



Forerunner

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"I Want to be Me!"

The pace in which we see the erosion of our culture is happening at warp speed. This erosion has also hit the "Christian" Church as we know it. I see, on a daily basis, more and more churches, ministries, and educational institutions submitting to the culture. They are doing this in the name of tolerance, inclusion, and allowing everyone to be "just themselves, and who they are".

There are many stories I could post to prove what is happening to Christendom around our country, but I will just speak to a few of the current ones over the past couple of weeks.

1. Living Faith Church, located in San Diego, CA has posted this on their Instagram page:

Brand New Inclusive Christian Church in Downtown San Diego! Come be part of an amazing community that's nonjudgmental, open minded, fun and loves Jesus. Where else will you find an adult actress who is also a pastor?!

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CTfllNPPsip/>

2. The CDC has come out with new language to define mothers:

The CDC's credibility when they're pushing woke, LGBTQ language like "pregnant persons" or "birthing persons" instead of "mothers."

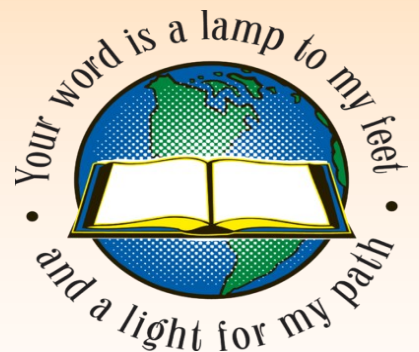
<https://reformationcharlotte.org/2021/09/21/erlc-ally-and-nih-director-francis-collins-refuses-to-denounce-cdcs-woke-lgbtq-language/>

3. After failed stint as pastor's wife, Nadia Hilton returns to a life of pornography:

"I just want to be me. The way I look at posting adult content is that God brought me into this world naked and posting pictures naked, I do not think is this huge crime or this big sin."

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/nadia-hilton-returns-to-porn-as-a-christian.html?clickType=link-most-popular>

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Sunday

9:45 am—Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship Service
(Live on Facebook & 98.1 FM Radio)
6:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)
6:00 pm— Explorers
6:00 pm—Bible Study
(Communion—Oct 3rd Worship Service)

Mondays @ 6:00 pm:

Bible Study on Facebook only

Wednesdays

6:00 pm—Worship, & Devotion
6:30 pm—Prayer Group
6:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm—TruNorth Youth Group



October 4th

Soup Kitchen -
(Please bring rolls/ desserts by 1 pm)

October 5th—Staff Meeting @ 1:00 pm

October 6th

6:30 pm —Kingdom Kids

October 10th Pastor Appreciation Day

October 12th

11:00 am—Women on Mission

October 17th

3 pm—8 pm Fall Festival @ the Legacy Creek Barn; 638 Old Baywood Road

October 21st

11:30 am —Grief Support Group

October 22nd

9:30 pm— 11:30 pm 5th QTR Youth Party

October 20th

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

October 29 8 pm—8 am Youth Lock-In

October (Date to be Announced)

12:15 pm—Quarterly Business Meeting



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There is so much more I could add and this is just scrapping the surface. I can not implore you enough to adhere to the scriptures and maintain faithfulness to the Word of God.

It says in 2 Timothy 4:3-5

3 For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear something new.

4 They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths.

5 But as for you, be serious about everything, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

May we pray for all those who are lost, especially those claiming the name of Jesus and help one another come to the true saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Love,
Kevin



Minister to Youth & Families

Hello FBC Family!!

Matthew 19:13-14 reads, "13 Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. 14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

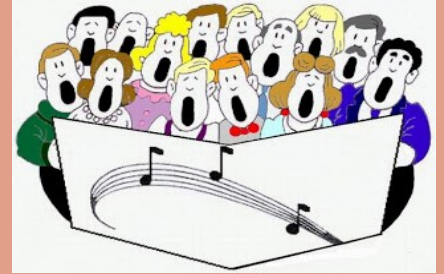
At first glance this would seem to simply permit the children to approach Jesus and it does, but I would assert that this command from Jesus goes a little deeper. I am sure that the disciples and others who were gathered around Jesus that day felt that theirs was a serious business and as such there was no room for the antics of a bunch of kids. After all they were followers of Jesus bringing the good news to people everywhere. They had much ground to cover and many things to do!

