

You never know what a week might bring. Last Sunday, we talked about pain and problems (James 1:2-12). This week a storm named "Florence" blows into our area. I was thinking about how James addressed his audience: "I am writing to Jewish believers scattered abroad" (vs.1). It was persecution that caused these believers to scatter out. Though a different type of problem, the news of the incoming hurricane has caused SC leaders to offer a mandatory evacuation for those living along the coast. Thousands have left their home seeking shelter with family, friends, hotels and designated relief centers. Just as these early believers were "jolted" from their comfortable settings, we need to see storms as an opportunity to help others and show the love of God. We don't ask: "why Lord, but rather how Lord can we glorify you in this storm?"

Today's passage in James is about temptation. The enemy would love to take you out so lets learn today how to deal with temptation.

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9:00 AM Celebration Service  
10:30 AM Contemporary Service

**Please help us create an atmosphere for worship...**

- Take a moment to silence your mobile devices.
- We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Take advantage of our Preschool & Children's Ministry.
- For security purposes, no backpacks or large diaper bags in the Sanctuary.

**New to FBLeX?**

**How to become a Member**

Before joining FBLEX, we ask that you attend our "Discovery Class." In this class you will become familiar with our history, beliefs and different ministries.

**November 11 in the Student Center Conference Room. One day class from 9:00 - 11:45 AM. Sign up at fblex.org.**

**Small Groups - Join One Today**

If you are in need of a new group or would like more information on what groups are available please see someone at Connection Point so they can get you connected!

Church wide study through James, "Faith Lift." *If you haven't yet picked up your participants guide they are located in Connection Point and the Fellowship Hall today.*

**See A Red Shirt?** Stop by and meet with our friendly staff at **Connection Point** in the Lobby. We can also be reached at (803) 957-0686 Ext. 115 or Reynold@fblex.org

**Wednesday Nights at FBLeX**

Menu: BBQ on a bun, macaroni & cheese and fried okra.  
Dessert | Marcos Pizza, Potato Bar, Salad Bar and Hot Dog Bar.  
Prices: \$4 (ages 13 and above), \$2.50 (ages 6-12), \$1.50 (ages 3-5)  
2 and under are free. (Family max of \$15.00)

Preschool - Puggles & Awana Cubbies.....	6:30 PM
K5-4th Grade - Disciple Zone.....	6:30 PM
5th - 6th Grade - Area 56.....	6:30 PM
Jr./Sr. High - the Fallout (Student Center) .....	6:30 PM
Adults - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 PM
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center) .....	6:30 PM



**13th Anniversary Celebration CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
September 18th, 2018 at 6 PM  
**FREE Dinner @6 PM in the Fellowship Hall**  
**Celebration @ 6:45 PM in the Worship Center**  
**We will have 2 speakers for the night:**  
**Pastor Ralph and a Surprise Guest!**  
Come join us for a night full of worship and fellowship!

**Sing With Us at Christmas!**

**THE KING IS HERE**

A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP MUSICAL  
for Multi-Generational Choirs

The FBLeX Worship team is planning a Christmas program on December 9th, and we are looking for vocalists! Join us as we sing "The King is Here!" Rehearsals are Wednesday's at 6:30 PM in the Choir Room.

Email roy@fblex.org for more details.

**Walking Free**

A support and discipleship group that offers accountability for men struggling with issues related to sexual brokenness. For more information contact Greg at 843-758-0808. (Begins September 19th)



**O.W.L.S.**

FBLeX Senior Adults 60+ "Older Wiser Loving Seniors. Check out FBLeX, adult ministries, OWLS for upcoming events. For more information or how to get involved, contact Traci Middleton at traci@fblex.org.



**What's Up With MAN CAVE?**

**MAN UP Tee Shirts** are available to order at the MAN UP Kiosk in the Worship Center Lobby.

For detailed information on the MAN CAVE, visit fblex.org



**Spotters:** Song of Solomon 8 & Romans 1-4

**Love on Lexington Day**

Mark your calendar, on September 30 we will move outside the walls of FBLeX. We will worship in the seats and then worship in the streets. Be on the lookout for your next project... faith in action!



**Register to Vote**

If you have recently moved you will want to register to vote. The General election date is November 6th, to participate you must be registered to vote 30 days prior to an election, by October 9th. Look for registration table in the lobby.



**Cafe' Wednesday**

Wednesday Bible Study 10:30 AM (Student Center) and 6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Please join us for our walk through 1st Peter Living Holy in a Hostile World.



