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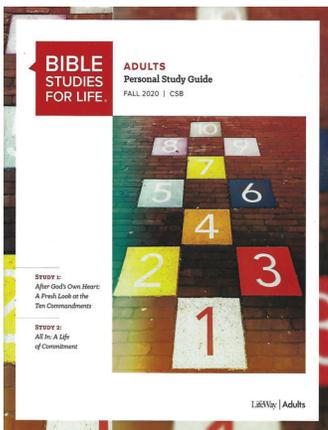
Adult (and Youth) Sunday School Class

To Begin Sunday,
 September 6

The FBCHHI Administrative Council and Staff are happy to announce an on-campus Adult (and Youth) Sunday School Class to be held in the Family Life Center Multi-Purpose Room. This is the only class to be held on Sunday mornings for now beginning September 6th, from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM.

The 6-week study for the class is from Lifeway's Bible Studies for Life Series written by Tony Evans,

"After God's Own Heart."



This study takes a fresh look at the **Ten Commandments**. It will be led by rotating teachers.

Each session will consist of a lesson and will end with people moving to a table for a lesson discussion and prayers.

Books will be available in the foyer of the Sanctuary and in the Family Life Center lobby.

Please only pick up one study guide per family.

Plans are in the making for other studies, programs, and activities will begin later.

Watch for more information in the October Messenger.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

9:00 AM - WORSHIP
 SERVICE - SANCTUARY

10:00 AM - ADULT SUNDAY
 SCHOOL CLASS -
 Family Life Center
 Multi-Purpose Room

11:00 AM - WORSHIP
 SERVICE - SANCTUARY



will be held in the
 Sanctuary
 Sunday, September 6.

If you would like to follow the Lord in Believer's Baptism, please call Lynda Hopkins at 843-785-4478 for details.





From **The Pastor**

Dear Church Family,

August has proven to be an extremely busy month as we have had campus improvements and repairs being performed, growing numbers in on-campus worship attendance, and as we make plans to try to safely re-launch some of our ministries. Below are some highlights to make you aware of what God is doing here.

Campus Improvements and Repairs

Several roofs on our campus have been replaced, and I want to update you on God's provision in that regard. Back in March, Richard Blyudzhys, who joined our church with his wife Kelsey almost two years ago, called me to ask if anyone had inspected the roof for hail damage as there were several roofs around us being replaced due to storms from the past two years. After his company indeed found damage and after receiving three quotes, we went with his company because it was the best quote. After filing an insurance claim from the said damage to our Sanctuary, Office, Children's, and Family Life Center buildings, God provided - through our insurance company - roughly \$390,000 in roofing replacements for the total cost of our \$25,000 deductible. Needless to say, this was an incredible blessing to our budget and our scheduled replacement plan for many years to come. Thanks to Richard Blyudzhys for being proactive with this, and to our Buildings & Grounds Committee, led by Dick Sanders, for overseeing this project.

Dick and our B&G Committee have been overseeing the safety and reduction of liability concerns on our campus. As a result, we have had several trees removed that were liabilities around the rear of our Family Life Center. We also made repairs to our sanctuary HVAC units. You will notice some new landscaping improvements, including new bushes, being installed around the front of our campus. There has also been significant brush removal behind the Family Life

Center to create a larger grass area for our various ministries as we prepare to make more usable space for the years to come.

In short, God is providing great opportunities for our church to move into a bright future of ministry as our campus serves as a lighthouse to Hilton Head Island and Beaufort County.

Combined Sunday School Re-launch

I am extremely excited about Sunday, September 6th, when we re-launch our adult Sunday School ministry, though in a quite different format for the first six weeks. I believe this 6-week session could be an immensely powerful time in our church. We will be led by some talented teachers on a rotating basis each week. Together, we will learn how to apply the lessons and then pray for each other in small breakout groups. Consider joining us for Adult Sunday School between our two worship services at 10:00 AM in the Family Life Center Multi-Purpose Room. We will continue to practice social distancing and stay in compliance with the town's mandate for face masks which has been extended until October 17th.

