

# October Birthdays

10/1	Stacey Elkins	10/19	Kristen Hanson
10/6	Bill Forcier	10/20	Logan Wegienka
10/11	Patricia Hanson	10/22	Ashley Lasher
10/18	Lela Kay Smith	10/23	Abby Hammock

# Anniversaries

10/10 Bill & Margaret Forcier

Deacon Rotation	Oct 06	Jerry Parkerson
	Oct 13	Jacob Thomas
	Oct 20	Steve Thomas

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# FRANKLIN ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

October 06, 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

# The Great Commission and Us

*“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, **even** to the end of the age.””*

**(Matthew 28:18-20)**

The last words Jesus said to his followers are given in Acts 1:8 and the passage written above. They both are commands to share the gospel of salvation. The Great Commission, as these verses are called, have been used to base mission organizations on like the Baptist North American Mission Board or the International Mission Board. Although He was speaking to His disciples at the time, the command to go is universal to all believers.

The concept of witnessing to people about the Lord scares people to death. *“How will I be accepted? Will they make fun of me? Will I be called a fanatic? I don’t know what to say. I am not a preacher or evangelist.”*

These are legitimate questions to be considered. They are reasons so many people don’t share their faith.

If I could, I would like to share some ways we can all learn to go make disciples. First, the scripture says to **go**. That phrase really means as you are going. So, you don’t have to go to the mission fields because everywhere you go is a mission field. The school, the office, the grocery store, the mall, the coffee shop, the ballgame, and anywhere else you go is your mission field.

Second, you don’t have to know or share a lot of scripture. You don’t have to know theology or doctrine. The best thing you must have to share the gospel is what God has done for you personally. If God has ever done anything in your life that has changed it in any way, (and I know He has), then tell the person about it.

Also, you have your testimony about how God changed you. Simply tell the person what your life was like before Christ, how you came to accept Christ as savior, and what your life is like now. Oh, and if they ask you a question you don’t know, tell them you don’t know but you will find out. Then find the answer and share it.

Yes, evangelism is scary to think about and do. Satan wants us to think and believe that so we won’t share what God has done for us. When these feelings of fear, and lack of knowledge overtake us, remember these five words Jesus said at the end of the passage: *“I am with you always.”*

Lets all ask God to help us share our faith.

Be Blessed,

Jerry

# this week at FRBC

## SUNDAY (OCT 06)

Churchwide Fellowship & Devotion.....9:30a  
Morning Worship.....10:45a  
Children’s Church  
  
GriefShare.....5:00p  
H.O.P.E. ESL.....5:00p

(Volunteers should try to arrive by 4:45p)

## WEDNESDAY (OCT 09)

Adult Bible Study.....6:30p

## FRIDAY (OCT 11)

FRBC Arts & Crafts Fair Setup.....1:00p - 4:00p

## FRIDAY (OCT 12)

FRBC Arts & Crafts Fair.....9:00a - 2:00p

FRBC Thrift Store

# upcoming events

## OCT 20

Churchwide Fall Festival @ Big Trees Farm.....3:30p - 6:30p

For the next couple of weeks we are collecting candy for the upcoming Fall Festival. There is a donation box in the Foyer for all those who want to help out.

Thank you!