

Tidings

**FROM
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF YORK**



July 2024

Dear church family,

It was many years ago that I found myself walking the streets of La Chona,

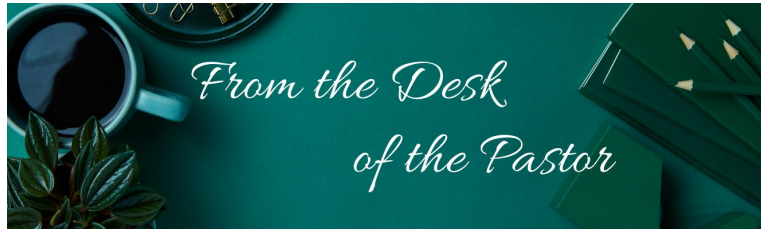
Mexico. My dad, two brothers, two sisters, and mother would all take a couple hours each week to visit neighborhoods and present others with the Gospel of Jesus. There was one day that stands out in my mind, as a day of revelation. What was revealed to me in a sobering way was the great importance of knowing the teaching of Scriptures clearly so as to not be swayed by false teachings. It was on this day that my dad and I visited a home where there were Jehovah's Witnesses.

This visit developed into a very lengthy conversation between my father and the members of the Jehovah Witness church. As I stood there and listened to both sides of the debate, I realized that my knowledge of doctrine needed desperately to grow. I imagined standing there alone having to defend my position and I knew that I would of utterly failed. So as a 12 year old I decided to learn more about the doctrines that distinguish us from others.

With the guidance of Scripture I hope to help prepare you for the conversations that may make a tremendous difference in the lives of those whom you are sharing your faith with.

The first Sunday in July I hope to present words of clarity on what doctrines have separated us from the many denominations in this world. I look forward to growing in truth as we step into this new series.

Pastor Rey



Greetings!

Last month we sang the wonderful song “Jesus, Lover Of My Soul” in several worship services.

Did you recognize the tune the first time you heard it? Probably not. But you may have

recognized the words, which have appeared in thousands of hymnals. I think they are some of the best ever penned on the subject of trials and tribulations in the Christian life. However, none of the tunes with which they have traditionally been linked (there have been several over the years) have suited them very well, in my opinion. The one that is in our hymnbook, for example, doesn't seem quite right for the content of the lyrics, nor is it very well-known to our congregation, as I understand it.



The setting we have been using, by Kevin Twit, is a relatively new one – copyright 2000, with the original words (written in 1739 by Charles Wesley) remaining intact. It can be found on the first “Indelible Grace” album. In case you're not aware, Indelible Grace is an artist collective (not to be confused with Sovereign Grace) based in Nashville, Tennessee, that has led a movement to restore the historic practice of writing new melodies to old hymn texts. This community of songwriters and musicians grew out of the Reformed University Fellowship at Belmont University. Kevin Twit was the RUF campus minister at the time of its formation in 1999, and he still holds that position to this day.

There are currently nine Indelible Grace albums. The official website of the collective (igracemusic.com) contains information about their recordings, as well as free sheet music for their entire hymnbook (over 200 songs) and other resources. Our own musical repertoire list at FBCOY actually contains one other Indelible Grace song besides the one we've been singing – “On Jordan's Stormy Banks.” I hope to use more of their hymn settings in worship in the future, if opportunities to do so present themselves. If you enjoy hearing new versions of old hymns, I would encourage you to explore the Indelible Grace website or listen to any of their albums for free at bandcamp.com.


Blessings! Matt

What's Happening??

June 17th Council Meeting

- Council looked at the church's insurance policy and decided to switch to a new policy as there seemed to be several gaps with the old policy. The new insurance premium would be \$8633 per year and will include sexual abuse and counseling insurance for officers and pastors. A civil rights coverage will be approximately \$700 more. The Council approved the change to Longley insurance asking if we could pay quarterly.
- Dave L. will need to get his own insurance for the use of the gym and it should name FBCOY as an additional insured.
- The York Home School Association already has additional insurance.
- Property is still waiting on the HVAC part for the heat exchanger on the roof.
- Mold has been found in the resource room.
- The restrooms in the Gathering Place need repairs.
- Ants have been found in the downstairs kitchen. It is important that groups wipe off counters and mop up the floor after an event.
- Robert M. was approved for church membership.
- Ilene G. hosted a yard sale to help raise funds for one of our families in need.