A Change of Perspective:

Seeing opportunities within challenges

When Nehemiah examined the dire situation of the walls and gates around Jerusalem, he surely was both devastated at the situation and overwhelmed with the task in front of him. However, within the greatness of the situation lay a greater opportunity for God to receive glory, as He miraculously provided for His people.

In this crazy 2020 year, we can choose to focus on the mountains in front of us: COVID-19, division across the country, the unsteadiness within any election year, decreased church attendance (at least in-person), a lack of volunteers for ministries, etc. *Or, we can see the opportunities that this season provides.* With the unsteadiness in our country, many are more open to the Gospel than ever before as they search for hope and peace. Though our in-person attendance is low right now, our online presence has sky-rocketed in terms of those exposed to the Gospel via online worship. With many of

our regular volunteers unable to volunteer in positions as greeters, praise team members, etc., God has provided new people to fill holes in ministry. Any time the Church faces a crisis, we actually realize how totally dependent we are on God, and we find an opportunity to see God work and give Him greater glory.

I praise God for the new faces we see on our praise team, those at the doors greeting, and for those who will soon be plugging into youth and children's ministry as we have an opportunity to re-launch those ministries this fall.

I praise God for the Gospel conversations with neighbors that our people are having, as they spend more time at home and around them. We sometimes lose sight of in the chaos of "normal" life.

I praise God for the sacrificial giving that so many of you have practiced this year, not only meeting what was proposed as a deficit budget but exceeding it. God has blessed us through your giving and has enabled us not just to continue

ministry but to move forward toward a vision of even greater impact in the future ahead of us. Several of these exciting opportunities and needed ministries will be presented in the coming months...but for now, know that God is providing *now* for opportunities for our church to impact our community for Christ.

Church, as you face the mountains in front of you, don't gaze at the height of their peaks. Lift your eyes a little higher and see the God that is above the mountains. Keep your eyes on Him, and you will find that in every obstacle, He provides great opportunity. I love you dearly, and I greatly look forward to what God is going to do in the months and years to come.

In Christ,

Brett Myers



Online Prayer List

Contact Lynda Hopkins at lhopkins@fbchhi.org or 843-785-4478, to have your email added to the listing to receive a weekly online prayer list.

Church Staff

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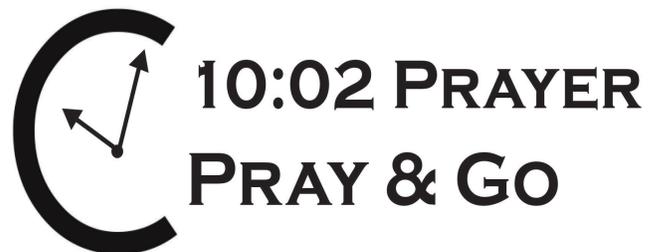
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Financial Statement

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts Goal thru 07/31/20	\$503,677
Year-to-Date Receipts thru 07/31/20	\$513,071
Year-to-Date Expenses 07/31/20	\$456,587
Budget Receipts Goal for August 2020	\$ 83,946
Month-to-Date Receipts thru 08/31/2020	\$ 91,986
Month-to-Date Expenses thru 08/31/2020	\$ 61,435

New Roofs for FBCHHI Buildings

Our aging roofs had damage from a hail storm. The damage was covered by our insurance so the Sanctuary/Breezeway/Office Building, Education Building, and the flat roof of the Family Life Center were able to get new 30-year roofs. The church saved over \$350,000. That should make you shout "Hallelujah!"

We are so grateful for this huge blessing. It will aid our future church finances when we would have normally had to pay full price for new roofs. We are truly counting our blessings over this benefit.

