

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/6 Hannah Wyzykowski
8/10 Kane Shirey
8/26 Joy Thomas
8/27 Kelly Dorrough
8/31 Kayla Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

8/04 Jerry & Rebecca Parkerson
8/14 Greg & Lisa Couch
8/15 Trace & Ashley Lasher

Deacon Rotation

Aug 04	Jacob Thomas
Aug 11	Steve Thomas
Aug 18	Ernest McCurry

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FRANKLIN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

August 04, 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

"People are not looking for a friendly church. People are looking for a friend."

I heard this statement at a pastors meeting that I recently attended and it has been rolling around in my brain (probably a lot of empty space there) since then. One thing that I have had numerous guests say to me about their experience at FRBC is that *"the people sure were friendly toward me"; "they made me feel welcome"*. Any pastor wants to hear these things from guests as it sure beats hearing, *"Nobody spoke to me" or "People didn't seem to care if I was there or not."* Being known as a *"friendly church"* is certainly better than being known as an unfriendly, cold, or clique-ish one. But when I heard that people aren't looking for a friendly church as much as they are looking for a friend, this brought me up short. I now must ask myself, *"Am I a friend or just friendly?"*

Proverbs 17:17 says that *"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."* David Jeremiah states: *"Relationships built on love and fidelity are a rare treasure. True friends are faithful in times of adversity as well as prosperity."* (**Proverbs 18:24**): *"A man who has friends must himself be friendly (can also translate "may come to ruin"), but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."* *"Having one true friend is much better than having many apparent friends."* **David Jeremiah** (I could say a few things about social media here, but I'll refrain).

So, why is it so hard to make true friends? I think that being a genuine friend to someone takes time, effort, and a selflessness that few people are willing to commit. Being a true friend can often become "messy", because life often becomes messy. People are so busy nowadays that true friendship is often never attempted, let alone achieved. I know that we are all very busy, but are we too busy to seek to be a friend to someone who needs a friend? If we are too busy, then I hope that we will stop and take a long look at the sacrifice the Man who wants to be our best Friend made for us. I hope that we will take a look at His life and see that He always took time for people, even when it wasn't convenient. I hope that we will confess and repent of our selfishness and realize that He is our Example and that we are not greater (nor busier) than He. I hope and pray that He will help me to no longer be satisfied with merely being friendly, but that He will help me to be a true friend to someone who needs a true friend-just like He is to me. What about you? Are you willing?

Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love, prayers, and blessing,
Trace

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (AUG 04)

Churchwide Fellowship & Devotion.....9:30a
Morning Worship.....10:45a
Children's Church

WEDNESDAY (AUG 07)

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

SATURDAY (AUG 10)

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

upcoming events

AUGUST 11

GriefShare Semester Begins.....5:00pm

AUGUST 17

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