

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/3 Jesus Pineda
8/6 Hannah Wyzykowski
8/10 Kane Shirey
8/26 Joy Thomas
8/27 Kelly Dorrough
8/31 Kayla Smith
9/01 Marie Richardson

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Deacon Rotation

Aug 25	Bill Forcier
Sep 01	Jerry Parkerson
Sep 08	Jacob 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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 tell us: "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to gain, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; A time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace." NKJV

We are all probably at one of these times right now in our lives, and we need to think of these times as the **seasons** that they are. A season will pass; it is not permanent, whether good or bad. Some seasons last longer than others and some seasons are quite short. The point is that life has its seasons and that God is aware of where each one of us are at any given time in our lives. He knows that there will be times of sadness, but that there will also be times of joy; times of pain and times of refreshing; times of mourning and times of rejoicing. Whatever the season, God **knows** and is there with and for us (see **Isaiah 41:10 & 13; Matthew 11:28-30**)

This Tuesday, August 27th, marks a day of mourning and of gladness for me for it was on this day, five years ago, that my mother breathed her last on this earth and woke up in Glory. I mourn (still) because I miss her greatly, but I rejoice in the fact that she has no more pain or suffering and that she is in the presence of her Savior (and thanks to her, my Savior, too): the Lord Jesus Christ. She lived out her faith in Him in front of me, prayed for me when I strayed, and rejoiced in the Lord when He brought me back to Himself. I owe her more than I could ever repay and am where I am, in large part, because of her. I am able to rejoice because I know that one day I'll see her again, and what a reunion that will be! (see **I Thess. 4:13-18**)

I share all of this to say that I know God is in control of every situation of life, even when it doesn't appear that way. Nothing on this earth is permanent, but where we will spend eternity is. The time to choose where that will be is now, while we are still on this earth and while we still have a chance to choose. I chose to ask Jesus to forgive me and to be my Lord and Savior; my place in Heaven is secured by Him and nothing can change that, praise God! (see **John 3:16; John 10:27-30**)

Have you made your choice where you will spend eternity? If you're reading this, then it's not too late to do so. I pray that you will choose Jesus (if you haven't already). Remember that our life is but a vapor that disappears quickly (**Psalms 39:5,11; James 4:14**); we are not guaranteed tomorrow, so please choose to follow Him today. "*Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*" (**2 Corinthians 6:2b NKJV**) "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*" (**Revelation 3:20 NKJV**) The choice is yours; choose wisely.

Something to think about as we go about our week.
Love, prayers, and blessing,
Trace

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (AUG 25)

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

GriefShare.....5:00p

WEDNESDAY (AUG 28)

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

upcoming events

SEP 01

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

SEP 08

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

Notice:

We are collecting plastic grocery sacks (Walmart, Kroger, etc.) to use for the upcoming Arts & Crafts Fair in October. There will be a drop-off box available in the Foyer for anyone who wants to donate. Thank you!