An incredibly special thank you to our member, Richard Blyudzhyus, for working with our Building and Grounds Committee. He was instrumental in finding us the best possible scenario through his roofing company, Delta Roofing. And thank you to the men, and women, that worked on our roofs. *What a blessing!!!*





▲ **Materials were lifted to the roof areas with the use of a large fork lift.**



▲ **With the help of a very large crane, seven HVAC units were removed from the Education Building's Roof before the flat roof could be replaced.**

◀ **Because of the high pitch of our sanctuary roof, roofers must wear harnesses to be able to replace the shingles. People riding by on bicycles would stop to watch.**

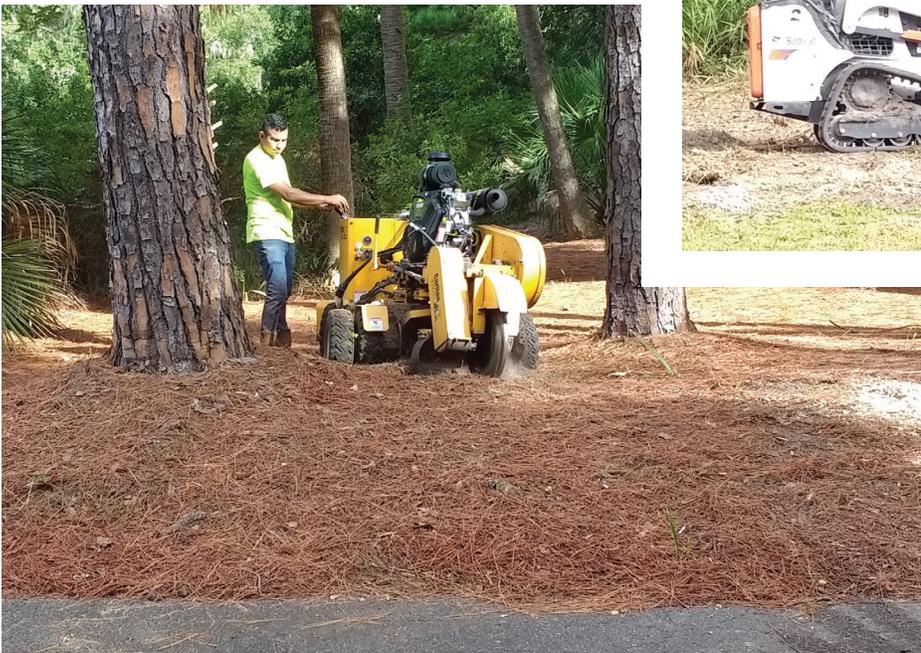
▶ **Up on the roof of the Office Building, Richard Blyudzhys (right) discusses the roofing project with his colleagues.**

Property Improvements Under the Supervision of Our Building and Grounds Committee

Pastor Brett surveys the back yard behind the Family Life Center that was cleared to make a larger play area for our youth and children. As a reference point, you can see the flagpole and small tree still in the ground where the edge of the grassy area was before. We will be adding topsoil and planting grass. This new area will provide a much-improved play area when we, once again, can get together on campus for a variety of church activities.

The photo on the bottom right shows the same company, JI Berras Landscape, that did the clearing, grinding stumps left from other times trees were cut, probably after Hurricane Matthew.

We also had some fill dirt and mulch delivered to use in this improved area. We are grateful for the diligent work of our Building and Grounds Committee, as they oversee these projects.



FBCHHI Kids

Care...

Prepare...

Share...

Reopening Phases 2 and 3

Plans continue to be made about reopening our Children's Ministry that will most likely return in October. Please feel free to bring all your children into the sanctuary if you choose to return to worship services. Remember that we have Children's Activity Packs available in the foyer of the sanctuary filled with crayons and activities for children to use during the service. **Please take your packet home with you because we do not reuse them.** Any packets left in the Sanctuary must be thrown away for health safety.

Children's Sunday School Packs are also available for home use. Contact Paulette Gardner at 843-785-4478 to get a copy for your child.

"Kid's Matter to God and FBC."



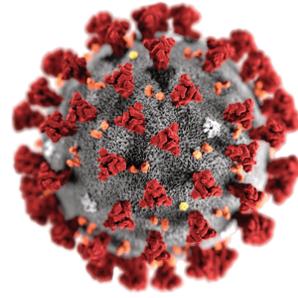
The Child Evangelism Fellowship Golf Tournament was canceled.

The golf tournament has always been a large fundraiser for them. They are now planning an online auction to take it's place. Watch "The Friday 5" for more information.



During the month of September, FBCHHI will be collecting an offering for Send Relief of the North American Mission Board. This group aids victims following a crisis or natural disaster. You can read about them at www.namb.org, Send Relief.

