

Hello! Been a while since I've written for the Herald! Writing is something I actually love to do, but rarely heard any feedback, plus sometimes we didn't have room, so I stopped for a while. But Jenny told me she had some space, so I decided to share a thought. Let me know if you find this kind of thing helpful.

Here's the word for today: God's favor. Okay, that's two words. But we see several times in the scriptures where the Bible makes clear that "God's favor" is on someone. Read the stories of Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Joshua, David, Sampson, etc...they were all able to do what they did, not because of their talent or hard work, but because God chose to favor them.

"Why does God favor some and not others?" It's an interesting question. But I would also say it's the wrong question. Because often times, it's just not for us to know WHY God does things...He just does and we can choose to accept it or not. God actually explains this favor thing in *Exodus 33:19* – "...Moreover, I show favor to whomever I will, and I display mercy to whomever I will." Does that clear it up for you? Probably not. But that's how it is!

So instead of beating your head against the wall trying to "understand" God's favor, I have some other advice... stick close to the ones who do have God's favor. Again, the scriptures show that all those who went WITH the ones with God's favor were blessed too. I'm a big fan of the old Bible study "Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby. And one of the main teaching points from that study is "See where God is at work and join Him there." God is always at work around us (see John 5:17) and He invites us to be a part of what He is doing.

This coming Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, in both our worship services, I can guarantee you where you will see God at work...and that will be in the "Voices of Lee". These students are obviously very gifted. But to me it is even more evident that God's favor is on them. Just take the time to listen to some of their songs on Youtube or their website, [www.voicesoflee.com](http://www.voicesoflee.com). Their talent comes from God, but even more so, their hearts are FOR GOD! I've seen where God is at work in them... so I'm coming to join them in it! I hope you will too!

Loving, Sharing, Serving, Making... and finding where God is at work!

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## MEMBER CARE OPPORTUNITIES

**Recent Hospitalization:** Lenora Childress, Susan Ciofani, Verla Bennie, Amelia Lewis, L.E. Williamson, Julieann Gilstrap

**Nursing Care/Assisted Living:** Bill Barbour, Mary Sue Barbrey, JoAnn Cathcart, Dot Davis, Ray Henderson, Robbie Jones, Sara Jumper, Doris Landrum, Peggy Milosek, Polly Robinson, George/Ann Watts.

**Sympathy:** The church family extends our sympathy to the family of Janie Brennan; also to Teresa Coggins in the loss of her mother; also to the family of John Griffin.

<b>Ministry Budget 5/5/2019</b>		<b>Ministry Budget 5/12/2019</b>	
This Week	\$ 28,363.40	This Week	\$ 18,213.49
This Year	\$ 349,040.13	This Year	\$ 367,253.62
<b>Renovations</b>		<b>Renovations</b>	
This Week	\$ 1,222.00	This Week	\$ 315.00
This Year	\$ 11,586.52	This Year	\$ 11,901.52
<b>Missions</b>		<b>Missions</b>	
This Week	\$ 8,160.25	This Week	\$ 1,397.00
This Year	\$ 30,822.21	This Year	\$ 32,219.21
<b>Attendance</b>		<b>Attendance</b>	
Worship _____	276	Worship _____	282
Sunday School _____	301	Sunday School _____	191
<b>Ministry Budget 5/19/2019</b>		<b>Ministry Budget 5/26/2019</b>	
This Week	\$ 44,099.00	This Week	\$ 20,967.45
This Year	\$ 411,352.62	This Year	\$ 432,320.07
<b>Renovations</b>		<b>Renovations</b>	
This Week	\$ 617.00	This Week	\$ 757.00
This Year	\$ 12,518.52	This Year	\$ 13,275.52
<b>Missions</b>		<b>Missions</b>	
This Week	\$ 7,246.50	This Week	\$ 1,635.00
This Year	\$ 39,465.71	This Year	\$ 41,100.71
<b>Attendance</b>		<b>Attendance</b>	
Worship _____	281	Worship _____	307
Sunday School _____	210	Sunday School _____	209

**Ladies Book Club of FBCM** meets monthly, 8:30 a.m. at Panera Bread on Woodruff Rd. All ladies are invited to participate. Please contact Jewel at (864) 270-5783 for more info.

