

We had a good outdoor baptism Service last Sunday at the Lexington Amphitheater. Over 400 people attended and 15 folks proclaimed their faith and allegiance to Christ by being baptized. Today, we begin our study through the 5-chapter book of James. This book is intended to get us off the bench and in the game. We will discover practical tips for living out our faith.

Besides the worship opportunity (where we will preach through the book), we offer Small Groups (Sunday morning Life Groups and Home Groups during the week) where folks share their thoughts, ask and answer questions and develop friendships. For those who have yet to connect with a group, consider joining those gathering in the Fellowship Hall at either hour (9 or 10:30 AM). Pastor Reynold will teach the lesson and facilitators will guide their "table group" through the discussion. While you are in your group, your child/student will enjoy learning with friends their age.

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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. **TODAY in the Student Center Conference Room. One day class from 9:00 - 11:45 AM. Next class is November 11. 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" begins September 9 and continues through October 14. *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: Swiss chicken, rice and peas.  
 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)

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| 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.

**FBLEX Women T-shirts for Sale**

FBLEX Women T-shirts are available to pre-order for \$10. Stop by to see us at our table in the Worship Center Foyer TODAY following both worship services to order yours!!!



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

FBLEX Senior Adults 60+ "Older Wiser Loving Seniors. Our next adventure is Thursday, September 13th to Charleston Tea Plantation and Angel Oak, includes a box lunch under the oaks. \$35 pay online, OWLS-memo Charleston email traci@fblex.org  
 Check out FBLEX, adult ministries, OWLS for upcoming events. Spaces are limited sign up now.



**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 3 - 7

**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!



**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)



**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 this week the message is titled An Imperishable Inheritance.



**Welcome Erik Corcoran**

**Director of Coalitions...**

A native of Tipperary, Ireland, Erik Corcoran immigrated with his family to California when he was 8 years old. In the summer of 2016, he completed an 18-year journey through the immigration system and was "adopted" by the United States as a citizen. He calls it "the proudest moment of his life."

Erik has served on staffs of three national campaigns and has worked on Capitol Hill in Washington. Most recently, he served as the Faith Director for a prominent presidential campaign in 5 states.

Erik is a passionate believer in the importance of faith integration in the political realm. Like Nehemiah, he believes we must pray and act out our faith in every area of society. Erik believes that God has brought us together for such a time as this in South Carolina.

**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.

**Are you co-dependent?** - Join us for a psycho-educational group on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. This group will be working from the Love is a Choice Workbook. **This is the last week to join the co-dependency group lead by Paul Bishop.** Contact paul@fblex.org or caroline@fblex.org for more information.

**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.

**Young At Heart**

Tuesday, September 11th from 11 AM - 1 PM. Come hear Abishai out of Bible Baptist Church in Pickens, SC. Enjoy pot roast, rice, lima beans, biscuits and apple cobbler thanks to our Chefs, Brian and Kerry Hershey!

If you can help serve email Del Barger on at delbarger@gmail.com

**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.....418  
First Time Guest.....5

*Last Week's Giving:*

**General Fund** ..... \$20,023.65  
Budget Goal to date..... \$1,190,000.00  
Giving to date ..... \$1,178,822.90  
**Missions** ..... \$1,500.18  
Missions Budget Goal to date..... \$140,000.00  
Missions Budget Given to date..... \$140,051.88

**Today's Sermon:**  
"James Study, Faith Lift"

So why all the pain and suffering? If someone told you that being a Christ follower meant you wouldn't have any problems, they lied to you. Trouble comes in all shapes, colors and sizes. Having the proper attitude and perspective about them is important. We will talk about how to face our problems and what God wants to accomplish in our life. I will focus mostly on James 1:2-4 and leave verses 5-12 for our Small Groups to cover.

1) We need the \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to handling the pains of life.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ yourself of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- b) Give \_\_\_\_\_ for what you can.
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ to give in to bitterness and despair.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ to go on with life.

**CLOSE:**

- As long as we live in this fallen world, there is going to be struggles, problems and pain.

- You cannot fight against this reality. Your arms are much too short to box with God.

- Knowing you will forget more than you remember, can I give you just two words? When hard times come and knock you down, what should you do?

- Pray and Stay.
- Don't run, hide or shake your fist at God.
- Arguing with the Almighty is not the answer.
- Don't try to bargain your way out of trouble...you have nothing to bargain with.

