

## Let's Hold Strong in September!

### COVID-19 Guidelines for FBC Sedan

- Choir ..... No
- Congregational Singing ..... Yes
- Hand Sanitizer ..... Yes
- Masks ..... Optional
- Social Distancing ..... Yes
- Sunday School ..... No
- Sunday Night ..... No

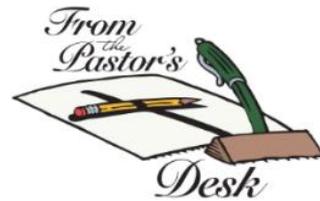


### Happy Birthday

- 09/02 ..... Chelsey Usry
- 09/08 ..... David Usry
- 09/11 ..... Katy Dickens
- 09/13 ..... Charles Snyder
- 09/15 ..... Kathleen McCorkle
- 09/18 ..... Doris Wilson
- 09/19 ..... Frank McCorkle

### Happy Anniversary

- 09/02 ..... Red and Tawna



Luke 18:8 – “... when the Son of Man comes, shall He find faith on the earth?”

Dear Friends in Christ,

When Jesus comes back, will He find faith on the earth? Jesus Himself asked that question! It came at the end of a parable concerning prayer. The parable was about a widow who relentlessly went to a judge to find justice. The purpose of the story was to show us that she received justice because of her persistence. That truth teaches us that we should never give up on prayer because the Lord is far more kind, generous, and just than any earthly judge. The parable is meant to motivate us to have faith.

If faith is removed, then fear creeps in. People get overwhelmed with all of the “what-ifs” in life. Then worry, anxiety, fear, and depression form in our minds. The perpetual cycle that ensues leaves us feeling hopeless. To combat that kind of fear, we need to fear the right Person: the Lord God. It is said that the Bible tells us to not fear 365 times. It also tells us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge.

If we care about what God thinks, pleasing Him, honoring Him, and doing His will, then we do well. But it is a lifelong daily battle. We must intentionally turn our thoughts and hearts toward God in prayer. If we will just pray and read God’s Word we can understand His will and do it.

By fearing God and putting our complete and total trust in Him, we will understand that His will is best. He can guide us in doing what He wants us to do. If we will do that, then not only will we grow in our faith, but we will inspire others who are around us to do the same thing.

Faith versus Fear: that is a struggle we all face, so let’s keep praying and seeking the Lord. In Jesus’ Holy Name, AMEN!

*Pastor Mark Davis*



**General:** Bertha Dean; Dale Fadely; Donna Glover; John Floyd; Mitchell Foster; Patty Hart; Lezlee Jones; Charity Kossin; George and Carmaleta Lorenz; John and Kathy McMillan; Michele Menke; Maci Miller; Jason Pelkey; John Powers; John and Barbara Taylor; James Tolbert; Earl Tresner; Usry Family; Gordon Willhite

**Cancer Patients:** Raymond Brown; Naida Carpenter; Lee Coate; Steve Cummings; Melinda Enich, Jon Faler; Larry Fueller; Clayalee Glover; Marsha Hale; Randy Hewitt; Lou Kennedy; Belinda Landeros; Ruth Ann Lovelady; Jeanie McGinnis; Lisa Nettrouer; George Thomas; Kenny Tyler; Judy Tolbert

**Our Senior Saints:** Marlene Bailey; Naida Carpenter; Betty Ditmore, Bob Emery, Dale Fadely; Sue House; Diane Watts

**Ministries & Missionaries:** FBC-spiritual and numerical growth; our missionaries; lost to be saved; persecuted Christians around the world; the Nation of Israel; Pastor and family

**Others:** President Trump and Vice President Pence; world, national, state, local government leaders; law enforcement officers; emergency responders; military servicemen and servicewomen; students/teachers, school board/school administrators

**Missionary:** Ariel Tatum – [lionofgod2003@gmail.com](mailto:lionofgod2003@gmail.com)

## Insights from the Prayers of a Woman

Have you ever considered the fact that the Bible contains what might be some quite radical and modern views of women? Throughout Scripture we see how God reaches down, offers us a helping hand, and then puts us right where He wants us.



In Genesis 21, we find the account of how Hagar's desperate prayer for water revealed how God cares for us physically, and how He faithfully will provide for our needs.

Hagar, Sarah's maidservant, was given to Abraham by Sarah in order to provide him with a promised son. Sarah, being barren, had been unable to produce any children. So, in a messed up plan that was hatched by Sarah, and in what was far from what God had in mind, Hagar had a son, Ishmael.

