

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/3 Jesus Pineda
8/6 Hannah Wzykowski
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 18	Ernest McCurry
Aug 25	Bill Forcier
Sep 01	Jerry Parkerson

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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

In 1988, singer Bobby McFerrin released an acapella song entitled "Don't Worry, Be Happy". The song went to #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and stayed there for 2 weeks in the US. It stayed at #1 for 7 weeks in Australia and was also a big hit in the UK and Canada. The song won 3 US Grammy Awards in 1989, including Song of the Year, and in 2024, was chosen by the Library of Congress as a song for preservation in the United States National Recording Registry for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant". The song was described by one critic as "a formula for facing life's trials." While it is an enjoyable and uplifting song, I would hardly call it a "formula for facing life's trials."

In **Matthew 6:25-34**, Jesus gives us a much better "formula" for overcoming worry than merely putting a smile on one's face in times of trouble. In this portion of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells His listeners three times, "*Do not worry*" (**vv 25,31,34**) and gives 5 reasons, per Dr. David Jeremiah, as to why we should not "*give way to anxiety or unease*" or to "*allow one's mind to dwell on difficulty or troubles*" (aka: worry):

1. "*Worry is inconsistent*" (**v 25**). If we can trust Jesus with providing the very breath that we breathe, can we not also trust Him to provide our daily needs?
2. "*Worry is irrational*" (**v 26**). If God cares for the birds, will He not also care for us, since we are more valuable than they?
3. "*Worry is ineffective*" (**v 27**). Who among us can add one cubit (approx. 18 inches) to our height by worrying? (If that was possible, we would live in a land of giants, ha ha.)
4. "*Worry is illogical*" (**vv 28-30**). If God can clothe the lilies of the field with unsurpassed beauty, can He not also clothe us?
5. "*Worry is irreligious*" (**vv 31-32**). When we worry, we act just like those who do not know God; in this case "the Gentiles". I'm sure that no true follower of Christ wants to be mistaken for someone who doesn't even know God, right? Right. So then, how do we conquer worry, which is defined as "a state of anxiety and uncertainty over actual or potential problems"?

Verses 33 and 34 give us the answers: Seek God first and trust Him to take care of our daily needs; don't fret about tomorrow, because today has enough trouble of its own. Sounds like a good plan to me, what about to you? I want to end with this story that I recently read:

"Dale Carnegie wrote of interviewing Henry Ford when Ford was seventy-eight years of age. He had expected to find a gaunt, nervous old man. When asked if he worried, Ford replied, 'No. I believe God is managing affairs and He doesn't need any advice from me. With God in charge, I believe that everything will work out for the best in the end. So what is there to worry about?'" What is there to worry about, indeed?

Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love, prayers, and blessing,

Trace

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (AUG 18)

Sunday School.....	9:30a
Morning Worship.....	10:45a
Children's Church	
GriefShare.....	5:00p

WEDNESDAY (AUG 21)

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

upcoming events

SEP 01

Churchwide Fellowship & Devotion.....	9:30am
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SEP 08

H.O.P.E ESL Semester Begins.....	5:00pm
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