If you choose to make a donation, be sure it is clearly marked for Hurricane Relief. This collection will end on September 30, 2020.



Patient attention, valuable discoveries

For many people, the coronavirus pandemic has been a test of patience — or worse. Medically vulnerable people face an anxious time of hyper-vigilance. Furloughed workers wait on hold or in lines for assistance. Special events have been canceled or rescheduled.

Those not impacted directly deal with assorted frustrations and inconveniences. Many people are learning the benefit of slowing down, being present (even virtually) to others, and practicing patient attention.

Interestingly, scientist Isaac Newton did some of his best work when the plague forced Cambridge University to close. At home, the inquisitive student invented calculus and developed groundbreaking theories of gravity and optics. Later Newton called 1666 his annus mirabilis ("year of wonders") and reportedly said, "If I have made any valuable discoveries, it [owes] more to patient attention than to any other talent."

What have you discovered during the Covid-19 crisis? What appreciations have you developed for aspects of life you may have previously taken for granted? What has social distancing taught you about the value of neighbors, church, community volunteering?

During the pandemic, what have you learned about persistence and God's presence? What empathy do you now feel for writers of words such as "I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope" (Psalm 130:5, NIV)?

From the Student Pastor - Brian Parker

FBC Hilton Head Island Student Ministry

Fall is finally here and as we navigate new schedules, we're excited to get going with our fall schedule. Here are some things to be looking for as we get September kicked off.

Sunday School Options beginning September 6th

September 6th kicks off a new option for your student with Sunday School. A live in-person Sunday School will be happening on our campus starting Sept. 6th. This is a joint Sunday school option for our whole church that will cover a 6-week study of the 10 Commandments. The study will have a rotation of teachers, discussion, and is a great opportunity for students looking for a live option. The class will be held in Family Life Center at 10:00 am each Sunday for those six weeks.

Because we will still have students who are wanting to join us digitally, we will keep our 8:30 pm Sunday evening Zoom sessions for Sunday School through September. The link is listed below.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/366219868?pwd=VWxidzJ5aTM3Zk53Zld1NzR5NW1KQT09>

Promotion Sunday, September 6th

We celebrate all our students and are excited about growing with them as each student officially moves up a grade in student ministry. This is especially exciting for our new 6th graders that are moving up into student ministry.

Merge Combined Fall Kick-Off Wednesday, September 9th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

This fall kickoff is a joint event for us and our students to enjoy as fall gets rolling. This event will be held at Hilton Head Community Church @ 6 pm. That evening we will be talking about the Gospel and the fall schedules for FBCHHI and Community. There will be plenty to do and lots of food and games as we hang out and celebrate kicking off fall together. This event will be held outside and on the patio.

2020 calendar of events
www.fbchhi.org

September Fall Kick Off Edition

2020 Fall Retreat

Guys and Girls weekend... November 13th-15th

What is a guys/girls weekend? Well, I am glad you asked. It is a weekend where our students get out of their normal routine, study scripture together, and have a whole lot of fun. Our guy and girl students will be split up for the weekend with a couple of designated times when we meet to do something fun and serve together. Guys and girls will be separated in homes or at the church for lodging that weekend. In those breakouts, we will have events geared toward our guys and girls and look at scripture through the lens of being a Christian young man or woman.

As of right now...

We are gathering info about events or projects that might be useful or interesting to our students for the weekend. Please mark the dates on your calendar. We cannot wait to see what God does over that weekend.

6th Grade Celebration (including Junior and Senior Girls) **Saturday, September 12th**

This 6th Grade celebration is an opportunity for our newly promoted 6th graders to build relationships with our veteran student ministry leaders. This allows some of the awkward tension of moving up to student ministry to be alleviated before the first initial Wednesday at youth group. This event also provides an opportunity for the junior and senior students to connect and develop relationships with the new students. They can communicate the value of the student ministry experience with them. The location and time of this event will be confirmed. This group of girls will eat dinner together and spend a few hours at the Art Cafe. Times will be confirmed through text message.

