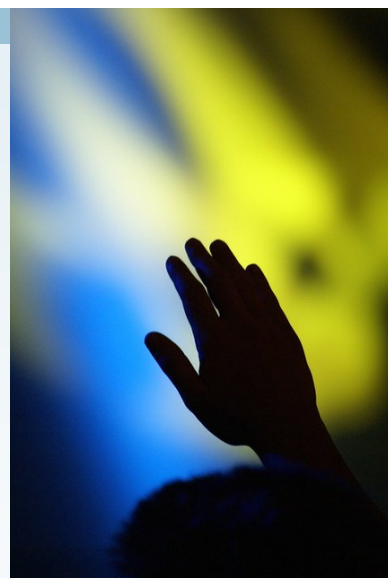




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Fox River Life



The proceeding is the transcript from an Interview with Dr. John Piper which I believe is challenging, comforting and convicting. In my absence, please enjoy this important and necessary message.

*In His Name & For His Glory,
Pastor Tim*

Why are we so content to go prayerless? Or to ask it another way, what is it that motivates our prayer lives? What can sustain us here? What breathes urgency and jump-starts our intercession? This seems like such a relevant topic for every Christian to ponder.

Though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. (2 Corinthians 10:3–4) So, ministry is war. Fighting for faith in my heart is war. Fighting for the souls of men is war. All aspects of the Christian life are war. If I were to ask you, “What’s the most crucial text on warfare?” you would all say what? Ephesians 6. Let’s read a little bit of it. “We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” (Ephesians 6:12–13) Then comes the list of the armor. Life is war. The enemy is awesome, and you can’t see him.

Universal Spiritual Conflict

Most people do not believe this. How are you ever going to get them to pray when they don’t believe it? I mean, they’ll say they believe it, but watch their lives. There is a peacetime casualness in the church, a casualness about spiritual things. There are no bombs falling in their lives, no bullets whizzing overhead, no mines to be avoided, no roars on

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From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

the horizon. It's all well in America, the Disneyland of the universe. Why pray?

In wartime, newspapers carry headlines about how the troops are doing. In wartime, families get together, and they talk about the sons and the daughters on the front lines, and they pray with wrenching concern for their safety. In wartime, they're alert, they're armed, they're vigilant. In wartime, they spend their money so differently than in peacetime. There's austerity and simplicity of life, not because those are valuable in themselves, but because there's something so grand, there's such a great cause to spend your money on rather than padding your den.

In wartime, everybody is touched. We all cut back the luxury liner. Maybe you've read that great story by Ralph Winter: The luxury liner becomes the troop carrier. Once where they slept three, they sleep nine. Once where they had placed settings of fifteen, there are tin plates. Everything changes in wartime. "There is a peacetime casualness in the church, a casualness about spiritual things."

It is clear people don't believe we're in a war. Every house has a candle until the boys come home in wartime. People don't believe that we're in a war that's worse than World War II, that is worse than any imaginable nuclear World War III. The casualties don't just lose an arm, they don't just lose a leg, they don't just lose one life; they lose everything forever in hell. If we believed that life is war, how different things would be.

Wartime Walkie-Talkie

Now, the connection with prayer and war is not left to our guesswork. "Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints." (Ephesians 6:17–18) It doesn't take any exegetical ability at all to see that prayer is the power that wields the weapon. "Take [up] . . . the sword of the Spirit . . . praying." Take it, praying — right? Prayer is the power that wields the weapons of warfare. Prayer is not a civilian device.

Here's a text from John 15:16 that takes a little bit of exegetical finesse because not everybody is used to attending to conjunctions. I'm going to read it very slowly, and I want you to look for the words so that. This is an absolutely crucial logical connection if you're to understand the point of prayer in a life of war. "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you."

Now think. Put on your thinking caps. Do you get it? Why is the Father going to answer the prayers that we make in Jesus's name? Answer: because Jesus has given a mission to go bear fruit. Or turn it around: Why did Jesus give us a mission to go bear fruit that would remain? So that we could enjoy getting answers to prayer. Therefore, why is there prayer? For war — for wartime, not for civilian times. "If we're going to sustain a heart for prayer,

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*"If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."
1 Peter 2:16*

The Women's Ministry Committee met on July 14th to discuss our future projects. We have committed to continuing to bless the residents and staff at Brewster Village, and have decided that we'd like to add Carolina Assisted Living to that project. Our next project will be to deliver summer greeting cards to the residents of both facilities to continue being a blessing.

Another of our projects is to bless the missionary women that FRBC supports. We will begin sending a digital birthday card beginning with the month of September.

As our last craft was a success, plans for the next Craft & Lunch are already in the works. Our next event will be on Sunday, October 24th following Sunday School. More details will be given in September!

Our WMC has more areas of service that we are researching and praying about. We would love it if you would join us in praying for God's will in all of this and ask for His direction as to how we can be a blessing through our service, in His name!

