

FBLEX NEWS

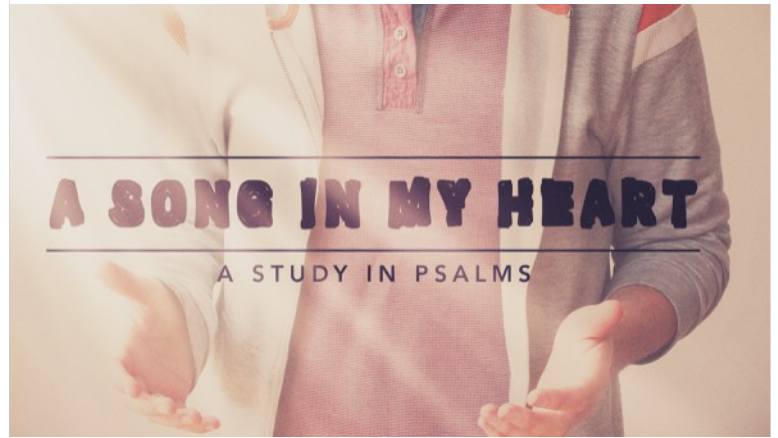
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This Week's Message

'A Song In My Heart.' Psalm 27 God gives me confidence. Life can be like a roller coaster ride, lots of ups and downs. In this Psalm, we will see how David handles the challenges of life. What was it that gave him confidence? I have divided the 14 verse chapter up into four parts. My hope is that you will leave encouraged and better equipped for the days ahead.

Next Week

Our summer message series: 'A Song In My Heart.' When we examine our surroundings, sometimes it feels like we're just absolutely stuck. This is true periodically throughout our lives. But God gives us a new song to sing. Psalm 40.



A Word From Pastor Ralph

Our children (grades 2-5) spent several days at 'Look up lodge' camp this past week. A special thanks to our adult leaders (Tonya and Cassie Fabian, Travis and Rebekah Higingbottom, Mandy Richbourg, Kevin and Stephanie Salley and Amanda Dawson) who invested their time in our kids. We have a couple weeks before school starts and it will be a mad rush to get those last few trips in so be safe and have fun. We are recruiting our ministry teams for the Fall. If you are willing to serve in an area or would like more info about a ministry, stop by Connection Point and request a ministry leader give you a call. You that are in hiding and walk on by...we have your number and we will be in touch! 😊

We have worked hard and we will take a break the next 3 Wednesday evenings (except student ministries, middle and high school). We will start Wednesday programing back on August 25th.



We are taking a break for the Summer. We will resume Wednesday meals again in the Fall.

New Changes? Let Us Know!

If any of your information changes (phone #, address, email, marital status), please let Margo know at margo@fblex.org or 957-0686. Our church office hours are Monday - Thursday, from 8 AM - 4 PM and closed on Fridays.

Message Series

A Song In My Heart.

- August 1 - [Psalm 27](#) - Ralph
- August 8 - [Psalm 40](#) - Brooks
- August 15 - [Psalm 91](#) - Paul
- August 22 - [Psalm 103](#) - Johnathan
- August 29 - [Psalm 127](#) - Ralph

Financial Tip

Thank you for your faithful and generous support. We are on track for the General and MANNA fund but behind on missions. We encourage you to give a tithe (10% of your income) to the General fund and an offering to missions. If you are not able to give 10% start at 2, 4, or 6% and grow from there. Don't make the mistake of giving your 'left overs.' Priority giving is planned.

Join FBLEX Choir

It's time to grow... really grow! And we need you! Join us, August 11th, at 6:30 in the Worship Center as we kickoff choir rehearsals after summer! No audition required, just a heart for worship and a love for Jesus! Come check us out and give it a try!



BLOOD DRIVE AUG 19



CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

Please consider donating even if you've never donated before. The Bible says that "For the life of the body is in the blood," (Leviticus 17:11) and there are many people who depend on receiving blood regularly (my husband included). I'm going to do something a little different this year. If you'd like to donate in memory of someone, let me know (Margo@FBlex.org) and I'll put your name and your loved one's name in the newsletter - it would be wonderful to have a column of loved ones remembered.

*Donors can receive an e-mailed offer for four free months of Apple Music. There is an additional giveaway for donors ages 18-24 to win an Apple bundle that includes a MacBook and AirPods.



Celebrate Recovery August 3, 2021

Is there a hurt, habit, or hang-up that is weighing you down lately? Celebrate Recovery is a safe place where you can join others who are struggling but find hope, healing, and encouragement from one another. CR walks through the 12 steps and the 8 principles based on the Beatitudes in Matthew where you find strength from His word. Join us on Tuesday evenings in person in the Student center, or you can join us on [Facebook Live](#) at 6:45PM. You are not alone. Childcare is available for ages infant -5th. For more information please email caroline@fblex.org.