Fall Kick-off @ FBCHHI Nerf War, **Wednesday, September 16th, 6:30-8:00 pm**

Nothing says welcome back to church like a Nerf dart to the face... well only when it is shot out of love. Our kickoff is just an opportunity to get back in person and have some fun as we start our fall sessions exploring scripture. Students are encouraged to bring their Nerf guns and darts as we play a variety of Nerf games. The church will have a few extra Nerf guns and darts for anyone who may need them. Come laugh and enjoy the fun. This event is a great way to introduce friends to church and break the ice for their first time. Plan on eating when you get here as we get fall kicked off right.

Wednesday Fall Sessions @ FBCHHI - Wednesdays, **6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

This fall our Youth sessions will be held on campus beginning at 6:30 pm. We will be teaching through a variety of topics and exploring more applications of the scripture for our lives as believers.



What can parents do to help?

Parents can help our planning by marking their calendars and letting Brian know if they are interested and available to help for that weekend.

As we look for opportunities to possibly do a service project that weekend, please keep an eye out for a project that might fit a morning or afternoon time slot. Any connections for events or fun activities are welcomed, as well. The main objective is for us to worship together, apart, and reconnect spiritually.

Coming in October

Live Concert! **Drive-in Theater Tour - Concert** **in Beaufort** **at Hwy. 21 Drive-In** **Wednesday, October 7th,** **5:00 pm**

The last drive-in concert was a blast and I have reserved more space as we look to have fun at the drive-in concert on Oct. 7th. **Stephen Curtis Chapman, Michael W. Smith, and Mac Powell** are live at the Hwy 21 Drive-In in Beaufort. Student tickets are \$10 each and students need to have money to eating at 5:00 pm at Moe's in Bluffton before the concert.

R.S.V.P. to Brian to reserve your spot. If your student would like concessions, please send money with your student for them. The weather should be nice in October, but you may want to bring bug spray.

MISSIONS

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS



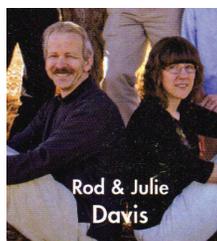
The Mission Committee thanks the members of First Baptist for their faithfulness in giving to our annual Mission Campaign. We successfully reached our goal of \$40,000. The Mission Committee would also like to thank those in our church family who contributed to the Blessing Box over the past several months. We have received donations of food and personal items along with monetary donations.



In July, one of our partners in mission, The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, sent a team of students to our church campus where they participated in a mini-camp, which included Bible study and various service projects. The service projects included cleaning up our church playground and much "weed pulling." Lisa Richardson is an area representative for the South Coastal Area of the FCA. She is also a member of our church and a member of our Mission Committee. She helped lead the students at this mini-camp, along with another mini-camp FCA held in Bluffton. The FCA is continuing to develop a plan to reach student-athletes during the upcoming school year, knowing that there will be many challenges facing them due to the changes in school and school schedules this fall.



We were unable to collect donations this year for the Pregnancy Center of the Lowcountry, another partner in the mission of ours, due to the church being closed, and then worship times were shortened once services re-started. We encourage our church members to remember the needs of this organization with prayers and financial gifts, if possible, as crisis pregnancies continue to happen, even in Pandemics.



Rod Davis, another of our partners in mission, continues to do Information Technology/Cyber Security for Wycliffe. Rod recently celebrated 30 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Please pray for Rod and his family as they have a significant shortfall in their ministry budget each month! If you feel called to give a special donation to Rod, you can do so by writing a check to our church and writing in the memo area that it is specifically for Rod Davis.



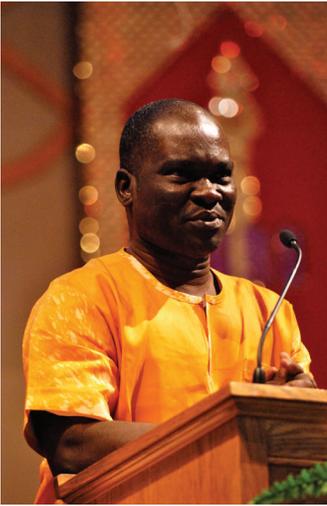
The Old Savannah City Mission never closed during the Covid-19 Pandemic and is serving full meals and beverages at lunch and dinner out of their front door. Please pray for them as they meet both the physical and spiritual needs of homeless men in the Savannah, Georgia area.

