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Sunday at **6** a.m.



Good morning and welcome to your S3 Newsletter.

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Today is Grandparents Day

The Simple Meaning of Grandparents Day

"A day for young and old to honor each other, and an opportunity for civic engagement for all generations." --The Legacy Project

The woman who diligently worked to establish and promote what would become National Grandparents Day had the simple desire to make the day solely about family and the enduring ties that families have within themselves and the communities around them. Her work started in 1970, appealing to business, church, civic, and political leaders to eventually getting the day recognized in West Virginia in 1973 and ultimately leading to the national proclamation recognition in 1978 by then president, Jimmy Carter, to be celebrated the first Sunday following Labor Day.

Although the day does not garner the fanfare of other holidays like Mother's Day or Father's Day, the purpose and subject of the day is equally important to give "us a chance to publicly affirm the identity and importance of grandparents, that they do play a vital role in families. It is also a day of giving – giving of self; sharing hopes, dreams, and values; and setting an example and advocating for future generations."

Read The Legacy Project's full [article](https://www.legacyproject.org/) on the history of Grandparents Day by visiting their website at <https://www.legacyproject.org/>.

New Directions

Revived & Refreshed: Music Ministry & Young Adult Ministry

Shanita Robinson recently facilitated meetings to restart the music ministry & young adult ministry. The choir element has been missing from worship service during the pandemic, but there is intent to get the choir piece added back to service. Rehearsals for praise and worship & the choirs are on Saturday mornings.

There is intent to attract and retain a key demographic that is noticeably missing from church: the young adult (18-40). Specialized bible study, fellowship, personal finance seminars, are just some of the ideas for the effort to boost involvement and ultimately membership of this evolving demographic.

What's Coming Up

Bible Study

After having a break since June, Bible Study is back starting on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Study is at 7 PM each Wednesday unless otherwise stated.

Join Bible Study on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87483652303>

Meeting ID: 874 836 52303

or connect with your smartphone

929-436-2866, ID: 87483652303#

Walking Club

The walking club resumes on Saturday, Sept. 18. For more details on location & time, see Melissa Barbee or any Health Ministry member.



Men's Day

The Men's Fellowship has its annual Men's Day program scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 19, during the 11 AM worship. The theme is "Lead Me, O Lord," from Psalm 5:8 and the speaker for the occasion is Reverend Floyd Wicker. Everyone is anticipated to look sharp in gray & purple colors.

Getting Ready for Homecoming in October

Anticipation is building about the homecoming program. There will be a program to recognize FBCFV's homecoming this year and the member assessment for homecoming is 365.00. The theme is 'Rebranded: Forget the Past; God is Doing a New Thing' and homecoming will be celebrated in the traditional two-part worship service: Pastor Robert L. Mason of Greater Love Worship Center is the speaker for 11 AM worship; Pastor Cathy C. Jones of Parkwood Institutional CME Church is the speaker for 3 PM worship on Sunday, October 17.

What Happened

Prepping Our Youth for Back to School

Local children had an afternoon of snacks, fun, and went home with a backpack and supplies at the Youth Ministry's Back To School JAM (Jesus Around Me). The day started with an inspirational message from Pastor Lowery and breakout sessions on defense against bullying and labeling. After lunch (the fellowship hall was nearly at capacity), the participants reveled in fun sessions that included a 38-foot obstacle course, giant Jenga, cornhole, Connect Four, and arts & crafts.

A photo album that captured some of the activities of the day is on the church's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistfv1912>.

Did You Know?



Uncovering African American Family Records

On August 26, a venture between Wake County's Register of Deeds and Shaw University officially began, and its mission of "shining a light on the area's dark history of slavery" hopes to be fulfilled by uncovering records of area African American families.

With the popularity of genealogy sites, many African Americans have found that it is difficult or nearly impossible to locate ancestor records. The Enslaved Persons Project hopes to change some of that by cataloging and creating a centralized database of searchable records and digitized images. The deeds are part of a larger Digital Library on American Slavery. The other parts are the Race and Slavery Petitions Project, the North Carolina Runaway Slave Advertisements Project, and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database.

You can help by volunteering with the Enslaved Persons Project. Read the full [article](#) and find out more about the project and about volunteer opportunities.

Activities: Something to Do & Something to

Try

Something to Do

Black Farmer's Market | 1:00-4:00 PM, Second Sundays (Durham), Fourth Sundays (Raleigh)

See what the [Black Farmer's Market](#) is doing to carry out its mission "to inspire a self-sufficient community that supports and protects Black farmers and entrepreneurs." See how creating and sustaining Black marketplaces is so vital to building entrepreneurship and combating food deserts.

Every Family Ready to Achieve [Book Drive](#) | Sept. 13-Oct. 22, Wake County Public Libraries

Drop off new or gently used books at select Wake County Library branch [locations](#) and librarians will sort books to be distributed through WAKE Up and Read.

This full article, Month of Service with [Activate Good](#), originally appeared on the [RALToday](#) site and it highlights the triangle's Activate Good network about ways a person can give back to their community through volunteer service. The local volunteer resource agency is honoring people who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, through its September Month of Service initiative. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteer opportunities, check out what Activate Good has to offer or you can see this link about [30+ Ways to Give Back in Raleigh](#).

The sanctuary is open to welcome in-person worshippers. We care about your health and want everyone to feel safe and be safe when on church grounds. FBCFV has adopted CDC guidelines that all persons should wear masks while indoors.

**FBCFV Health Ministry Reopening
Guidelines**

The Wrap Up

Passages

Happy Grandparents Day and greetings to our family and friends that are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month of September. May God richly bless your special day!



Prayer

God, point out to me the areas of my life where I need to gain wisdom and advice. And please place spiritual mentors around me that I can turn to for support and encouragement. Show me how I can become a spiritual parent to others. I want to honor the people who have poured into my life, because I know that honors You. So today, please teach me how to do that. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thank you for reading the S3 Newsletter. Please share with your family, friends, and coworkers and encourage them to [subscribe](#) to stay up to date on the latest FBCFV happenings. "Try it, you'll like it." Look for the next issue, Second Sunday, October 10, bright and early at 6 AM.

Share good news! If you have content you want to share, feel free to submit it for possible publication in an upcoming letter. Send to [Subscriber Submitted Content](#).

Kind regards,
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