Deaconess Ministry Update

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual church picnic. We held it here on the church property. Thanks to Aaron and Pat for bringing grills and for being our Master Chefs. It was a beautiful day to fellowship with each other, eat some delicious food, and meet the newest

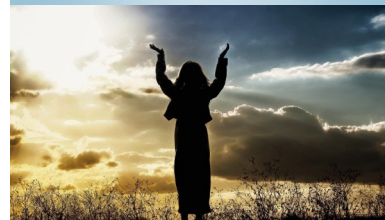


members of the family, Gilbert Alexander (newborn son of Aaron and Laura) and Cecilia Catherine (baby girl of Josh and Stephanie). Thank you to everyone who signed up for our Serving Hearts Team 2021. It is great to

have people to call on when needs arise. Have a great rest of your summer.



Deaconess of the Month—Laura Bressler



Seek Him

*"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."*

Matthew 7:7-8



Keep Alert

"Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints."

Ephesians 6:17-18

From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

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I never tired of telling Bethlehem Baptist Church that the number-one reason why prayer malfunctions in the hands of believers is because they try to take a wartime walkie-talkie and turn it into a domestic intercom by which they ring up the maid to bring another pillow. It malfunctions. It's made for tanks. It's made for trenches. It's made for war. It won't work when you install it in your yacht. It won't work at the lake cabin. It won't work in the second and third and fourth car. Let me give you a little rhyme. "Until we believe that life is war, we will not know what prayer is for."

What Prayer Is For

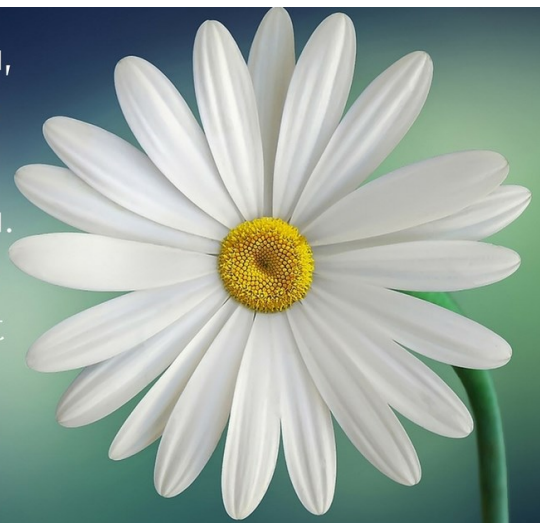
Here's what I believe has happened. God sent his Son into the world on a mission. The Son comes to us and says, "My Father wants me to extend my mission to you. It's dangerous. You can't lose. The mission will succeed. He's given me these transmitters here. I'll give each one of you a transmitter. They're coded to the General's frequency. As long as you stay in battle, fighting his war in his ways, you will always have free access by the transmitter to the General. Now go and use it. I'll do whatever you ask for the war, for the cause."

But what have millions of Americans done? They've stopped believing in war. Life is peace, not war. There's no urgency; there's no watching; there's no vigilance; there's no strategic planning — just easy peacetime prosperity. They take the walkie-talkie, they try to install it in domestic places, in luxurious places, and it won't work. They can't figure out why it's not working. It malfunctions. They're not getting any signals.

If we're going to mobilize a movement of prayer in our churches and our cities, if we're going to just sustain a heart for prayer, we've just got to believe and feel that life is war. We must get into our minds a wartime mentality, and get out of our minds the peacetime mentality that is driven into our minds all day long by the internet and television and radio and the newspapers and the magazines. They all say, "Don't you believe it. Pad your life." "Peace, peace,' when there is no peace" (Jeremiah 6:14; 8:11). Until we feel the desperation of a bombing raid and the thrill of a new strategic offensive, we'll never pray with the Spirit of Jesus.

Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give unto
you: not as the world
giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be
troubled, neither let it
be afraid.

John 14:27

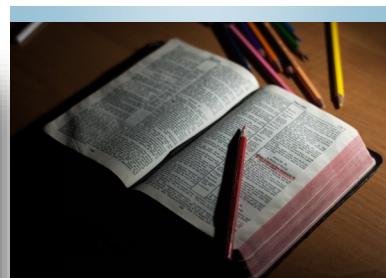


Intentional Discipleship Update

For the remainder of this month the Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study in Daniel will be taking a break and will return on Saturday September 11th. The Ladies Saturday Morning Bible Study in Hebrews will be taking a break as well. The Ladies however will continue to meet through the month of August on Saturday morning to discuss the book by Derek Prime: "A Good Old Age." You do not have to attend the meetings on Saturday morning, you can just read the book. However, I would encourage you to make the meetings if you



are able so that you may benefit from the discussion. We also have the books for Sunday School which will begin on September 12th. They will be at the Welcome Center in the foyer for you to pick up and purchase starting in August. The cost for the books is \$5. If you are unable to spend the \$5, please do not let the cost be an issue, feel free to take a book.