**Christmas Coffee**

God is working all over the world, why wouldn't He want to work here in our hometown? If you want to be involved in Kingdom work right where you live during a time of year when hearts are tender and sensitive to the love of God, please come to an informational meeting on Sunday evening, September 23 at 5 PM in Room 209 of the Fellowship Hall.

We will discuss how you can invite friends and neighbors to a Christmas coffee at your home and present the gospel in a non-threatening way. We need Mary's (those who can speak) and Martha's (those who will prepare) because we will pair you up to form a dynamic duo that will bless all who come. If you're not sure you want to do this, come anyway and make a decision after you've heard all the facts.

**FBLeX BABY BOOM!**

If you would like to help us care for all the new babies at First Baptist and are over 16, please contact Sandy Painter in the Preschool Office. 957-0686 ex 1016, sandy@fblex.org

**Spiritual Spotters**

September through December marks our 3rd semester and provides an excellent opportunity to join a Spiritual Spotter Group. For a list of groups and times they meet, pick up a sheet at the Men's Kiosk or go to our website: fblex.org, adult ministries, men, spiritual spotters.

**Prayer Need?**

If you have a pressing prayer need, fill out a prayer card (pew pocket) and place it on the altar at the invitation. The prayer team will lift your request to the Lord. If you would like to be a part of the prayer team, email Noel Fields (fun4fields@aol.com).

**Connect Card**

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or bring it to Connection Point to receive a gift of chocolate covered pecans.

*I/We attended worship at:*

- 9:00 AM
- 10:30 AM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-division: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

**His:** Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hers:** Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Children's Information:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

*Did your children attend with you today?*

- Yes
- No

*Please check all that apply:*

- First-time Guest
- Returning Guest
- Regular Attender
- FBC Member
- Visiting Family/Friends
- New to the Community
- Looking for a New Church Home

- Married
- Single
- College

How did you hear about us?

*I would like information about:*

- Beginning a relationship with Christ
- Baptism
- Membership at FBC/Discovery Class
- Life/Home Groups



**Pew Cards**

Let us know what God is doing in your life (see decision card). If you have a prayer request; fill out the prayer card (reverse side of decision card) and place it on the altar or drop it off at connection point.

**Counseling Resources**

**Umbrella Support Group** - A support group that covers mental health issues. This group offers a safe place to clearly process your own sticking points, together with others dealing with similar issues. This will be held every third Thursday of the month. This month it will be held on September 20th at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall, Room 213. More information contact Luanne 803-463-5470.

**Counseling Skills Training** - Looking for hope and to develop skills as a lay counselor? Come join us Sunday afternoons lead by Paul Bishop. More information contact Paul at paul@fblex.org.

**Neighborhood Outreach**

Have you recently had new people move into your neighborhood, is there someone you really want to talk to but don't know how to approach them? Well, just stop by Connection Point each Sunday and pick up a cookie box filled with cookies, coffee and church information. This personal delivery from you will be a nice surprise to those individuals you want to talk to or welcome. Your thoughtfulness may open a door for building a friendship!

**Fall Study**

"Faith Lift" - We will study the book of James together as a church.

- September 16** - Dealing with Temptation
  - September 23** - True Faith Leads to Change
  - September 30** - True Faith Leads to Action
  - October 07** - Taming our Tongues
  - October 14** - Becoming a People of Prayer
- Sundays at 9 and 10:30 AM

**Weekly Update**

*Last Week's Attendance:*

Worship AM.....681

*Last Week's Giving:*

**General Fund** ..... **\$52,454.52**  
 Budget Goal to date..... \$1,224,000.00  
 Giving to date ..... \$1,231,277.42  
**Missions** ..... **\$7,393.67**  
 Missions Budget Goal to date..... \$144,000.00  
 Missions Budget Given to date..... \$147,445.55

**Today's Sermon:**

**"James Study, Dealing with Temptation"**

We will consider what James says about temptation and look at some biblical examples of how to resist it effectively. There is hope and we can have the victory!

