



ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you have a graduate this year, please turn in their full name and information to the church office (864-338-7776) as we prepare to recognize all of our graduates, both High School and Schools of Higher Learning.

AT THE STARTING GATE

“There’s a good reason they call these ceremonies ‘commencement exercises,’ ” Utah Senator Orrin Hatch once said. “Graduation is not the end; it’s the beginning.” The same is true of baptism. Both events are often approached as an end point reached with relief: “Well, at least that’s done!” With the degree – or salvation – in hand, some people feel no further need for education – or spiritual growth.

Just remember: you’re at the starting gate, not the finish line. Well-wishers encourage new grads, “Don’t stop now; you’re on a roll. Even greater things are ahead!” And Hebrew 21:1 (NRSV) urges the baptized, *Run with perseverance the race that is set before you.* While a diploma bears the seal of the graduate’s school, Christians themselves are sealed with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13; 4:30) and the cross of Christ. To take full advantage of each, we must continue learning and growing.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thank you so much to everyone that joined together in praying last Thursday! We had 90 people volunteer to cover the 24 hour time of prayer. Thank you so much for your commitment to pray for our country and for the spread of the Gospel.

CHILDREN’S CORNER

As we think about welcoming our children back to church eventually, we will be preparing our classrooms. If anyone has any like new toy kitchen foods and utensils that they are getting rid of please drop them off at the church office. We will use them!

FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (5-10-20)	\$	18,402.48
Year to Date Requirements	\$	273,167.75
Year to Date Receipts	\$	284,254.73

♪ MUSIC IN MINISTRY ♪

God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms
Deuteronomy 33:27 NIV

Through the years I have often said, “Second only to my Bible is my hymnal.” The hymns contain so much scripture and so much theology. They are used to praise God, as well encouraging us by the testimony of what God is doing in our lives. It is so easy to remember scripture when you put it in song. Here is a hymn for you to think about today:

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*



PRAYING FOR OUR DEACON FAMILIES

- Gene & Jan Clinkscales
- Hack Clinkscales
- Michael & Mary Anne Clinkscales, Addi & Britt
- Mitchell & Margaret W. Cole
- Dot Cooley
- Danny & Dawn Cothran
- Barbara Cox
- Kevin & Mandy Craft and Ross
- Bettye Darby
- Steve & Alison Darby, Philip & Sloane
- Charles Davenport
- Brian & Lisa Davis, Lauren & Bradley
- Jennifer Wilson – Deacon*



PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

Amy and I are excited to be leading a group of High School and College students to Puerto Rico this summer, June 21st – 27th. We are partnering with an organization called Praying Pelican Missions and will be ministering to the people of Puerto Rico in a variety of ways. The Stewardship Committee has approved a Special Offering for Sunday, May 17th to help cover the cost of this trip. I am grateful for the way our church generously supports missions and I am giving thanks in advance for how you will support this trip. I would also ask that you pray for our group daily as we prepare. The following people are going: Madelyn Ashley, Hayden Boatwright, Kennedy Cobb, Emma Key, Mattie Key, Madeline Knight, Reese Patterson, Alexander Rivest, Amy Wurst, Grace Wurst, Jacob Wurst and Matt Wurst.



If at first you don't succeed, do it like your mother told you.

~ Author Unknown

SUNDAY SERVICE

May 17, 2020

Prelude		Patti Rowe
Welcome		T. Dale Lynch
Hymn	<i>He Keeps Me Singing</i>	Robert Beaver
	<i>There's within my heart a melody; Jesus whispers sweet and low, "Fear no, I am with thee, peace, be still," In all of life's ebb and flow.</i>	
	<i>Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Sweetest name I know, Fills my every longing, Keeps me singing as I go.</i>	
	<i>Soon He's coming back to welcome me Far beyond the starry sky; I wing my flight to worlds unknown, I shall reign with Him on high.</i>	
Invocation		Nick Kirby
Ministry in Song	<i>Holy Spirit</i>	Wendy Jones
Mission Emphasis		Matt Wurst
Children's Message		Katie Mumblow
Message	<i>How to Glorify God 1 Corinthians 10:31</i>	T. Dale Lynch
Benediction		T. Dale Lynch
Postlude		Patti Rowe

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DESIRES OF MAN

(Part 2)

What does God say about man's desire to possess things;

Acquisitiveness?

What is wrong with man's preoccupation with material things?

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your might. Deuteronomy 6:5

Jesus says in Matthew 22:38 - *This is the first and greatest commandment.* Jesus also tells us - *Take care and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.* Luke 12:15

The preacher in Ecclesiastes 12:13 says - *Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.*

~ Randy Fagg

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

Website giving - you can click on the giving tab at the top of the page and then follow the prompts from that point forward.

Text giving - you will text *fbcbeltonsc* to the number 73256. You will receive a link that will guide you through the process for a one-time donation or to set up recurring giving. You will be prompted to create a "New Account Password" if you choose to set up recurring giving or to save your payment information. You can change this information anytime by using Abundant platform.

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OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES...

The health and safety of our congregation and community continues to be a priority for us as a church family. We are continuing to pray, talk and gather information from reliable sources about the what, how and when to Re-gather our church for on campus worship.

Our church staff and leadership are seeking to, as much as possible, comply with the CDC guidelines. We are eager to see you and worship together in our sanctuary. In the meantime, we are extremely thankful for the technology that enables us to bring our worship services into your homes. I am very grateful for those who are working behind the scenes each week planning and preparing for our audio/visual to be done so well. This is not an easy task! Thank you for your many kind and thoughtful words of appreciation for our efforts to make this possible. It is very important to me for you and your family to continue to be connected with FBC Belton through worship.

Also, the church office and pastoral staff remains on our regular schedule. Our church staff continues to meet every week. While social distancing, we are committed to make every effort to ensure anyone in need of ministry will be contacted. Again, please be sure to keep us informed about any needs of which you become aware.

Your pastor and friend,
T. Dale Lynch