He Holds the Power

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

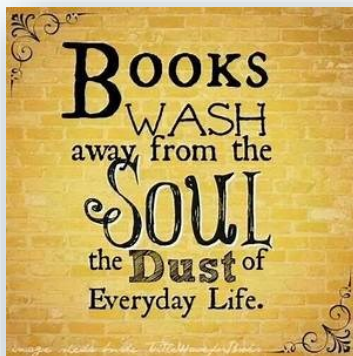


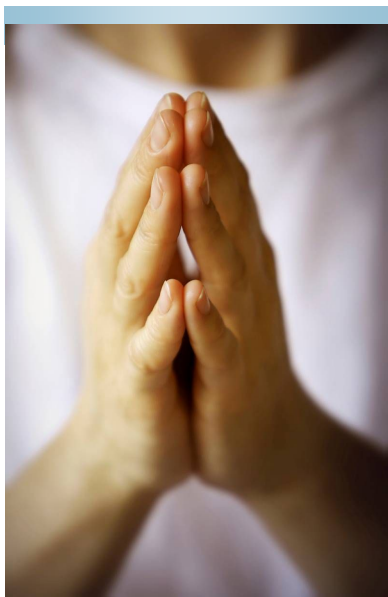
July was the beginning of the reorganizing of the library. By the end of August, Angela and I will have had our hands on every book, DVD, and all the other formats in the library. Our intention is to filter out duplicates, out of date, or inappropriate materials in the library to make its contents better reflect the heart of Fox River Baptist Church.

Beginning July 18th, we set up a table in the foyer to house discards from the library. The table will remain there and be added to throughout the month of August. All of the items on the table are Free for the Taking! Please take what you will use or share with someone else. Anything left over by the first Sunday in September will be donated.

During this time, we ask that no one brings anymore donations to the library so that we can complete the task ahead more efficiently and in a timely manner. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition.

- Linda and Angela





Sunday Evening Services Schedule

August 1—No Evening Service
 August 8—Prayer at 5 pm
 August 15—No Evening Service
 August 22—Prayer at 5 pm
 August 29—No Evening Service

SUNDAY



Men's Bible Study
(returning 9/11)

Women's Bible Study
 Saturdays at 8am

Women's Thursday
 Bible Study *(returning 9/9)*

Women's Prayer
 Wednesdays at 9:30am

Connect
 WITH OUR
 CHURCH FAMILY



Financial Update—June 6-27, 2021
 Budget needed weekly: \$ 2,606.00
 Received: **\$ 2,090.00**
 Contact Rob Mlodzik with questions.



August 1

Kyle Tubbs

August 8

Jeffery Smith

August 15

Jay Hoffman

August 22

Howard Schimke

August 29

Bob Abitz

St Joseph's Food Pantry

Each month we will collect
 non-perishable food items.
 Place your food items on the table
 provided in the foyer.



Here at FRBC, we have a prayer chain meant for the sharing of prayer request needs and for sharing praise for the awesome & mighty work God does in our lives. Please feel free to share any praise or request at our new prayer request email address:

prayer@foxriverbaptist.com

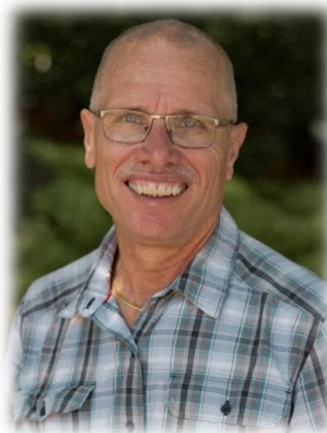
Care to be part of the prayer chain? Email or call Becky Godfrey at
 becl.godfrey@gmail.com — (920)277-1526

Missions

“Go Ye into all the World, and preach
the Gospel to every creature.”
Mark 16:15

Missions Update

On August 1st we will have the privilege of having with us Garry Barkman who has been an aviation missionary for Ethnos 360 Aviation (formerly New Tribes Mission). He and his wife Cynthia have been married and have served together for over 25 years. He currently is on loan to Moody Aviation as Director of Safety. He is in town for EAA and will be speaking during the worship hour. Please make sure to attend and make him feel welcome.



Let them hear

*For "everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord will be
saved."*

*How then will they call on
him in whom they have not
believed? And how are they
to believe in him of whom
they have never heard? And
how are they to
hear without someone
preaching?*

Romans 10:13-14



WE WILL
REAP A
HARVEST
IF WE DO NOT
give up.

GALATIANS 6:9

FRBC Vision Statement

We desire that everyone who enters Fox River Baptist Church grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and grow in authentic, loving, familial relationships to make the name of Christ known in our community and world, all for the glory of God and joy of all.



5—Doris Schimke
9—Ray Rudzinski
10—Kyle Tubbs
11—Becky Godfrey
21—Cindy Kempen
23—Morgan Dohms
26—Chris Wynkoop
29—Carl Zwerg
31—Diane VanLoo



5—Scott & Rhonda Dohms
12—Luke & Becca Rickert
17—Ray & Ellen Rudzinski
31—Tim & Becky Godfrey



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