

A Note from Pastor Nathan

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and in purpose.

Philippians 2:1-2 (NIV 1984)

One in spirit and in purpose. As I write this, another week of Vacation Bible School has come to an end. I want to thank you for your role, whether it was praying or donating food or working in the kitchen or making crafts or directing the games or leading the singing or teaching in the classroom or supervising a particular group of kids or whatever else you did. You have made an impact on these children and the Lord is glorified!

It is really fun to watch the church come together for VBS. Early on, people volunteer for various roles, and then we trust one another to get the job done. We cooperate so well and support one another in the roles we've been given. We share the grand vision of blessing these children, and each of us does his or her part while allowing others to do their parts. The sum of the parts is a beautiful thing.

Notice how the way we do VBS is so different from the way our world works. When people work together on projects, we often see problems with bickering and complaining and nitpicking and micromanaging. Human beings don't naturally trust one another to do things. Sometimes we even see this lack of trust in our churches!

Don't get me wrong; no person or group is beyond correction. I need correction and so do you. Not all words of correction are spot-on, so we need to be discerning in our speaking and in our heeding. But there is a place for making suggestions and offering constructive criticism.

The way that you or I respond to such feedback can actually enhance trust. When an individual or team listens well and responds well to correction, that person or group gains trust, even the trust of its critics. This actually results in more freedom for the persons and groups who've been tasked with various responsibilities.

What I see is potential. The demeanor of FBC during the week of VBS has the potential to become our defining demeanor in all of the endeavors we pursue. The spirit of unity and cooperation and trust and yielding to one another in love is wonderful. I think it is also contagious.

I say all of this to encourage you. Ours is a wonderful church, and sometimes we are especially wonderful, by the grace of God. VBS is just one example. The Holy Spirit calls and empowers us to grow and learn. Jesus prunes us so that we can be even more fruitful.

So I invite you to pray with me. Sometimes we set really good examples for ourselves. What is it about VBS that inspires such unity among us? *Jesus, help that unity to infect all that we do, to the glory of God!*

Grace and peace,

Nathan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO MORNING BIBLE STUDY	2 6:30 Deacons	3	4
5 Communion Indian Creek Cabin Dedication	6	7 6:30 Trustees	8 9:00 Bible Study	9	10	11 6:30 Soul Fest Concert & Ice cream Social
12 Noon: Congregational Meeting / Pitch-In Luncheon	13	14	15 NO MORNING BIBLE STUDY	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 9:00 Bible Study	23 6:30 Church Council	24	25
26	27 6:30 Preschool Open House	28 6:30 Preschool Open House	29 9:00 Bible Study	30	31	

Deacon of the Month <i>John Cummings</i>	Trustee of the Month <i>Greg Flinn</i>	Usher of the Month <i>Jeff Coffin</i>	Greeters <i>Jeff & Teresa Coffin</i>
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Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC

Mondays: 10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH	Wednesdays: 6:15 p.m. FLAMES - CLC
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH	Thursdays: 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
	10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH
Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH
6:30 p.m. Cottage Prayer Group	6:30 p.m. Gideons (3 rd Thurs. each month) – FH

Sound System	
5 th	Paul Schmidt
12 th	Braden Hudson
19 th	TBD
26 th	Eric Moody

Prayers	
5 th	
12 th	
19 th	
26 th	

Nursery Care	
5 th	
12 th	
19 th	Marlen Flynn
26 th	

Children's Worship <i>(2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays only)</i>	
12 th	Betty Miller
19 th	Janet Schmidt
26 th	Kim Schulte