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## JULY NEWSLETTER

### THE ONE AND ONLY!

As you know, the last 18 months have been unprecedented, unpredictable, chaotic, and crazy. As a church, we dealt with all the ramifications of COVID-19. We shifted to online worship as we were not able to meet for months. We had Drive-in Church. Then we had socially-distanced church. Even when we could meet, some people were afraid to come back, and others got out of the habit of corporate worship.

At the same time, we are in a season of rapid and titanic Culture shift. America is no longer a Christian nation. Christianity is viewed by many as ignorant, racist, sexist, and homophobic. Our nation has embraced perversion. The fastest growing religious segment of our population are spiritually "nothing" and identify as Agnostic or Atheist. Now, less than 50% of population are church members, and a much lower percentage are even casual church attenders. There is a rising Apostasy as young people raised in the church are renouncing Christ and Christianity and are aggressively opposing it. Many believe these are indicators that we are living in the last days.

So, what do we do?

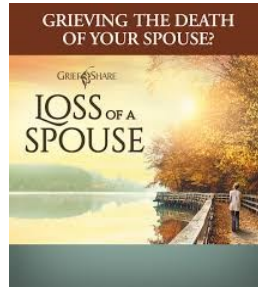
In tumultuous, changing times we need to anchor ourselves in the lasting, the solid and the eternal God and His Word. We need to get a fresh vision of the one and only Lord God. We need to grab onto the truths of the Sovereignty, Supremacy, and Sufficiency of the Eternal God. Join us on Sundays in July and August as we study Isaiah 40-46 and deepen our foundation in the unchanging, invincible, infinite Lord.

- July 11: Isaiah 40
- July 18: Isaiah 41
- July 25: Isaiah 42
- August 1: Isaiah 43
- August 8: Isaiah 44
- August 15: Isaiah 45
- August 22: Isaiah 46

**Pastor Dave Earley**  
Lead Pastor



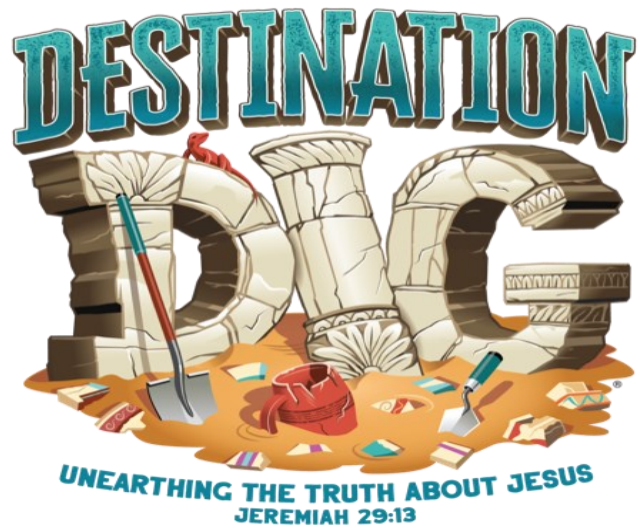
**Coming to FBC!**  
**July 5-8 from 6 to 8 PM**  
**Upward Fields**  
**Ages: 4-9**  
**Contact Pastor Jeff Bane**  
**at 614-634-3624 for details.**



### GriefShare Presents: SURVIVING THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Coming  
Sunday, July 11th  
4:00 to 6:00 PM  
Online (Zoom Call)  
participation available.

For questions, and to register, please contact:  
Barb Lovingshimer at 614-875-4613.



**Vacation Bible School (VBS) Returns to FBC!**  
**Sunday, July 25th through Thursday, July 29th.**  
**Register at firstgc.org**

*Here's the latest buzz . . .*

*SINGLE SENIOR LADIES' LUNCHEON*  
*July 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship*  
*Hall at First Baptist Church*



Come prepared to **BEE** entertained, to **BEE** fed, and to **BEE** encouraged.  
Sign-up at the Next Steps Kiosk.

## MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, July 3rd, at 7:30 AM in our Fellowship Hall! Gary Boggs will be sharing his testimony.

**Donuts and Devotions:** Saturday, July 17th, at 9:30 AM in the Student Center.

Please contact **Pastor David Berna** at 614-288-6337 or by email at [dberna4808@aol.com](mailto:dberna4808@aol.com) for more information.

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

**Women's Breakfast** will be Saturday, July 10th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. **Kay Habegger** will share of her time in Kenya, Africa. Please RSVP by July 9th for a catered breakfast. Accommodations can be made for gluten-free and allergy-free diets. Please contact Ronda Kinnett at [ronda@firstgc.org](mailto:ronda@firstgc.org) or 614-647-7332.

**GNO** (Girls' Night Out) is back on Tuesday, July 20th at 6:00 PM. Pizza will be provided. We will learn all about the easy, no-dry-time way to polish your nails with *Color Street*. Contact Jodi Butcher at 614-620-6380 to RSVP.

**Ladies' Sunday Morning Bible Study** will resume on July 4th at 9:15 AM in room W-104. Please contact Mindy Rucker at 614-595-3054 with any questions.

**2-Day Craft Event** in the Fellowship Hall will be on Friday, July 16th from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, July 17th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Dig out your crafts and join us! Bring your own food for Friday. On Saturday, there will be pizza for lunch so please RSVP to KyleAnn Williams at 614-440-5953.

For more information on upcoming events and activities, please visit the **Women's Ministry Kiosk** in the FBC lobby. You may also contact **Ronda Kinnett** at 614-647-7332 or by email at [ronda@firstgc.org](mailto:ronda@firstgc.org).

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We are always looking for singers and musicians to help with the leading of praise and worship.

If you are interested in such a ministry, I would love to talk with you. You may reach me at [bryan@firstgc.org](mailto:bryan@firstgc.org) or at 614-395-8869.



**The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud, ..., for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.**

**2 Chronicles 5:13-14**

I look forward to meeting you.

**In Christ,  
Pastor Bryan Corbett**



**FBC hosted its 3rd Annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, June 12th with more than 100 cars registered.**

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## MY VIEW FROM THE BACK OF THE PEW

*"Train a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old, he will not turn from it."* Proverbs 22:6

I was playing the piano a couple days ago and my husband simply asked, "What are you stressed about?" It was a valid question. His other clue was the ironing board set up in our room with the iron heating up while I played.

Ironing may not be the first thing that comes to mind when people think relaxation, but it has always been my sure-fire way to decompress. I enjoy the tedious nature of pressing shirt collars and sleeves, seeing all the little wrinkles disappear from pillowcases and tablecloths. I use a wrinkle spray claiming it "smells like sunshine" and when the scented steam wafts up, it soothes me like a spa treatment. During particularly trying times, I have even ironed our towels, washcloths, and my little garden flag.

Life gets busy and sometimes even messy. I often feel that this is how Satan enters. First, he distracts me. I do not make that difficult for him. If that doesn't work, he stirs up turmoil in my marriage, with my kids, or at my job. Then he whispers that everything is my fault, that I am worthless and have ruined everything. I almost believe him. Then I play an old hymn or listen to an encouraging sermon. I do not need to sit still, but I do need actually to be still, and focus my attention back on Jesus.

So while I am making my linen closet wrinkle-free, I am hearing and thinking about God's grace. He reminds me that He has plans and I do not possess the power to ruin them. He tells me that His mercies are new every single morning. It sure makes falling asleep at night so much easier.

The sunshiny scent is just a bonus.

**Blessings,  
Cindy Matlock**