FM Ladies will meet at Crave Coffee at 9:00 am on June 8 for coffee and conversation. Ladies of all ages welcome. We would love to get to know you.  
**YOU HAVE VALUABLE STORIES TO SHARE**  
Join us!

The ladies' **Maude Clark Missions Group** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Prayer Chapel at 7pm. Please join us as we learn about, pray for, and participate in missions. For more info contact Ann Strom 458-7079 email [aistrom@aol.com](mailto:aistrom@aol.com).

## **FATHER'S DAY SELFIE WITH DAD**

On Sunday, June 16 we will have an area set up near the fellowship hall so you can take a Selfie with dad. You can bring your own camera or Bill Voorhes will be available after each service to take pictures for you.

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JULY 14 - 20, 2019

Savannah, Georgia

ALL 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students are invited.

**TOTAL COST \$195/PERSON IS DUE NOW**

Drop payment off at church office to Jenny or Jill

or pay online at <https://onrealm.org/>

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**ATTENTION YOUTH:**



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All Youth information will be found here, as well as emailed, mailed & printed out in the youth room. Please log in here ([remind.com/join/mfbst](https://remind.com/join/mfbst)) to continue to be updated on recent activities.



**VBS @ MFB**

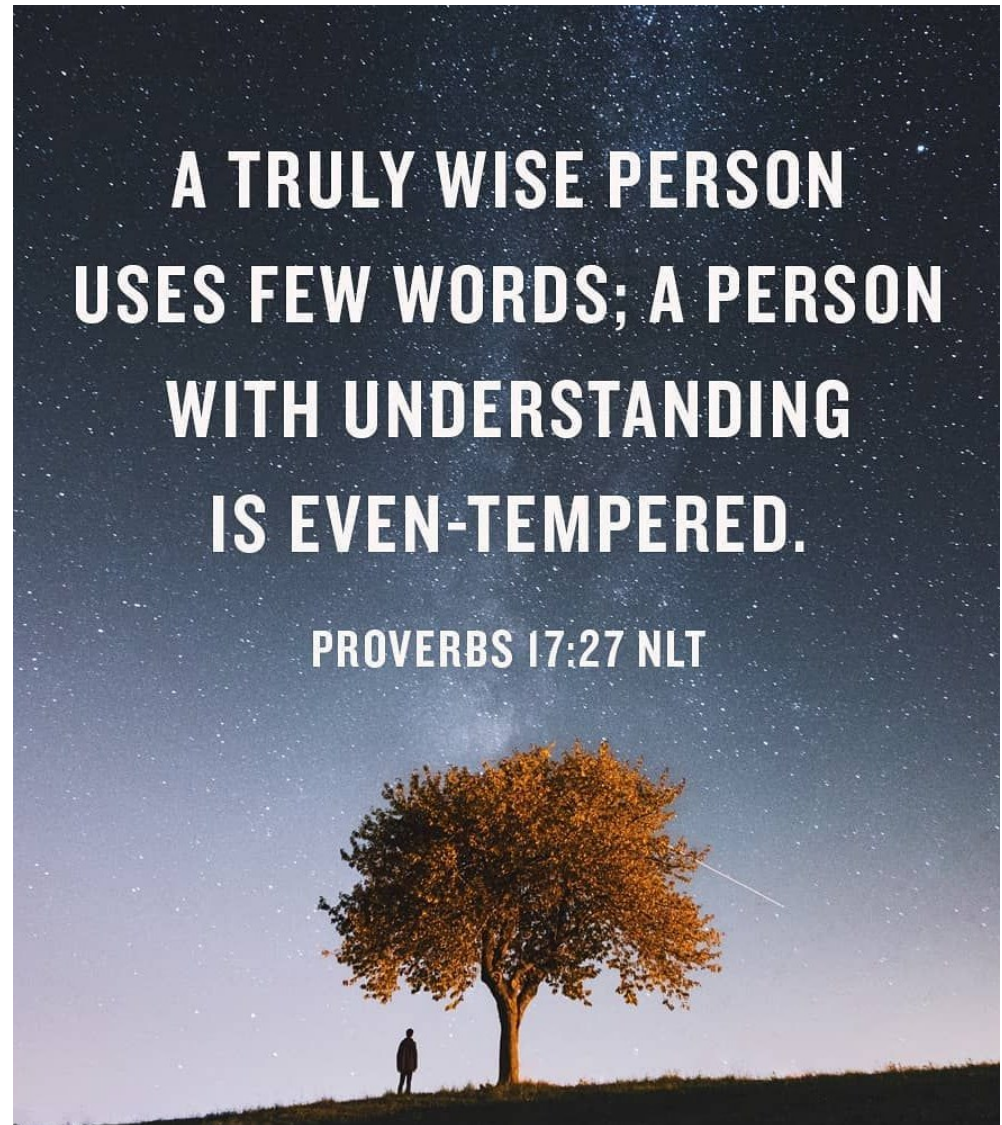
**June 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30am - 12:00pm**