**Opening Thoughts:**

- 1) God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of good; not evil. **James 1:13-18**
- 2) Our \_\_\_\_\_ to do good is lacking. **Romans 3:11-12**
- 3) To be \_\_\_\_\_ in doing good, we need \_\_\_\_\_!  
**James 4:7-8**

**How to increase your chance of resisting temptation:**

- 1) Stay in \_\_\_\_\_ . **2 Samuel 11:1**
- 2) Stay \_\_\_\_\_ on your mission. **2 Samuel 11:2**
- 3) Don't stop taking \_\_\_\_\_ . **2 Samuel 11:5-6**
- 4) Stay away from the \_\_\_\_\_ as much as you can.  
**Genesis 39:10**
- 5) Seek a \_\_\_\_\_ with God.  
**Genesis 39:8-9**

**How to increase your risk of losing to temptation:**

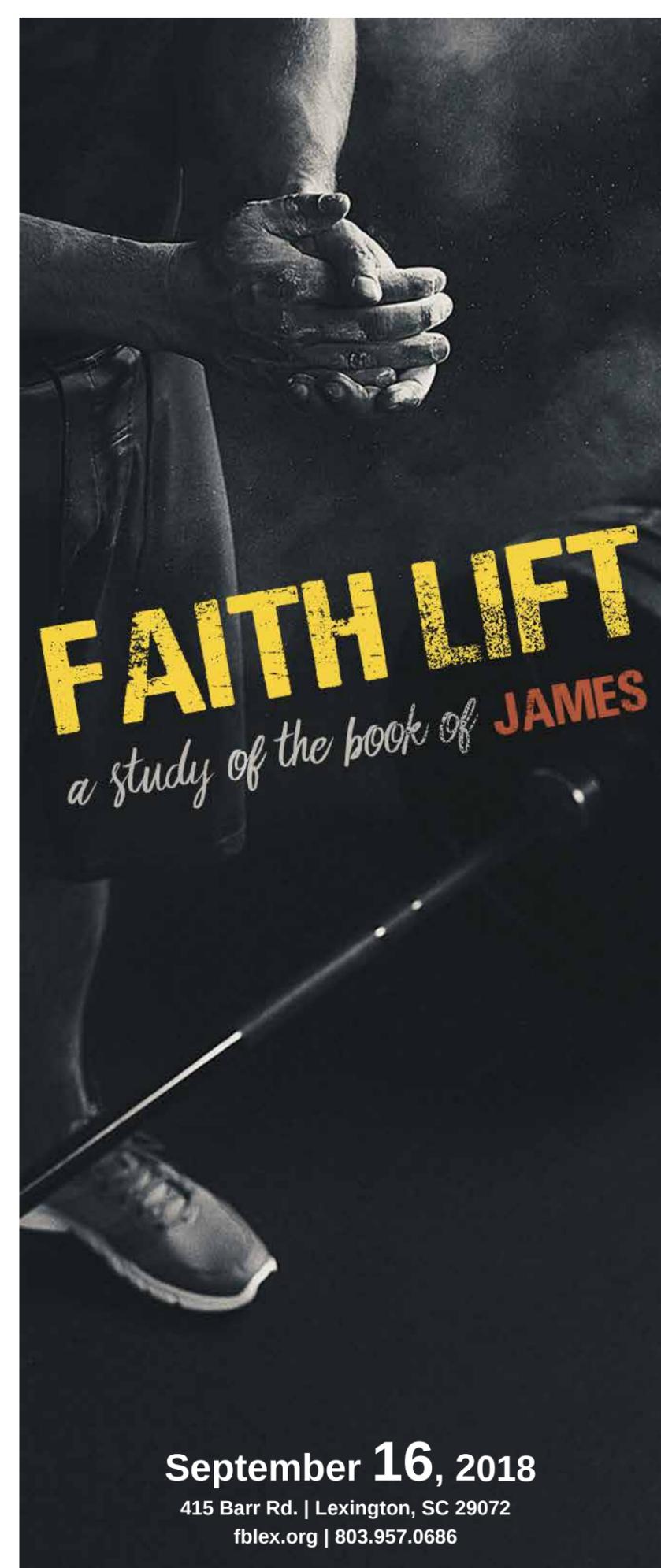
- 1) Stay \_\_\_\_\_! **Ephesians 4:26-27**
- 2) Don't \_\_\_\_\_! **2 Corinthians 2:10-11**
- 3) Let your \_\_\_\_\_ run wild. **2 Corinthians 10:4**

**Closing thought:**

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

**Next Week:** James study, "Faith Lift, Faith Leads to Change" (James 1:21-25; 2:14-26). God will accept you just as you are, but He loves you too much to leave you that way. Case in point: think of the Prodigal son, he returns home in rags, his dad runs to greet him and welcomes him back and then does what? He tells the servants to get the robe, ring and the "Reeboks" (not Nike's ☺) and put them on him. The Father wants to dress you in His Son's righteousness. There has been a change in me since I met Jesus!

OUR PURPOSE  
 LOVING AND LIVING FOR GOD



**September 16, 2018**

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