



AUGUST 27, 2023

FRANKLIN ROAD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Think on These Things

"Many people see God as a parent that we outgrow. Once we're mature and once we have overcome certain obstacles in life, we can shake off God just the same as we shook off the authority of our parents. In this pattern, some of us treat God the same way we treat our parents. We give Him a measure of respect, we give Him His due — but we no longer feel we really have to obey Him any more. In our hearts, we have moved out of the house. We think we can make our own rules in life as long as we have supper at God's house once a week and give Him a little recognition."

When Ashley sent me this, I knew that I needed to share it, because it so sums up the pervasive attitude found among so many today. Many people, professing to be Christians, are guilty of this attitude and sadly, their actions prove it.

I rarely go on facebook, but I happened to see something that I shared on my page: "Church folks and God's folks are not the same thing. Church folks go to church. God's folks are the church." Friends, God's folks are those who haven't "outgrown" Him, who have not shaken off His authority the way we may have shaken off our parents' authority, who have not "moved out of the house", and who are not satisfied having "supper at His house once a week."

God's folks recognize that when we are weak and heavy-laden, we can come to Jesus and He will give us rest (Mt 11:28); that "the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Cor 1:25), and that we need the fellowship, love, encouragement, and "feeding" from God's people and His word on a regular basis (Heb 10:24-25; Eph 5:19). God's folks recognize that God always keeps His word (Mt 24:35; Titus 1:2); that every word of the Bible is inspired by Him (2 Tim 3:16); and that Jesus Christ is the only way by which a person can enter into a relationship with God (Jn 14:6). God's folks further know that while this earth is only temporary and that we should make our time here count (Ps 90:10, 12), that He also promises that whoever fully trusts in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior will have life forevermore (Jn 3:16). I could go on and on, but I think you understand what I'm saying, as well as what I want you to ask and honestly answer for yourself: "Have I moved out of the house?" "Am I 'church folk' or 'God's folk'?" "Does my life back up my answers?"

Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love and blessings,
Trace

CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTION

NEXT SUNDAY (SEP. 03)

@ 9:30A IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



SUNSHINE PROJECT

Check out the Sunshine Project table in the Foyer, or contact the Church Office for more information.

August: Sandra Simpson

August Birthdays

08/03	Jesus Pineda	08/24	Sesylee Jennings
08/06	Hannah Wyzykowski	08/26	Joy Thomas
08/08	Nolan Couch	08/27	Kelly Dorrough
08/10	Kane Shirey	08/31	Kayla Smith
08/12	Billy Nestor		

Anniversaries

08/04	Jerry & Rebecca Parkerson
08/14	Greg & Lisa Couch
08/15	Trace & Ashley Lasher



Join us on Wednesday Nights as Kids see the Bible come alive, and then help others to see it too!
Kids of all ages will learn key Bible verses through puppets, short skits, and video productions that they will be able to share with others.

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (AUG 27)

Sunday School.....9:30a
Worship.....10:45a
Children's Church

WEDNESDAY (AUG 30)

Adult Bible Study.....6:30p
i220 Youth Bible Study
Journey Kids - Movie Night: Heroes of the Faith - Saint Patrick

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of the week
DEACON

Aug	27	Jerry Parkerson
Sep	03	Jacob Thomas
Sep	10	Steve Thomas