**Safari Celebration Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**

At Roar, kids discover that God is good even when life gets wild! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, and experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures. Register children (completed K-5 - 5th grade) to join in the fun and Register to volunteer at [www.mauldinfirstbaptist.org](http://www.mauldinfirstbaptist.org). Make a donation by taking a donation leaf from the baobob tree in the lobby. Please volunteer and help us provide an exciting experience for the children of our community. Contact Paula Southwell with questions [psouthwell@fbcmauldin.org](mailto:psouthwell@fbcmauldin.org) or 864-678-0412.

**A TRULY WISE PERSON  
USES FEW WORDS; A PERSON  
WITH UNDERSTANDING  
IS EVEN-TEMPERED.**

**PROVERBS 17:27 NLT**



*For god gave us a spirit not of fear but of  
power and Love and self - control.*

*-2 Timothy 1:7*

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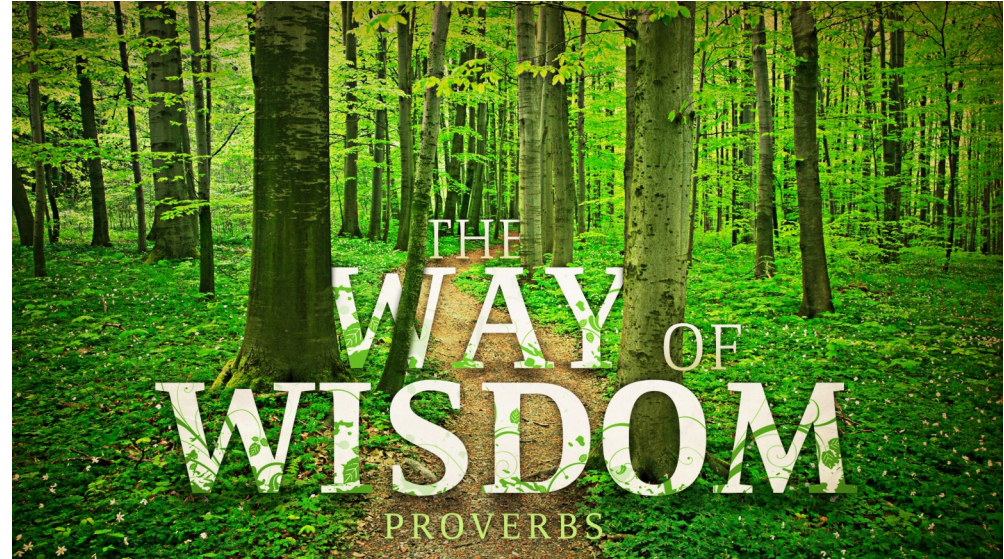
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2 - Voices of Lee  
June 8 - FM Ladies at Crave Coffee  
June 16 - Father's Day  
June 24 - VBS



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