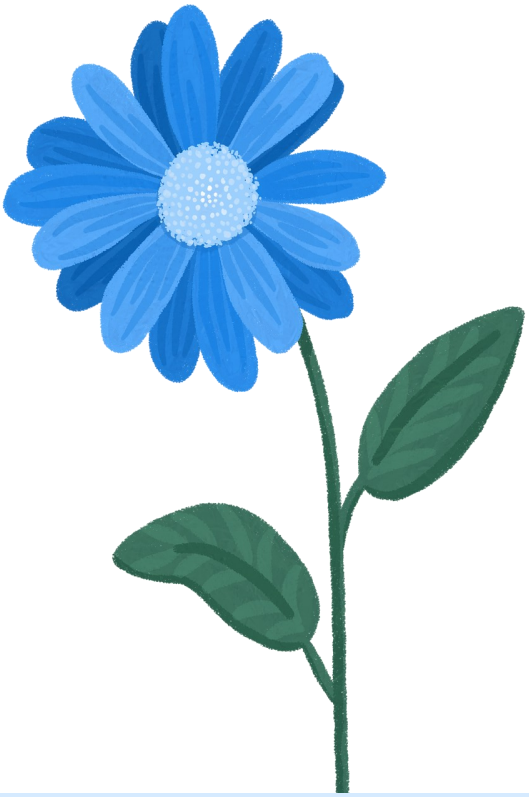
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The Lamplighter



Faithful in the Small Things

by Kevin Guiffre

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much…" – Luke 16:10

In a world that often celebrates the big, the bold, and the visible, it can be easy to overlook the quiet importance of small things. We tend to measure success by major milestones, public recognition, or large accomplishments. Achievements that are seen and applauded are often the ones that receive the most attention. Yet in God's kingdom, the measure of faithfulness looks very different. Jesus reminds us in Luke 16:10 that trust is built—and proven—not in the grand moments, but in the everyday choices that often go unseen.

Faithfulness in the "little" is where true character is formed. It is developed in the hidden places of life—the moments that never make headlines and may never be recognized by others. It's in the early morning prayers whispered before the day begins. It's in choosing patience when frustration would be easier. It's in offering kindness when it isn't returned, and in showing integrity when no one else is paying attention. These are the moments that shape who we are at our core.

Scripture consistently shows us that God values faithfulness long before He entrusts greater responsibility. Consider David, who was faithfully tending sheep in the fields before he was ever anointed king. In those quiet pastures, far from the spotlight, David learned dependence on God, courage in the face of danger, and responsibility over what had been entrusted to him. Those lessons prepared him for the leadership he would one day carry. Cont. p. 3

June highlights:

6th: Brotherhood & Mission Warriors
14th: Graduation Sunday
20th: Hooks & Needles
27th: Linda White Service

June 2026

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Here is the possible mission trip available this summer & there are strict limits on the number of spaces available. **If you are interested in this trip, let Jennifer Miller know ASAP.** July 25th-Aug. 3rd: Panama (10 spots)



We are in need of yarn, empty frosting containers, stuffed animal stuffing for **Operation Christmas Child** projects, as well as paper towel, but not toilet paper, EMPTY tubes.



Sunday, June 14th

If your child or grandchild is graduating this spring, please let the office know ASAP so we can celebrate them!

Do you have a picture of you as a child/teen that you would like to include in our

"Guess the Congregant" game?

Please send me your picture and we can enjoy getting to know more about you!

This is one of our history lovin' members! Is it:



1. Karen Law
2. Sheri Bresnahan
3. Jennifer Miller
4. Donna Duehring

*answer on page 3

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The same pattern appears in the lives of the disciples. They were ordinary men—fishermen, tax collectors, individuals living routine lives—yet they were faithful in responding to Jesus' call. Their willingness to follow Him in the small, daily steps of obedience positioned them to be used in extraordinary ways. God did not choose them because they had already achieved greatness; He chose them because their hearts were willing and faithful.

