

January Birthdays

Anniversaries

1/7 Lauren Lasher Keel
1/7 Marilyn Minor
1/14 Noah Elkins
1/22 Charlie Smith
1/24 Briella Hood
1/25 Sophia Dorrough
1/27 Karan Mell

**1/27 Charlie & Melissa
Shirey**



Deacon Rotation

Jan 26 Jacob Thomas
Feb 02 Steve Thomas
Feb 09 Ernest McCurry

Nursery Rotation

Jan 26 Melissa Shirey & Robin Buchanan
Feb 02 Kayla Smith & Lindsey Thomas
Feb 09 Michelle Hammock & Beverly Tarleton

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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

Paul, in **1 Timothy 2:1-4**, encourages young Timothy (and all believers) with these words: *"Therefore I exhort (encourage) first of all that supplications (petitions; specific requests), prayers, intercessions (prayers for others), and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."* (NKJV) When Paul wrote these words, the cruel Roman emperor Nero was in power. Nero was a merciless persecutor of Christians and an evil man with no regard for human life (except his own). Why in the world would Paul encourage believers to pray for this man? Because it would honor God as the Giver of all authority and so that His children could live lives of peace with their focus on Him; so that they would not constantly be looking over their shoulders, wondering if they would be arrested and persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ. Even though Nero never ceased persecuting them, they largely remained faithful to God, trusting that He would see them through and reward them for their faith and trust in Him.

Throughout the history of Christianity, there have been rulers who hated and persecuted Christians, while at other times there have been rulers who have left Christians alone. There have even been some rulers throughout history who have professed faith in Jesus Christ (Emperor Constantine comes to mind). In any case, Christians were (and are) subject

to those who are in authority. By praying for those in authority, we show our trust in God and our faith that no one is beyond His redemption. God saves all those who truly repent and trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This includes people from all walks of life, even kings.

As we enter these next four years (if Jesus should tarry His return) under a newly elected President and administration, I pray that we will be in prayer for him and for all of our elected and appointed leaders. I pray that we would ask God to give them wisdom and discernment to make decisions that would first and foremost honor Him. I pray that we would pray for the salvation of any who are lost. Finally, I pray that rather than complain about the things these leaders do or don't do, we would intercede for them and thank God that no matter who is in office, He is always on the throne.

Something to think about as we go about our week.

Love, prayers, and blessing,
Trace

I thank you for your continued prayers for me and my family. We truly need them and are most grateful to you for being faithful to pray for us. We pray for each one of you and ask that if there is something specific we can pray for you, that you would let me know. Love you all!

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (JAN 26)

Sunday School.....9:30a
 Morning Worship.....10:45a
 Children's Church
 H.O.P.E. ESL.....5:00p

WEDNESDAY (JAN 29)

Adult Bible Study.....6:30p
 I220 Youth Group.....6:30p
 Journey Kids - Explorers

upcoming events

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

Attention:

If you are a volunteer in the Nursery please check the rotation list in the bulletin or the schedule on the Nursery door to see when it is your week to serve. Be sure to contact each other and switch days if one does not work for you.

Please arrive at the Nursery no later than 10:30am to check our little Doodlebugs in. Thank you!