




# Foundations *focus*

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Love is patient, love is kind.  
It does not envy, it does not boast,  
it is not proud. It does not dishonor  
others, it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-5**

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*Preparing people for  
Wholeness in Jesus through  
The Word of God.*

*Readying the remnant  
For the rapture.*



## *Foundations Women*

**meets the 3rd Sunday  
of every month during fellowship**



Jeremiah 14:14

Then the LORD said unto me,  
The prophets prophesy lies in my  
name: I sent them not, neither  
have I commanded them, neither  
spake unto them: **they prophesy  
unto you a false vision and  
divination, and a thing of nought,  
and the deceit of their heart.**

**Above all, love each  
other deeply,  
because love covers  
over a multitude of  
sins.  
1 Peter 4:8**



## BAND OF BROTHERS breakfast

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month @ Rockin' Robbins - 8:30am

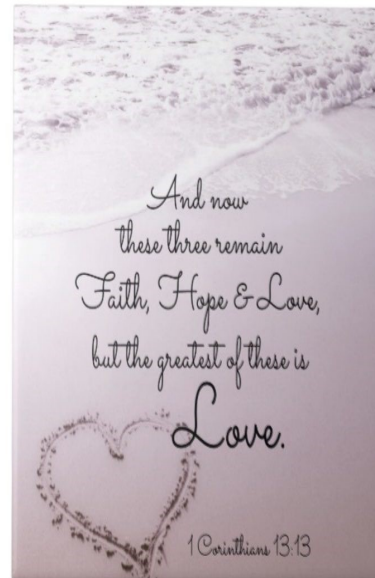


deliver a difference

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Month  
FBC will be delivering  
Meals on Wheels.

*If you're willing to help for a  
day, please see Sally Y.*

Pick up meals at 10:15am  
Takes ~1/2hr to deliver  
17 meals



## February Birthdays

01 -- Gavin Barnett  
06 -- Everleigh Sebesta  
07-- Joe Schavey  
07 -- Charlotte Osborn  
13 -- Mindy Cory  
15 -- Clara Morrison  
15 -- Liberty Walker  
18 -- Tyler Morrison  
19 -- Julie Kuehl  
24 -- Carol Pettit  
25 -- Rebecca Masters

## Medical Mission Sunday



- Blood Pressure Checks
- Blood Sugar checks
- Medication Questions

Last Sunday of Every Month after Worship

Sundays @ 9 am

Adults - Walking in the Desert with God

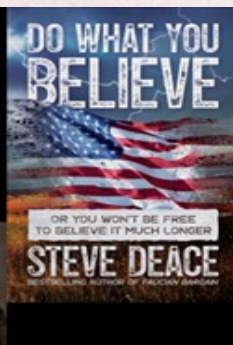
## Sunday School

Youth Group - the Be-Attitudes

Prek-4th grade - Answers in Genesis



Wednesdays In the Word @ 7 pm



## Upcoming Events

Feb. 6 - CED Meeting 7pm

Feb. 13 - Stewardship Meeting 7 pm

Feb. 17 - Men's Breakfast 8:30 am

Feb 18 - FBC Women's Meeting during  
fellowship

Feb. 20 - Spiritual Ministry Meeting 7 pm

Feb. 25 - Medical Missions

- Movie Night

## Fellowship Hall Servers

Feb. 11 - Bill & Judy Herrmann

Feb. 18 - Dave & Ann Krause

Feb. 25 - Andrew & LaNay Hervey



# Pastor's Pen

Well – on occasion one runs across something simple yet deeply profound... as we are getting ready to study spiritual warfare and the devil's devices through the C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters" (and of course the Scriptures) I thought I would simply share a devotional I recently read about Stephen the martyr:

## *He Only Had Eyes for God*

*"But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, hardly noticed — he only had eyes for God!" (Acts 7:55 The Message)*

*"But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:55 ESV)*

*It is one of the great, dramatic moments in Scripture — Stephen giving his defense before the High Court of Israel. His presentation was masterful and respectful. His recall of history was exact and compelling. The case he presented was flawless and clear.*