Anna and Chris Garduce were forced to leave Madagascar due to the global spread of the Covid-19 virus.



They are currently staying in the Columbia, South Carolina area and would love to come to Hilton Head and visit with old friends from our church. If you are willing to meet them at the church for a visit in person, please email or call Nancy Staab, the Mission Committee chairman. We would not like to bring them here if people were not comfortable meeting with them face-to-face because of Covid-19.

Help Given to Coast for Christ Ministries



**Rev. Eddie Enim
Coast for Christ
Ministries**

Sharon Duncan reports from the Missions Committee that Coast for Christ Ministries, Rev. Eddie Enim, sent information about what is going on in Ghana. Eddie has spoken in our church many times, and our church has supported the Coast for Christ Ministries in Ghana, West Africa, for many years.

There is a great present need that has happened because of the rainy season. A huge sinkhole opened up right in front of the Residence Building. It's a three-story building where doctors and nurses have living space on the bottom floor. The second floor has two kitchens and offices and a third floor is used for volunteer team housing. FBCHHI's volunteer team members have stayed there many times while on mission trips. We are so blessed that it did not swallow portions of the building. Eddie says as quickly as they can, they will acquire boulders and rocks to fill it up. The main thing we can do here is to lift them in prayer and send funds that they can always use. The rains continue to fall, and flooding is taking place. Not too long ago First Baptist gave \$1,000 to this ministry. Thank you, thrice thank you, for that wonderful contribution. It was wired some time ago to CFCM in Ghana and will certainly aid in all of this.

Rev. Eddie had planned to come here to Hilton Head this past April, but those plans had to be canceled. We had hoped to send a mission team to Ghana this month, however, those plans were dropped as well, all due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. We will all be so happy when we can rest a bit easier and the virus is somewhat under more control (vaccine, treatment, etc.) so we can get back to helping our partners for Christ at Coast for Christ Ministries in Ghana.



You can see from this photo just how close the sink hole came to the important building used for Coast for Christ Ministries in Ghana, West Africa.

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday, September 2 5:00 PM - Deacons' Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Room
6:30 PM - FBCHHI Youth Group, Student Building/Front Yard/Beach
- Sunday, September 6 Promotion Sunday -
8:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
9:15 AM - Some Sunday School classes are online.
Check with your leader to see if your class will meet this way.
9:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors are Closed, Sanitizing of the Sanctuary and Restrooms
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class - Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Room
10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Livestream Worship on our website at www.fbchhi.org, Facebook and Youtube
- Monday, September 7 Labor Day - Church Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday
- Wednesday, September 9 4:00 PM - Mission's Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Room
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Merge - Combined Fall Kick-off Event at HH Community Church
- Saturday, September 12 Time TBD - Youth - 6th Grade Girls Celebration (with the Junior and Senior Girls) at The Art Cafe
- Sunday, September 13 8:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class - Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Room
9:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors are Closed, Sanitizing of the Sanctuary and Restrooms
10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Livestream Worship on our website at www.fbchhi.org, Facebook and Youtube
- Tuesday, September 15 4:00 PM - Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Wednesday, September 16 4:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Room
6:30 PM - FBCHHI Youth Group Kick-Off, Student Building/Front Yard
- Sunday, September 20 8:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
9:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors are Closed, Sanitizing of the Sanctuary and Restrooms
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class - Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Room
10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Livestream Worship on our website at www.fbchhi.org, Facebook and Youtube
- Thursday, September 24 12:00 Noon - Administrative Council Meeting, Family Life Center Multi-Purpose Room
- Wednesday, September 23 4:00 PM - Personnel Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Room
6:30 PM - FBCHHI Youth Group, Student Building/Front Yard
- September 27 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Class - Family Life Center, Multi-Purpose Room
9:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors are Closed, Sanitizing of the Sanctuary and Restrooms
10:45 AM - Sanctuary Doors Open
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Livestream Worship on our website at www.fbchhi.org, Facebook and Youtube

***Meeting times listed on the September calendar are subject to change.
Check with your Committee Chairman or Group Leader for final details.***