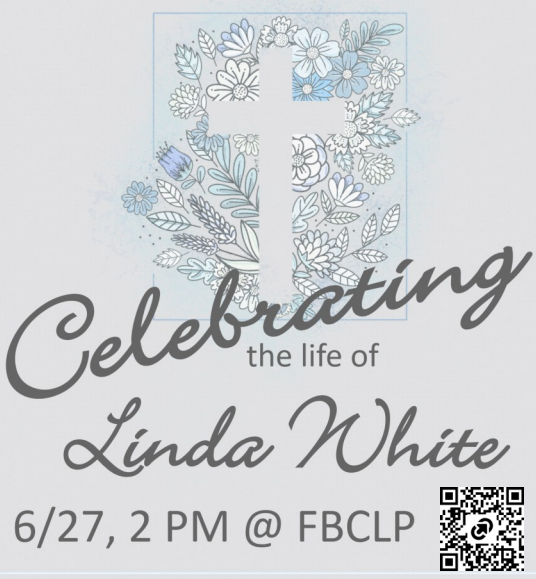
This truth can be both encouraging and challenging. It is encouraging because it reminds us that no act of obedience is ever wasted. Even the smallest step of faith matters in the eyes of God. At the same time, it challenges us to examine how we live in the details of our lives. It asks us to consider whether we are truly being good stewards of what has already been placed in our hands.

Are we faithful with our time, or do we allow distractions to consume it? Are we faithful in our relationships, choosing to love, forgive, and support others even when it's difficult? Are we faithful in our responsibilities, giving our best effort even when the task feels routine or unnoticed? These questions are not meant to burden us, but to realign our perspective with God's.

One of the greatest misconceptions we can fall into is believing that our impact is tied only to large opportunities. We may find ourselves waiting for something bigger—a larger platform, a more significant role, or a clearer sense of purpose—thinking that then we will fully step into faithfulness. But Jesus teaches the opposite. Faithfulness does not begin when the opportunity grows; it begins exactly where we are.

In fact, how we handle the small things often determines whether we are ready for the larger ones. If we are careless with what seems insignificant, we may miss the preparation God is doing within us. But when we approach every responsibility, no matter how small, with diligence and a heart to honor God, we grow in ways that prepare us for what lies ahead.

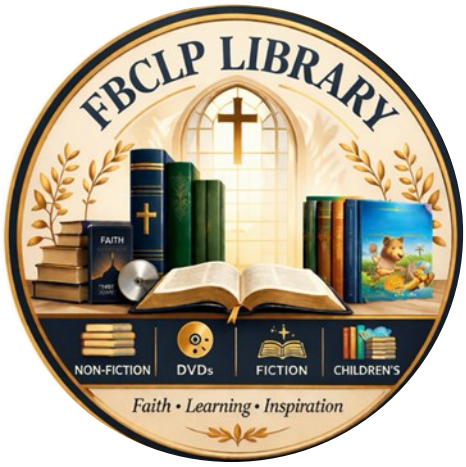
As a church family, this principle has powerful implications. The strength of a church is not built solely on large events or visible ministries, but on the consistent faithfulness of its people. It's in the volunteer who shows up week after week. It's in the person who quietly checks on a neighbor. It's in the prayers offered behind the scenes, the encouragement given in passing, and the countless unseen acts of service that hold everything together. Cont. p. 4



On June 1st. the Nominating Committee will be sending out an email from fbclp.techtransfer@gmail.com to all members holding a committee position. Kindly respond by July 1st indicating if you would like to "keep" or "step down" from your position. https://tinyurl.com/2jpac28k

Answer from page 2:

Jennifer Miller



Be sure to stop by our library often to see what's new!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Karen Law:

library@fbclaplata.org



We will have a 4th of July outreach at the Ch. Co. Fairgrounds. We are looking for volunteers to take 2 hour shifts beginning at 4 pm. We can meet at the church at 3 pm & head over. Sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center. See Dean Irwin with questions.

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These small, faithful actions create a foundation that allows the church to flourish. When each person commits to being faithful in their own sphere, the collective impact becomes something far greater than any one individual could accomplish alone. God uses these ordinary moments to build an extraordinary community rooted in love, trust, and obedience.

It is also important to remember that faithfulness is not about perfection. We will have moments where we fall short, where we miss opportunities, or where our consistency wavers. But faithfulness is ultimately about direction, not perfection. It is about continually choosing to return to God, to realign our hearts, and to keep moving forward in obedience.