- **Pray:** Seek God's face, spend time with the Lord. Listen for His voice.

- Ask God: What are you wanting to teach me?
- Speak Lord, I'm listening.

- **Stay:** Wait, be patient, don't rush God.

- Refuse to run away.
- Affirm by faith that God is at work, even if you don't understand what He is doing.
- Don't do anything foolish or hasty.

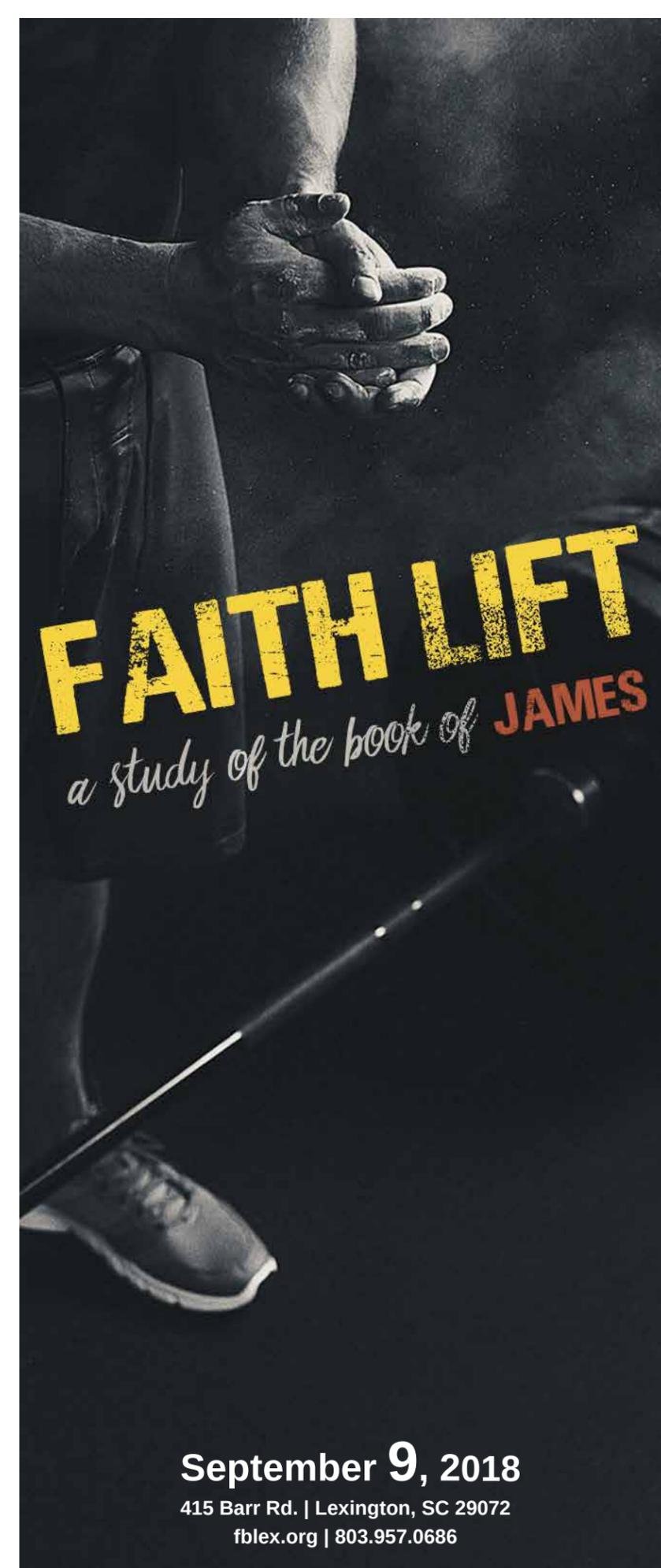
- You can't choose your trials nor can you avoid all of them, but you can choose how you will respond to them. Will it be:

- Joy or bitterness
- Faith or fear
- Mercy or revenge
- Hope or despair.
- Forgiveness or anger
- Love or hatred
- Peace or worry.

• Our perspective makes all the difference our trials are not sent to make us fall, but to help us grown and soar to new heights.

**Next Week:** James study, "Faith Lift, Dealing with Temptation" (James 1:13-18 & 4:7-8). Where does temptation come from and how do we address it? Come learn some secrets for fighting well on the battlefield of temptation.

OUR PURPOSE  
LOVING AND LIVING FOR GOD



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