- Pastor Rey and Mercedes met with Leroy T. to see how we can help them raise funds. They need about \$10,000 per month to go but can still go if they raise 80 percent of what they need. Their plan is to go next year.
- The Piercing Word presentation has been moved to September 8th. They will now be doing a musical called The Sermon on the Mount. Please invite people to come to this family event.
- Friend Sunday has been rescheduled to October 6th.
- The Sunday service in the park will be scheduled for fall 2024.
- Education will be discussing the Bible Recap check-up in the fall as well as VBS. They will be meeting with the pastor to get his thoughts on where the Education Ministry Team should focus their efforts.
- Security cameras are being installed. There is a plan to buy additional cameras.
- The technology team is considering moving to Google for emails and other benefits. This would be a cost of \$900/year. This is still being considered.
- Pastor Rey would like to move the communion service to the end of the month. The purpose for this change is that the pastor plans to emphasize the concepts taught throughout the month and provide a specific segment of his sermon on The Lord's Table. Council approved this change. Pastor Rey hopes to have communion twice in July as we switch the timing for communion.
- During the month of July the pastor will be preaching on doctrines that distinguish.



New Church Council July 2024-June 2025

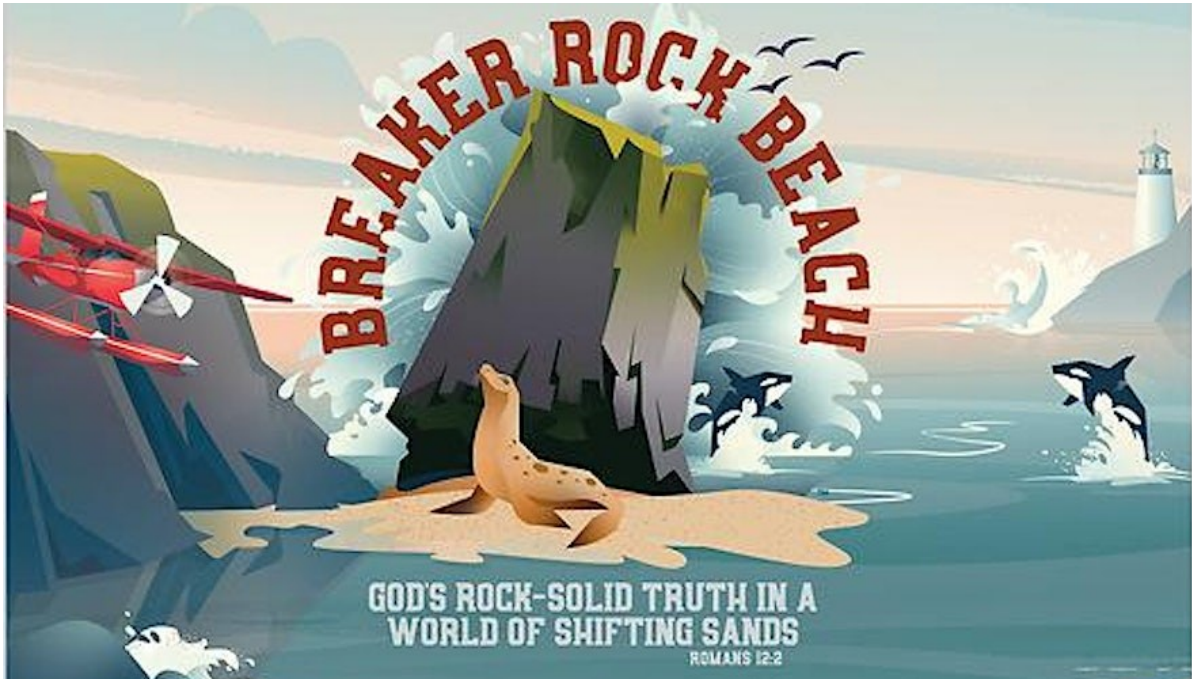
Paul B.
Jenah B.
Mercedes A.
Ilene G.
Jen H.
Joel B.
Justin C.

Moderator
Church Clerk
Outreach Ministry
Member Care
Education Ministry
Property Ministry
Finance Ministry

Other Officers

Jennifer B.
Sara K.
Vera K.

Finance Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Staff Relations



Vacation Bible School

August 8, 9, 10th

For Children in Preschool through 8th Grade

| | | |
|-----------|------------|---------------------|
| August 8 | 5:30 | Dinner |
| | 6:00-7:30 | VBS |
| August 9 | 5:30 | Dinner |
| | 6:00-7:30 | VBS |
| August 10 | 9:00-10:45 | VBS |
| | 11:00 | Lunch & water games |



**First
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Church**

The greatest of these is love.