Food Pantry

What: FBLex Food Pantry

Location: Student Center

Hours: 8 AM to 4 PM, Mon-Thur.

Who: Members & Walk-Ins in Need

FBLex CONCEAL Carry Firearm Policy

First Baptist of Lexington enforces a strict firearm policy. Upon approval of FBLex Leadership, it is permissible for members to “Conceal Carry” a firearm on their person while on campus. However you **MUST** be registered through our FBLex Security Team. To be in compliance, submission of the following is required: Full Name, CCP registration number, expiration date, and a photocopy of your permit. These items must be given to the Security Team located at the security desk in the Worship Center lobby. We will supply you with an outline of rules and procedures regarding your conceal carry approval.

Recently SC Governor, Henry McMaster, has signed an “Open Carry” bill into law which will go into effect August 15, 2021. However, we feel that Open Carry would become a distraction to members and guests, so continue to conceal your weapon if you have permission to carry. For more information concerning this policy, please see a member of the FBLex Security Team.



One of the most important ministries in a church is Hospitality! First impressions mean a lot! In fact, many guests make up their mind about a church within the first few moments on campus. That’s why we need YOU! The Hospitality Team is looking for smiling, friendly, and outgoing people to greet guests and members on Sunday mornings! It takes very little time and makes such a great impact to the overall ministry of the church. Please consider coming to our INFO MEETING in the Choir Room on August 29, right after the second service.

Spiritual Spotters

1 Kings 17-21. Don't forget to journal: briefly describe the big picture and one take away or application. Reading schedules are available at the Men's Kiosk in the Worship Lobby or [click here!](#)

Discussion Questions

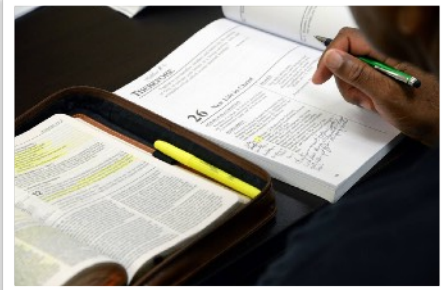
1. When a storm blows in we often seek refuge in a sturdy building. What does it mean: God is our refuge/fortress? Can you describe a time when you sought refuge in God?
2. What would it look like to practice the presence of God throughout your week? What would it look of feel like if the 'child of God' came to the 'house of God' and worshipped wholeheartedly?
3. Rejection hurts... what does knowing that God will never abandon or forsake you do for your faith?
4. Ask God to show you some area of your life that you need to persevere in and show some staying power.

Missionary Highlight

This week Paul will chat about the Kinman family who serve in Guatemala. Currently the Kinman's are on furlough in Florida. Please be in prayer for their daughter Mikayla as she just underwent surgery in late June for an issue with her Crohn's disease. Thank you for your continued support and prayers during this time for the Kinman's along with our other missionaries here at FBLEX. If you would like to give to missions this week you can do so [here!](#)

Picture Updates

For the month of August, stop in the Lobby before or after services and take your picture to update MYFBLEX. If you have a profile set up, you can upload your own picture.



Wednesday Study

We will be taking the summer off and will pick up again with a new series in the Fall! Thank you for taking part in our Bible study!

Life/Home Groups

We want you to walk in gospel-centered community here at FBLEX. Small groups are how we carry one another's burdens through life. If you are not yet in a group we have Life Groups, Home Groups, Core Groups, and Spiritual Spotter Groups available based on what works for your schedule. For more information email the Connections Pastor at JOHNATHAN@fblex.org.



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Last Week's Giving:

General Fund.....	\$31,610.07
Budget Goal to date.....	\$945,000.00
Giving to date.....	\$979,703.70
Missions.....	\$4,423.33
Missions Budget Goal to date.....	\$104,550.00
Missions Budget Given to date.....	\$100,931.90

You can continue your faithful support of God's work through FBLex in the following ways: mail your check to FBLex (415 Barr Road, Lexington, SC 29072) or utilize our online giving platform on our website. If you're on campus, we have several locked drop boxes hanging throughout our buildings. Thank you for being faithful!

REFIT Aerobic Class

"REFIT is an aerobic class for ladies, taught to fun, family friendly music that focuses on intentional movements and muscle awareness. All fitness levels are welcome! No charge for classes but donations are welcome. Child care not available but ages 8+ welcome to participate. Summer classes are almost over! Our next class is August 5. August 19 will be our last class for summer. We meet in the upstairs Rec Room in the Worship Center @ 6:30 pm.

Now Hiring

We are in need of a part time cleaner for the Preschool. Please send a letter of interest to margo@FBLex.org.