*But as he spoke he saw the smug indifference etched deep into the faces of his judges. Their hearts were hardened by pride, their eyes blinded by bigotry. Stephen, realizing that nothing he could say was going to change their prejudice, shifted gears and got straight to the point.*

*"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears!" he cried. "You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!"*

*As any student of the pugilist arts knows, no champion ever relies on a single punch to knock out his opponent. No, he peppers him with jabs, rocks him with a one-two combination, and then drops the bomb — a left hook and a blinding overhand right. BAM! Stephen does the same.*

*While the council was reeling from his stunning indictment, Stephen continued, "Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute?"*

*Before they could compose themselves to reply in religious double-speak, he delivered the knockout blow — "Just as your fathers killed those who told us that the Messiah would come, now you, their sons, have betrayed and murdered the very Messiah Himself!"*

*The Bible says, "Now when they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth." One translation puts it this way, "At that point they went wild, a rioting mob of catcalls and whistles and invective." We are then told, "At this the council members covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him."*

*Amazing, isn't it, the depth of evil that lurks in the hearts of religious people? From the moment Cain murdered Abel, religion has found no other way but violence to force its claims against those with whom it disagrees.*

*Oh how quickly those esteemed as holy and impartial judges turn to nothing more than a band of alley thugs. What craziness in the courtroom. What absurdity in the assembly of the astute. What rage erupting from the righteous.....excuse me, I mean to say the religious! For righteous and religious are not one in the same. Indeed, they have nothing in common. One is true, the other false. One is freedom, the other is bondage. One is kind, the other cruel. One is from God, the other comes straight out of hell.*

*But now, set in sharp relief against this dark backdrop, get the point of our opening text: "Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, hardly noticed — he only had eyes for God!"*

*Wow. How wonderful it must be to "hardly notice" the dumb, outrageous, banal, and vindictive attacks of the devil through people and circumstances around us. What is the key? How did Stephen manage to remain so detached? The word says, "he only had eyes for God!"*

*O Lord, give me eyes only for you!*

*My prayer for our study is this — that each of us would look to Stephen's example! To be able to stand in the face of devil's devices and keep our eyes on Jesus.... Come what may from the fiery fury of hell's cohorts; you and I will be found faithful to the finish and finish well!*

*tempters will try  
devils will lie  
though they ply  
we may die*

*yet they will lose  
God sees us through  
don't give into the ruse  
stand strong in the truth*

*little foxes will chew  
to try and outwit you  
to the Word be true  
God sees us through*

*no twist or trick  
need make you trip  
for in Christ Jesus  
the devils you'll whip*

*Fighting the Good Fight,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Daren Lee Barnett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The word "Pastor" is written in a larger, more prominent script than the name "Daren Lee Barnett". The signature is contained within a white rectangular box.



## Striving to be Christ-Like

As Christians we should work every day to be more like Christ. I know that this is easier said than done; after all, we are only human. We are sinful by nature, and many of us lack self-control, especially when we get angry. A good example of this is being quick with the tongue and saying things we shouldn't out of frustration or anger. I am guilty of this because I let anger get the best of me. Now, I have gotten better over the years, but it still happens on occasion.

Now add a two-year-old. They're like little sponges soaking up everything they see and hear- listening and repeating what you say. Often times I don't think we realize how bad the things we say or do are, when in the presence of other adults, but it hits you pretty hard when an innocent child repeats your words or actions. It becomes very clear just how far from Christ-like you're acting and how poor of an example you're setting for them. In Proverbs 22 vs 6 it says, "teach a youth about the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." That's a good reminder that as parents it's even more important to be more Christ-like as the little ones are always watching. We should also exemplify the fruits of the spirit- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

So, my prayer, for myself and anyone else who needs it, is that we remember that the little ones are watching and listening and we must make a great effort every day to be more like Christ.

Andrew Hervey

Spiritual Ministry Team Member