Jesus immediately becomes indignant as they try to herd the kids off and out of the way. He calls them "not to hinder" or in other translations to suffer the children. This is the permit part; permit the children and do not hinder them. However, right after this Jesus makes a profound statement that in my mind truly amplifies his earlier command to permit the children. He states that "the kingdom of heaven belongs to those like these children." This implies that those around have much to learn from these kids and they should be given equal access and perhaps even afforded preference!

If you have never experienced the joy of a child learning of the love of Jesus or the absolute magical expression of a student when the message finally clicks with them, you are truly missing out. Yes, we are all busy doing important things. Heck, we pay our tithes and support funding of our children and youth ministries, but when was the last time you made a personal effort to ensure our youth and children have not only equal access to Jesus, but made a sacrificial effort to give preference within your schedule to help them follow the savior? I can promise you once you have experienced the joy of leading the younger generations to discover the love and grace of Jesus, you will also experience a blessing you won't soon forget!

Blessings,
Pastor Steve
Phone: 276-236-5185 EXT. 15

Upcoming Events:
Oct. 17, 3-8pm FBC Fall Festival at Legacy Creek. Details to come
Oct. 22, 9:30-11:30 Youth 5th Quarter Gathering
Oct. 29, 8pm-8am Youth Lock-In



***"Let them give thanks to the Lord for
His unfailing love
and His wonderful deeds for
mankind." Psalm 107:8 NIV***

What a glorious September we have had! It has been wonderful having the Sanctuary Choir back in the choir loft leading in Sunday worship. Even though we are socially distancing and chairs seem full, don't be misled! We still have plenty of room for those of you who might be considering becoming part of the choir. We meet in the sanctuary at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings** immediately following Pastor Kevin's time of devotion. We'd love for anyone who is interested to join us. If you have any questions, please contact the music office. ***We look forward to seeing you!!***
-Wendi

He Keeps Me Singing

***There's within my heart a melody;
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
"Fear not, I am with thee, peace be still,"
In all of life's ebb and flow.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Sweetest name I know,
Fills my ev'ry longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.***

***Feasting on the riches of His grace,
Resting 'neath His shelt'ring wing,
Always looking on His smiling face,
That is why I shout and sing.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Sweetest name I know,
Fills my ev'ry longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.***

***Soon He's coming back to welcome me
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,
I shall reign with Him on high.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,
Sweetest name I know,
Fills my ev'ry longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.***

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**EVEN THOUGH THE
KINGDOM KIDS BUS
MINISTRY AND ALL THOSE
IN ATTENDANCE ARE
WEARING MASKS, THERE
ARE JOYFUL GIGGLES AND
LOTS OF EXCITEMENT AT
THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT
GATHERINGS.
THE THEME HAS BEEN THE
TEN COMMANDMENTS AND
THE BEATITUDES.
EVERYONE IS REMINDED
THAT LIFE IS NOT ABOUT
ME! ME! ME!
JESUS MUST BE FIRST,
ALWAYS!**

PENNY & JEALYNN



**PLEASE JOIN PASTOR KEVIN
FOR HIS FACEBOOK BIBLE
STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ACTS
EACH MONDAY EVENING AT
6:00 PM. STUDY NOTES AND
SCRIPTURES ARE EMAILED
EACH MONDAY BEFORE NOON.**

**A BIBLE STUDY ON
THE CHURCH IN BABYLON WILL
BE LEAD BY KEVIN SPURLIN
EACH SUNDAY EVENING AT
6:00 PM AT THE CHURCH.**



In this past month we have had wonderful times of fellowship with the congregation which gives us the opportunity to know each other better and to see how the Lord is working in the lives of the brethren. We give thanks to the Lord because the missionaries that we are supporting in Mexico came to visit us. They are a very young couple, and they are serving the Lord in Chiapas Mexico. It was a pleasure to meet them and to see what the Lord is doing there through their lives. We pray that the Lord will send more laborers to the vineyard so many souls can be reached for the Lord. We ask you to pray that the Lord always provides for their materials and spirituals needs in their ministry. We thank the Lord for his protection during this pandemic and we ask you to keep us in your prayers.

