#### **January Birthdays Anniversaries Lauren Lasher Keel** 1/7 1/27 **Charlie & Melissa** 1/7 **Marilyn Minor** Shirey 1/14 **Noah Elkins** 1/22 **Charlie Smith** 1/24 **Briella Hood** 1/25 **Sophia Dorrough** 1/27 **Karan Mell**

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### Think on These Things

Today is Sanctity of Life Sunday. That means that this day is set aside for us to focus and concentrate on just how truly special each life is in the sight of God our Creator. **Psalm 139:14a** tells us: "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." I am struck by these words: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made".

Each individual person has the first person pronoun "I" as the recognized standard in English when talking of oneself. This means that this verse applies to each and every individual who has ever been conceived, for the previous verse (13) states: "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb." David, the author of this psalm, recognized that life begins at conception and that each life is created special and unique by God Himself. Tragically, many people believe the lie that they aren't worth much (or anything) as a human being, yet God says differently. He created each and every one of us in accordance to His desire: there is no one else exactly like you or me; we are all unique.

"Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!" is how the New Living Translation puts 139:14a. "Fearfully and wonderfully made" is saying that I am put together, formed, in a way that is astounding and astonishing. Scientists have tried unsuccessfully for years to create an artificial eye that functions as well as the human eye does. They have

made many breakthroughs, but have not succeeded, because while God has given us intelligence to create many things, our intelligence fails in comparison to His. The complexity of just the human eyeball is testimony to God's incredible, unmatched creativity.

Today, there are many women who are facing the choice of giving birth to an unexpected baby or aborting it. My prayer is that someone, somehow, would encourage that lady that the life that is forming in her is special to God and was created in His image and that just as someone gave birth to her, she would also choose life for her unborn child. "Why should I have this baby?" she may ask. Because God has a plan for each and every individual, as verse 16 tells us. "Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them." Protecting the unborn and encouraging expectant mothers to choose life is the only way that God's plan for that individual child has a chance to even begin to come to fruition.

Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love, prayers, and blessing,

Trace

#### this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (JAN 19)	
Sunday School9	
Morning Worship10 Children's Church	):45a
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MONDAY (JAN 20)	
Constitution & Bylaws Team Meeting1:	00p
WEDNESDAY (JAN 22)	
Adult Bible Study6	
I220 Youth Group6  Journey Kids - Explorers	:30p
SATURDAY (JAN 25)	
Leadership Meeting9:30	am
Wedding Shower for Caleb & Ashton Buchanan2:00p - 4:0	)0p
(See Melissa Shirey, Jenni Wyzykowski, or Terri Sledge)	
upcoming events	

## **FEB 02**

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