After Ishmael was born, it wasn't long before Sarah became bitter and angry toward Hagar. Jealousy took root and grew in her heart. Finally, in a moment of anger and frustration, Sarah forced her maidservant and her son out of their home.

Hagar and Ishmael wandered through the desert, and soon they were in a desperate search for water. When Hagar cried out to the Lord, the story changed, and hope was replaced by despair. God saw their need and He intervened, for our Lord wants to be famous for His compassion! He wants to world to know that He sees and loves people who are helpless, oppressed, and vulnerable, and it is His nature to come to our rescue.

Genesis 21:19 records that when God opened Hagar's eyes, she saw a well of water. That well had most likely been there all the time; it was just that Hagar hadn't seen it. God opened her eyes and revealed exactly what she needed. All she had to do was ask!

God has not changed through the ages. Almost 4,000 years ago, God answered Hagar's prayer; and just like it was for Hagar, when we pray God will reveal the good He intends for us. Amen!

## Secretary's Corner

There's power in prayer,  
there is a mighty force  
whenever we go to  
the Almighty source.

There's hope in prayer,  
it's our defense and shield  
when to God our hearts  
we give to Him and yield.

There's conviction in prayer,  
it's our eternal assurance  
it helps us to run the race  
with patience and endurance.

There's joy in prayer,  
it's the means to happiness  
for when we trust God  
it brings His heart gladness.

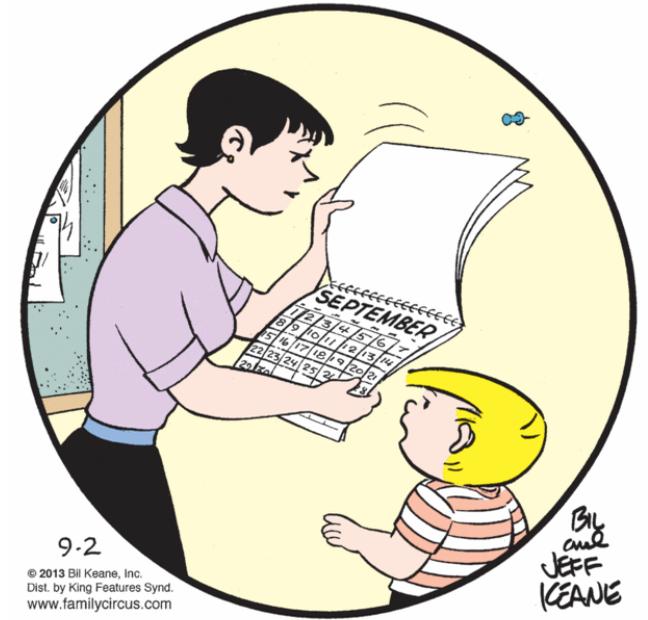
There's power in prayer,  
just go to the Almighty source  
there's strength and greatness  
behind His mighty force!

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*Mark 11:24  
King James Version*

*"Therefore I say unto you,  
What things soever ye desire, when ye pray,  
believe that ye receive them,*

*and ye shall have them."*

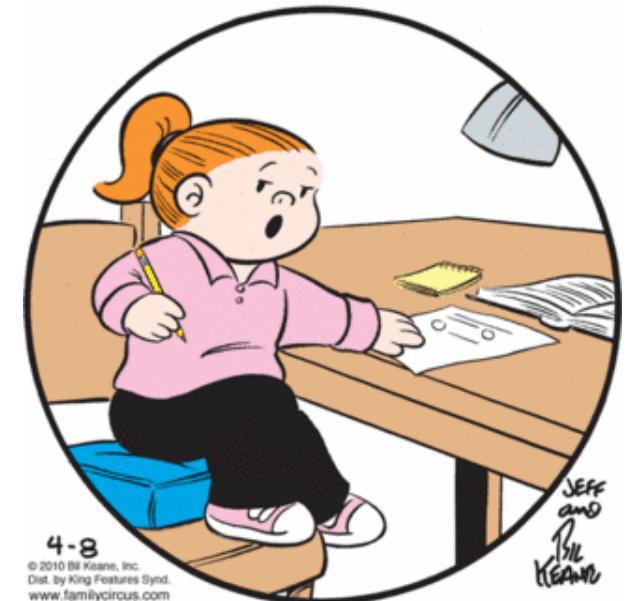
Our first women's prayer conference turned out great! Ruth Ann Lovelady did a fantastic job presenting the material. Kathy Wiedeman led the music, which was quite inspiring. There were 19 churches represented by 56 ladies. Seven men took care of serving the lunch. We can't wait until the 2021 conference!



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**"Doesn't anybody want to cheer me  
on while I do my homework?"**