Many blessings
Pastor Lino Rodriguez

*Pastor Appreciation Day
Sunday, October 10th
Pastors*

*Kevin, Steve & Lino
Thank you
For the early
Sunday mornings
For the middle of the
nights
For the wise counsel &
advice
For the patience,
love and sacrifice
Thank you
For always giving your all
You are so loved and
appreciated!*



Thank you for supporting the Alma Hunt offering. This offering provides funding for all WMUV missions and ministries as well as making possible other special ministries, outreach projects and initiatives uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists but not funded through regular streams of giving. Also, thank you for all your support with baby bottles. The total raised was \$1,115.23.

The love notes for soldiers will be collected October 12th, so if you haven't gotten one in yet, you still have time to write one.

It's time again for Operation Christmas Child- FBC Shoe Box Ministry, so be on the look out for more information.

Come join us on October 12th at 11:00 am at the church to enjoy each other in fellowship and to work on mission projects.
Chrissy Sumner



**Thank you from
Mary Bennett:**

I am sure you have heard that our Paul has joined our God in heaven. He was ours for 37 of his 47 years. We will never stop missing him. So glad he is whole now—talking & running all over heaven telling all his secrets to whomever! I'm glad some of you got to know him. Thanks for your friendship and your concern for this ministry. You are some of our favorite, special friends. Come anytime! Your kindness meant everything to me.



<u>Donor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Gardner Brannon		Mary E Brannon
	Fran Cregar Fund	



First Baptist
Prayer Requests

Ava Rhodes (Joe & Bobbie Sizemore's granddaughter), Julie Gauvreau, Steve & Larkin Conley, Barbara Baxley, Mike McMillian, Juan Rios, Nell Bartlett, Brant Bottomley (Cousin To Jealynn Coleman), Betty Parrish, Susie Huffman, Joe & Linda Soles Great Grandson & family, Bill Cox (Ann Robert's cousin), Kimberly Leming's daughter & twin boys and for Kimberly's friend Amanda and her daughter. Glennis Morris, WNH & Martha Combs, Hillsville Health & Rehab. Pray for our Country & the US Military & other coalition forces.

Condolences to Joyce Phillips & Family on the passing of her sister, Beulah Stacy.
Condolences to Kimberly Leming & Family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Jake Hancock.

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	09/05/2021	09/12/2021
Evening Attendance	80	51
Sunday School	74	76
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	112	124
Hispanic Worship Service	40	44
Total Worship Attendance	306	295
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	12,766.86	9,195.15
REQUIRED TO DATE	337,825.44	347,209.48
RECEIVED TO DATE	339,759.63	348,954.78
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	3,662.62	316.73
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 16,429.48	9,511.88
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	101%	101%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	136%	98%

	09/19/2021	09/26/2021
Evening Attendance	173	66
Sunday School	79	85
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	122	141
Hispanic Worship Service	43	40
Total Worship Attendance	417	332
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,384.04	\$ 9,384.04
BUDGET RECEIVED	7,787.07	6,307.84
REQUIRED TO DATE	356,593.52	365,977.56
RECEIVED TO DATE	356,741.85	363,049.69
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	829.80	2,157.59
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 8,616.87	\$ 8,465.43
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	100%	100%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	83%	68%



Preschool Open House was conducted on Sept. 7th and the first day of school began on Sept. 8th. We pray for a blessed school year. There was a question as whether to open this year due to COVID. Pastor Kevin stated "If public schools can be open and they do not teach about Jesus, the First Baptist Preschool should be open because we DO teach about Jesus".

We would like to thank Marian Porter for her many years of service. Marian will be retiring and she plans do some volunteer work. We are very happy to announce that Jealynn Coleman has accepted the position as the new director. Preschool staff include: Patti Holderfield, Jenny Grabman Byrd, Elizabeth Harrison, Ana Zatarain, Jennifer Shupe, Patsy Cox, Penny Adams, Jealynn Coleman-Director, and Linda Rosenfeld.

