

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 28	Jerry Parkerson
Aug 04	Jacob Thomas
Aug 11	Steve Thomas

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FRANKLIN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

Forgive -"To decide not to be angry with someone or not to punish them for something they have done; a conscious decision to release resentment or vengeance toward someone who harmed you, regardless of what they are deserving."

In both these definitions one thing really sticks out to me: To forgive is a conscious decision made by the one who was wronged. This should be a sobering thought to each of us, especially when we consider how we have treated God and of the absolute forgiveness He gives when one comes to Him, brokenhearted over hurting Him, asking His forgiveness. What should be even more sobering are the words of Jesus found in **Matthew 6:14-15** concerning forgiveness: "*For if you forgive men their trespasses (debts, wrongdoings), your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*" (**NKJV; parenthesis mine**) These verses in Matthew, as well as the following verses from Ephesians and Colossians, make it very clear that if we expect God to forgive us, then we must forgive others. "*And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*" (**Ephesians 4:32 NKJV**) "...bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do." (**Colossians 3:13 NKJV**)

Today, as Jerry brings a message on forgiveness, I hope and pray that we will each search our hearts and ask ourselves: "*Is there someone that I need to forgive? Is there someone from whom I need to seek forgiveness?*" (see **Matthew 5:23-24**) The choice, the decision, to forgive another or to seek forgiveness from another is yours alone and it probably won't be an easy one to make (let alone carry out), but with God's help it can and must be done. Ask God for His help, as often as necessary, in forgiving that person who has hurt you, wronged you, trespassed against you; He will indeed help you forgive from the heart (trust me, I know). Please don't let pride, selfishness, or any other emotion stand in the way of giving or seeking forgiveness. Scripture promises, and I can bear witness, that it will ultimately be far easier to forgive another than to remain unforgiven by "your heavenly Father" for failing to do so.

Do you want forgiveness from God? Then you must forgive others.

Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love, prayers, and blessings,

Trace

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (JUL 28)

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

Back-to-School Family Fun Day

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

WEDNESDAY (JUL 24)

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

upcoming events

AUGUST 04

Churchwide Fellowship & Devotion.....9:30am

AUGUST 10

FRBC Thrift Store.....8:00a - 12:00p

AUGUST 17

Leadership Meeting.....9:30a - 11:30a