There is a quiet beauty in a life marked by steady faithfulness. It may not always be recognized by the world, but it is deeply honored by God. Over time, those small, consistent choices shape a legacy that reflects His character. They influence our families, strengthen our communities, and point others toward Him.

So, wherever you find yourself today, embrace the "little" things in front of you. See them not as insignificant tasks, but as opportunities to honor God. Be intentional with your time, your words, and your actions. Trust that God sees every detail and that He is working through each moment of obedience.

In His perfect timing, what is done in the small will bear fruit in ways that may far exceed what we can see right now. Faithfulness in the little is never wasted—it is the very pathway through which God accomplishes His greater purposes.

Upcoming Events

Deacons' Meeting 6/1, 7pm

Women on Mission
6/4, 9:45am

Brotherhood & Mission Warriors will meet Sat., 6/6 @ 9am.

Benevolence Offering 6/7

Merry Widows
June 12th, 12 pm

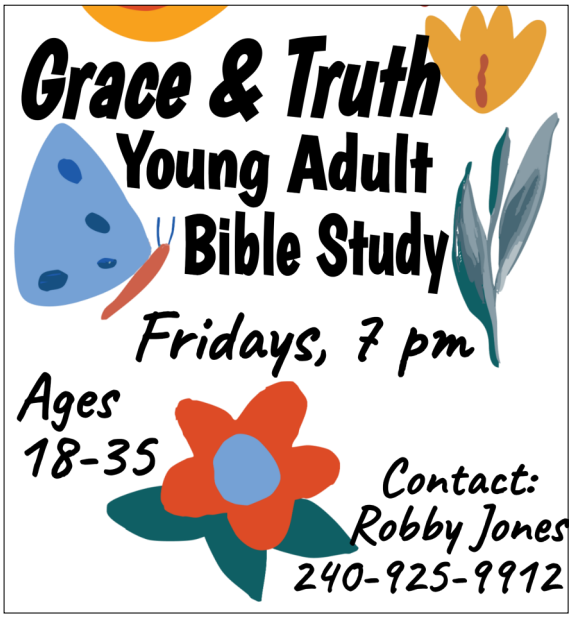


Visitation Ministry will meet Thurs., June 18th, 9:45 AM



ESL Ministry

Thursdays, 6 PM until 6/18





June 20th
9 am to Noon

Hooks & Needles



YOUTH GROUP

Friday evening Bible study
6:30-8 PM
Youth: 6-12th grades
See Patrick Hancock

JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Deacons' Meeting @ 7 pm	2	3 Food Dist. @ 5 pm	4 WOM ESL 6 PM	5 Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study 7 pm	6 Brotherhood & Mission Warriors 9 am
7 Benevolence Offering	8	9 Ladies of the Light/ Men in the Word @ 10 am	10 Food Dist. @ 5 pm	11 ESL 6 PM	12 Merry Widows 12 pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study 7 pm	13
14 Graduation Sunday 	15	16 Ladies of the Light/ Men in the Word @ 10 am	17 Food Dist. @ 5 pm	18 Visitation Ministry 9:45 am ESL 6 PM	19 Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study 7 pm	20 
21 Communion  Camp Carmel	22	23 Ladies of the Light/ Men in the Word 10 am	24 Food Dist. @ 5 pm	25	26 Youth Bible Study 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study 7 pm	27 Linda White Memorial Service 2 PM
28	29	30 Ladies of the Light/ Men in the Word 10 am				

Sunday Morning Nursery:

Infant/Toddler

June 07 Norma S., Ruth D.
June 14 Norma S., Stephanie W. , Abby P.
June 21 Norma S., Adrielle L.
June 28 Norma S., Cecelia S., Erin H.



Greeter Schedule:

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
June 07	Kevin G.	Billy M.
June 14	Bobby J.	Henry N.
June 21	Marion S.	Dave B.
June 28	Gary B.	Andrew C.

Children's Worship:

June 07 Stephanie W., Donna F., Kayla H.
June 14 Jennifer C., Chloe C.
June 21 Stephanie W., Kristen G.
June 28 Amanda N., Gracelynn N., Abby P.

Sunday Morning Security:

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
June 07	Courtney H.	Melvin K., Brian M.
June 14	Norma S.	Robert H., Patrick H.
June 21	Kevin G.	Terry M., Bob M.
June 28	Marion S.	Brian M., Jerry P.