Preschool Paper Pals

The Preschool Staff needs your help with cutting and copying craft projects for the children.
Monday Mornings @ 10 am
Beginning Monday, October 4th
Volunteers will meet in the church parlor
Teachers will have the materials and supplies that you need ready to go!

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Kevin Rosenfeld Senior Pastor
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Rev. Steve Goatley Minister of Youth & Families
(Office) 236-5185
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Ms. Barbara Bourne Administrative Secretary
Mrs. Marie Combs Financial Secretary
Mrs. Nancy Hazelwood Organist
Mrs. Patty Davis Pianist
Mrs. Jealynn Coleman Weekday Preschool Director
Mrs. Sara Hall.....Preschool/Extended Session
Mr. Kevin Spurlin.....Sunday School Director
Mrs. Penny Adams Bus Ministry Director
Mrs. Martha Easter, RN Volunteer Health Nurse
Mr. Scott Bedsaul.....Sexton

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Church Office Hours:
Monday—Friday 8:30—5:00 Friday—8:30—1:00

Nursery

October 03 Erica Testerman
October 10 Sara Hall
October 17 Tara Spurlin
October 24 Erica Testerman
October 31 Sara Hall

Security Team

October 03 Jack Edwards & John Patterson
October 10 Jack Edwards & Scott Hall
October 17 Paul Walker & Terry Anders
October 24 Basil Carpenter & Terry Anders
October 31 Gerald Cox & Phil Helms

Welcome Center

October 03 Pam Turner
October 10 Patricia Edwards
October 17 Regina Snow
October 24 Gary Ballard
October 31 Kathy Cox

First Impressions Team

Mike Coomes & Ruth Hall
Johnny & Karen Dickson
Tony & Sonia Truitt
Marty & Cathy Parks
Phil & Gay Helms

Tech Team

October 03 Trevor Anders
October 10 Bryan Dillon
October 17 Gary Ballard
October 24 Mike Stevens
October 31 Bryan Dillon

Sound

Trevor Anders
Bryan Dillon
Gary Ballard
Mike Stevens
Bryan Dillon

Projection

Bryan Dillon
Trevor Anders
Jessica Whitaker
Jessica Whitaker
Trevor Anders



WELCOME BACK FBC CHOIR

WE MISSED YOU!





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNEDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY <u>1</u> <i>Lino Rodriquez</i>	SATURDAY <u>2</u> <i>Doris Spangler</i> <i>Landon Garland</i>
<u>3</u> <i>Ximena Gonzalez</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> <i>Margaret Ballard</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> <i>Gerald Cox</i>
<u>10</u> <i>Ted Phillips</i>	<u>11</u> <i>Byram Whitaker</i>	<u>12</u> <i>Charlotte Frye</i> <i>Jim Baxley</i>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> <i>John Patterson</i> <i>Tony Truitt</i>	<u>16</u> <i>Trevor Anders</i>
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> <i>Martha Dozier</i> <i>Ginny Plant</i>	<u>20</u> <i>Madi Lewis</i>	<u>21</u> <i>Ginny Mays</i> <i>Gwendolyn Seay</i>	<u>22</u> <i>Pearson Hardwood</i>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> <i>Frankie Covey</i>	<u>25</u> <i>Becky Adams</i> <i>Harvey Hennis</i> <i>Clif Conley</i>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <i>Doris Bedwell</i> <i>Erika Galyan</i>	<u>28</u> <i>David Banks</i>	<u>29</u> <i>Deborah Alexander</i>	<u>30</u> <i>Jackie Wyatt</i> <i>Robbie Leonard</i>
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October 2021 Services & Activities

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i> <i>1</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i> <i>2</i>
3 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship & Communion 6:00 pm TruNorth Explorers Bible Study	4 Soup Kitchen (Please bring rolls & desserts by 1:00 pm) 6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kevin On Facebook	5 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	6 6:00 pm Worship & Devotion with Pastor Kevin 6:30 pm Prayer Group Choir Rehearsal TruNorth Kingdom Kids	7	8	9
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FALL FESTIVAL

**Sunday, October 17th
3 pm—8 pm
Legacy Creek Barn
638 Old Baywood Road**



