

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Trace Lasher  
7/7 Belinda Johnson  
7/11 Rhiannon Massengale  
7/12 Elizabeth Wegienka  
7/20 Lisa Couch

## ANNIVERSARIES

7/01 Andy & Kim Buchanan  
7/09 Martin & Heather Smith

### Deacon Rotation

July 21	Bill Forcier
July 28	Jerry Parkerson
Aug 04	Jacob Thomas

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# FRANKLIN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

July 21, 2024

### Our Mission:

Here at FRBC we want to help people to KNOW God personally, GROW in the Lord spiritually, And SHOW God to others in word and action

# Think on These Things

In light of the current tensions that are running high in our country, particularly in this election year, I want to share with you the words of Jesus recorded in **Matthew 5:43-48**: *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I (Jesus) say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect (mature; complete), just as your Father in heaven is perfect."* (NKJV)

What this means to us as followers of Christ is this: God is in control and He expects His children to live accordingly, showing love and mercy to others just as He has shown (does show) love and mercy to us. Instead of becoming bitter and thinking of "just" punishments for our enemies, we should pray for them; pray that God will do a work in their hearts and bring them to repentance. After all, if you really stop and think about it, would you want even your very worst enemy to spend an eternity in torment, punishment, and agony? Would you really want to see that person separated from any hope of God's mercy for all eternity? God gives good things to all people, regardless of who they are, for God, in His love and mercy, does not want that any should perish (even the most wicked), but that all should come to repentance (see **2 Peter 3:9**; **Ezekiel 18:23,32**). Therefore, we should fervently pray for our enemies (that they would come to repentance). By praying for them in love and with sincerity, we become more like our Father in heaven to the glory and honor of His name. Don't you want to be more like Him? I certainly do.

Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love, prayers, and blessing,

Trace

# this week at FRBC

## SUNDAY (JUL 21)

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

## WEDNESDAY (JUL 24)

Adult Bible Study.....6:30p  
I220 Youth Bible Study  
Journey Kids - Bible Alive!

## THURSDAY (JUL 25)

FRBC Thrift Store.....10:00a - 2:00p

# upcoming events

## JULY 28

Back-to-School Family Fun Day

@ Big Trees Farm.....4:00p - 6:30p