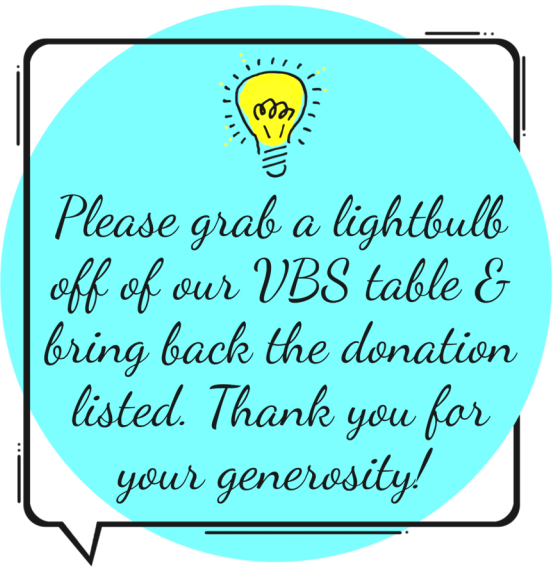
If you plan on volunteering for VBS, please check our list on the welcome center to see if you need an updated background check.

Also, we still have the following volunteer spots that need to be filled:

Preschool Missions: 1 Helper
Nursery: 2 Helpers
Pre- K1: 1 Helper
Kindergarten 1: 1 Leader & 1 Helper
Grade 4: 1 Leader & 1 Helper (Helper is for Monday only)



Check out our VBS table & see Donna or Shannon with questions!





ALL leaders are strongly encouraged to attend as this will be the last meeting before VBS begins!

Reflecting the Father's Name

Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life?



For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.





Michael Jewel

Michael graduated from PACE and plans to attend College of Southern Maryland for engineering.

Colton Jones



Colton graduated from Root of All Knowledge Christian Academy and is part of PACE's High school Class of 2026. He plans to pursue a degree in data analytics from Western Governor's University.



Amy Lloyd

Amy graduated with a Master of Education in Kodaly Music Education from Loyola University Maryland. She is a self-employed musician and music educator.

Emmett Lloyd

Emmett graduated from North Point High School. He will attend Purdue University where he will be in Navy ROTC and major in political science.

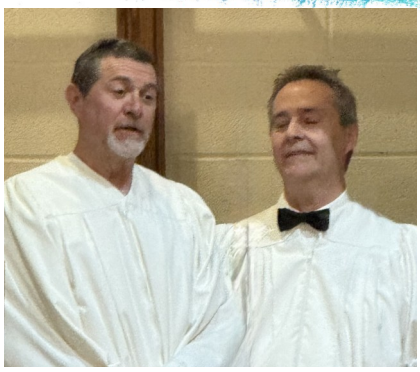




Gracelynn Nicklis

Gracelynn graduated from Maurice J. McDonough High School. She will be going to Wilkes University in Wilkes Barre, PA in the fall & will major in neuroscience with the goal of becoming a neurosurgeon.

Recent baptisms



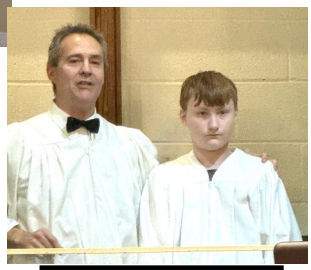
Raphael Corrado







Eli Hancock



Travis Jones

Bible Quiz

What was the name of the wealthy merchant of purple cloth who met Paul and his companions, was baptized and became a leader in the Philippian church?

A. Priscilla
B. Lydia
C. Dorcas
D. Joanna



Answer: B (See Acts 16:11-15, 40.)

Our Sunday evening Bible studies are on the book of Mark.





SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

GIFTS FOR GIRLS

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Skipping rope
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolour set
- Playdough
- Stickers
- Craft kits or colourful rope/twine
- Books or picture books
- Sewing kit
- Gardening kit/gloves
- Card Games



GIFTS FOR BOYS

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Fishing kit
- Skipping rope
- Colouring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Playdough
- Stickers
- Craft kits or colorful rope/twine
- Books or picture books
- Tool set with work gloves
- Gardening kit/gloves
- Card Games



