



Think on These Things

Many of us love to travel, to explore, and to try new things, right? Some of us, however, are content to do things the same way, never try anything new or different, never change, and to never get out of our own comfort zones. In short, we tend to walk by sight, to lean on our own understanding, and to trust ourselves as opposed to trusting God and His Word. The Bible tells us very plainly that Christians are to walk by faith, not by sight (II Cor 5:7), to "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;" and "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct (make smooth or straight) your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

As we begin a new chapter together here at FRBC, my prayer is that we will seek the LORD in all things in order to become the church that He wants us to be. This means that sometimes we won't get what we want, but that as we seek what He wants, He will direct us, bring glory to Himself, and work things out far better than we could ever have even imagined. I hope that you will join me in seeking Him and trusting Him to truly make this His church in this community. Something to think about as we go about our week.

I am deeply humbled and honored to be called as your new pastor. Thank you. With His help, I truly believe that "The best is yet to be!"

Love and blessings,

Trace

Deacon's Meeting Today @ 4:00p



Lessons from Persecuted Christians

#4 Take a Courageous Next Step

So much violence is mindless and heartbreaking, and when we start to fear what could happen, our faith begins to shrink. We shy away from challenges and next steps, and instead hold on to what we have with white knuckles. But we were made to thrive. In 1 Corinthians 16:13, Paul writes to the church in Corinth living in a hedonistic culture: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." Is that how we're living? Are we living faith-filled lives courageously and with strength? It's too easy to fear violence to a point where we hesitate even leaving our homes. But God commands us to be strong and courageous.

Six months after the Taliban retook Afghanistan in August 2021, they declared that any girl in sixth grade or older could no longer attend school. But Sister Fazlia*, a Christian schoolteacher in the country, didn't accept that crippling decree. Instead, Fazlia defied the Taliban. Knowing it could mean her life if caught, she fled the country with her nieces, nephews and seven of her students. She continues to teach them as a refugee in a foreign country. When asked where her strength came from for her to uproot her life and abandon all she ever knew, with tears in her eyes, she simply pointed to Heaven.



If you are interested in helping with ESL this fall, please see Ashley. We are putting together the new schedule

JULY

Birthdays

07/01 Trace Lasher
 07/07 Belinda Johnson
 07/11 Rhiannon Massengale
 07/12 Elizabeth Wegienka

07/12 Alice Young
 07/20 Lisa Couch
 07/24 Fred Buchanan

Anniversaries

07/01 Andy & Kim Buchanan
 07/09 Martin & Heather Smith

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Week 28

Day 1 1 kings 12; 2 Chron 10-11; Titus 1
 Day 2 1 Kings 13-14; 2 Chron 12; Ps 47; Titus 2
 Day 3 1 Kings 15; 2 Chron 13-14; Titus 3
 Day 4 2 Chron 15-16; 1 Kings 16; Philemon
 Day 5 1 Kings 17-18; Psalm 119; Jude



SIGN PROJECT

Current Giving Status:

\$35,116.00

We will start breaking ground soon!



Pray for Ministries resuming in the Fall, including ESL & GriefShare

FINANCIAL UPDATE

FINANCIAL UPDATE 07.17.22

	WEEK	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date
BUDGET	\$ 4,313.50	\$ 12,940.50	\$ 125,091.50	GIVEN VS EXP
GIVEN	\$ 2,632.00	\$ 10,055.15	109,149.74	+ 501.97
+/-	-1,681.50	- 2,885.35	-15,941.76	*Includes \$5000 transfer from contingency

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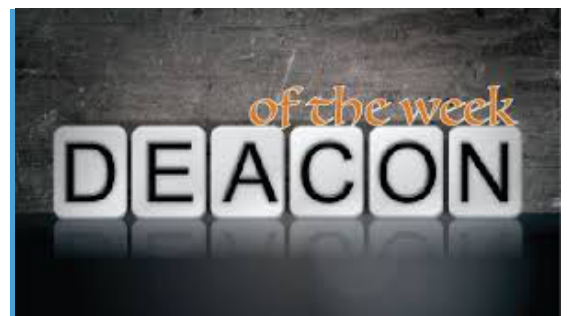
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July 24 Steve Thomas
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 Aug 07 Ernest McCurry
 Aug 14 Bill Forcier