coming together in one way or another to serve alongside each other. These verses came to life right before our eyes, as well as a picture, in a small way, of the early church as recorded in the book of Acts.

And now, as we have a birthday party for our country, we are preparing for our annual VBS week. The theme for this year is fittingly "Surprise Party". Pray for and join us yet again as we serve the One true God by pouring into the kids of our community! In Christ's Care, Tim Ellis



Children in Action

During the month of June, our Mission Friends and Children in Action groups have learned about Helping in Appalachia. Only God could WOW! us like He so often does, with our June Missions curriculum featuring a Missionary who Pastor Tim worked with to coordinate parts of the June FBC Youth Missions at Home trip! Missionary Rob Allen serves as the Director of Send Relief's Ministry Center in Ashland, KY. As part of his role there, he provides mission trips and training opportunities for churches. Our kids have learned how the Ashland Ministry Center serves families in need while sharing the good news about Jesus. We hope to have a visit from our June missionary as well! With our Bible lesson connection, they've also learned how Christians living in Antioch helped Christians living in Judea.

We've put our learning into action to help others by decorating tissue boxes with Bible verses and will take these to some nursing home residents. The kids have had fun learning more about our Appalachian culture while making miniature Banjos and very tasty Apple Pies (pictured).



Come join us on Sunday nights at 6:00 in the cafe! - **Susan Little**

FBC Trea\$ury Note by Marti Moore

Thank you for your faithful support of our church through your prayers, service, and financial giving. Besides our regular operations, ministries, and outreach this month you also generously gave to the following:

- ★ Funds to help Ukrainian kids to be able to go to bible camp by donating \$2,847.60 for transportation.
- ★ Supported our local youth mission trip by donating \$13,962.00 over the past few months.
- ★ Supported Two Hearts Pregnancy Center with their annual baby bottle coin drive.

You are the reason we can be about our Father's business. Thank you.

July Potluck is Wednesday the 1st

You can come gather in the FBC parking lot on the night of the 4th to watch fireworks!



Sunday Greeters

7/5 - Mike Adams Family
7/12 - Bobby Workman Family
7/19 - Wes Kingsmore Family
7/26 - Bill Bradley Family





JOY IN SERVING OTHERS

Our summer topics in our WOM studies have been and will be focused on the word SERVING.

That's very appropriate for all the mission's activities and areas of service being carried out since the trip to Romania and recently the Youth Missions Week and all other events planned throughout the year by our adults, youth, and children.

The three topics for June, July and August are:

SERVING WITH GRACE

Grace-filled service ...displaying grace in word and action. Serving with grace goes beyond kindness. The grace Christians bestow on others is born out of Christ in us, so it's HIS grace. Recognizing we are undeserving of the grace God gives us changes the path of our lives. Giving a taste of that grace to others can do the same for them.

SERVING WITH HUMILITY

Thinking of yourself lessLooking outward, not inward, in humble service to the Lord. Humility does not come naturally to us, but it, too, is our calling. Western culture teaches that our worth is found in what we do and in the praise we receive from others. We are often applauded for our achievements, status, wealth, good looks, and even piety toward God. Even if we don't like to admit it, we love to win, to achieve, and to be praised by others. Although we won't be perfect, with God's help we can spend our lives trying to imitate Christ in such a way that we truly live as humble servants.

SERVING WITH PASSION

God-Sustained PassionPrayer builds the foundation for passionate service. We can serve God with passion when we serve through the unique interests and abilities He has given us. Ask God to help you be active both in work and in prayer. Pray he will encourage you and remind you that you are working for Him and not for anyone else.

SERVE WITH PURPOSE

WOMEN ON MISSION

Our Mission ... is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ

Fourteen ladies attended our meeting on June 10th. Our program topic was: Serving with Grace as God has shown us Grace. After a season of prayer for our missionaries and business reports, we discussed our shelving project for the homeless need area which is on hold and future plan to assist the Two Hearts Pregnancy Center. New plans were made to provide the noon meal the first three days of Youth Mission Week for those serving in the Louisa area. Our next meeting will be July 8th.



Betty See

Youth SUNDAY FUNDAY is July 5th from 5-7pm

Meet Our Sunday School Teachers



Kathy Hinkle

Kathy Hinkle has been a steady fixture as a teacher in the Sunday School department since she was eighteen years old. If asked what has motivated her to teach for more than fifty years, she says it is the enjoyment of working with the kids. "I like watching their minds grasp the principles of the Bible," says Kathy. Her current role is teacher of the 3rd - 5th grade girls class. Kathy's daughter is Julia Rollins who attends FBC with her husband Jason and their sons, Jase and Jacks, who are Kathy's pride and joy.