Prayers for our church

Remind us that sharing with others is a pleasing sacrifice to You. Keep us outwardly focused so we don't become self-absorbed. Enable us to extend mercy to people in every kind of need (Heb. 13:16; Phil. 2:3-4; Jude 22-23).

Heavenly Father,

You are a sovereign and Holy God, perfect in all your ways; your ways are higher than our ways and who can know them.

You have numbered our days, the future is in your hands, may your will be done.

Each day you give us the air that we breathe.

By your Holy Spirit's power we embrace Jesus as our Savior through His blood that has purchased us from our sins that we confess to Him.

Thank you for His finished work on the cross and the empty tomb that has sealed our eternal pardon that gives us hope.

Help us to love and forgive others as you have loved and forgiven us.

Keep us from the temptations of the evil one, so that we do not sin against you.

By your grace help us to be strong and steadfast in our faith, doing good works until Jesus comes, for it's in His name that we pray. Maranatha,

Amen



Happy
4th
of
July!

*"The heavens declare the
glory of God;
the skies proclaim the works
of His hands."* Psalm 19:1

{Creations} by @LisaTMcCurdy



Youth event! Come join us for Christmas in July! July 26 at 5:30pm. Please invite all your friends. Dinner, games, a gift exchange and the slip and slide! Please bring your goggles and a \$5 gift to exchange!

If your contact information has changed,
don't forget to let us know!



A new church directory will be published soon and we would like it to be as accurate as possible.



**Phone
Number
Change**

Millie E.
717-900-6664



BRING ON SUMMER

Everyone is happy
'Cause Summer finally came,
I'll share in their joy,
But my reason's not the same!

They look for balmy breezes
And ways of getting thinner
While I am celebrating, "Yea,
We're on our way to Winter!"

Joyce E. G.
Winter lover

FINANCIAL UPDATE

| | <u>May</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| General Fund Giving | \$15,935 | \$170,665 |
| General Fund Expenses | \$17,494 | \$152,931 |
| | (\$1,559) | \$17,734 |

Phase 2 - \$1,454

Balances

General Fund Balance - \$121,195

Phase 2 Loan Balance - (\$285,593)

Roof Loan Balance - (\$37,957)

Cash Position 5/31/24

Reconciled Cash -
\$121,195

Restricted Funds -
\$54,854

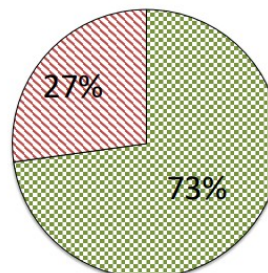
Unrestricted Funds -
\$66,341

The Gathering Place Status

As of May 31, 2024

■ Collected

■ Bank Debt

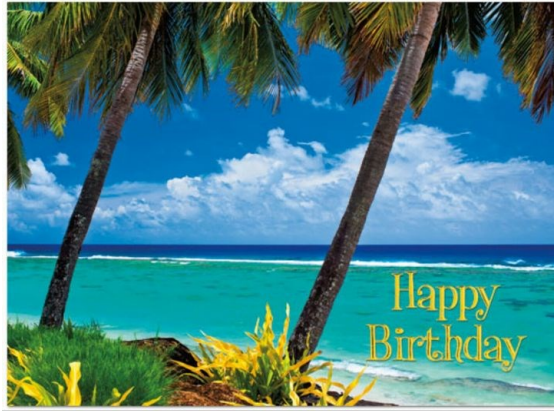


Monthly Pledges
\$4,357

Average Payment
(6 Month)
\$5,191

**Estimated
Payoff**

January 2030



July Birthdays

- 3 Rick S.
- 4 Mike H.
- 5 Brian G.
- 6 Carolyn K.
- 7 Jennifer H.
- 10 Linda T.
- 10 Pastor Tim M.
- 11 Connie F.
- 12 Joyce D.
- 17 Lucille K.
- 20 Daryl H.
- 24 Jackie S.
- 24 Kim B.
- 29 Rick B.
- 30 Alexis H.
- 31 John (Fil) K.

July Missionary Birthdays

- 3 Eric Lembke-Thailand
- 8 Tim Rice - Congo
- 8 Boaz Keibarak-Kenya
- 11 Madeline Florez-Lopez - Dominican Rep.
- 14 Yuree Lembke-Thailand
- 16 Katie Longkumer - India
- 19 Katrina Williams - Thailand
- 21 Gordon Hwang - Japan
- 21 Larry Stanton - Hungary
- 30 Carlos Bonilla - Colombia



July Anniversaries

- 16 Joe and Stephanie W.
- 25 Rick & Linda T.



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THE TIDINGS

JULY 2024

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