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Important Dates

- 7/1 - Potluck (6p)
- 7/4 - Independence Day
- 7/5 - Sunday FUNDAY (5p)
- 7/8 - Women on Mission (12p)
- 7/12 - 7/15 - VBS
- 7/18 - Staniford Bridal Shower (1p)
- 7/19 - Trustee Meeting (5p)
- 7/20 - Denver Chaffin 90th bday party
- 7/25 - Cafe' Reserved (Webb)
- 7/28 - Grief Sharing Group (6p)
- 7/30 - Dinner Church

See Bulletin for Weekly Schedule



Vital Statistics

From the Life Application Study Bible by Tyndale

Ezekiel

PURPOSE: To announce God's judgment on Israel and other nations and to foretell the eventual salvation of God's people.

AUTHOR: Ezekiel son of Buzi, a Zadokite priest

ORIGINAL AUDIENCE: The Jews in captivity in Babylonia

DATE WRITTEN: Approx 571 BC

SETTING: Ezekiel was a younger contemporary of Jeremiah. While Jeremiah ministered to the people still in Judah, Ezekiel prophesied to those already exiled in Babylonia after the defeat of Jehoiachin. He was taken there in 597BC

KEY PEOPLE: Ezekiel, Israel's leaders, Ezekiel's wife, Nebuchadnezzar, "the prince"

KEY PLACES: Jerusalem, Babylon, and Egypt



The men and women of Care and Connect need your help. In order to provide all of the comfort, care and compassion that is sometimes needed when times are hard, please give us a hand. By giving us the: Name, Address and Phone Number of someone that is in need of comfort or just a friendly, "hello" we can reach all!



Prayers: By having a phone number we can call to check on them.



Cards: Address is needed in order to send a card: Birthday, Sympathy, Illness, Anniversary, Congratulations or just a simple Hello!



Visits: By having their address and phone number we can verify a time and date that is convenient for them

Nursery Volunteers



7/5- Team 4 - Ashley Jordan, Elaine DeSario, Larissa & Angie Skaggs, Kristy Sammons, Jenna Sammons, Alexa Webb Alexa Webb

7/12 - Team 5 - Debbie Harris, Kathy Hinkle, Stacy Pollock, Kim Cecil, Patty Farrell, Raegan Webb

7/19 - Team 6 - Melody Webb, Stephanie West, Sheila Pack, Elle Parsley, Debbie Queen, Samantha Endicott

7/26 - Team 1 - Natalie Wellman, Sophia Wellman, Lindsey Branham, Kayla Collins, Kelli Dixon, Kate Cecil, Kate Collins

Kids Korner

Ashontae Ellis

The FBC Louisa 2026 VBS is... SURPRISE PARTY!

The book of Luke is full of parties!

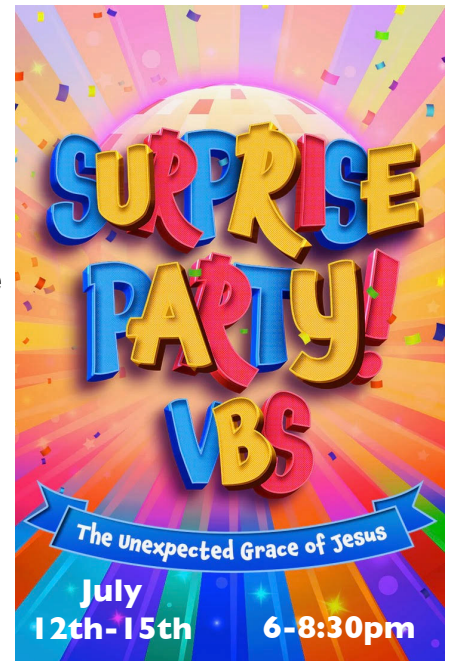
Not only does Jesus regularly attend dinners, banquets, and celebrations - he also talks about them frequently. Jesus' messages about parties all contain a surprise. And that surprise always has to do with the unexpected grace that God has for

undeserving people. Jesus defies all expectations by befriending sinners, and by teaching about parties that are thrown for strays, rebels, failures, and outsiders.

Invite Your Kids to Experience the Unexpected Grace of Jesus!

It's not a complete party without YOU!

July 12-15th, 6pm-8:30pm



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