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*Mission Statement:
Sunday School is FBC's primary
Great Commission strategy for
reaching, teaching, and ministering
to the people of Winnsboro.*

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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20 (CSB)

Freedom Can Only Be Found in Jesus

There are a lot of times in life that you are blamed for something. I remember being blamed for things when I was younger. There were times that someone would do something, but blame me for it. Sometimes, I ended up having to deal with the punishment because there was no evidence that I did not do it.

We see that play out in court rooms across the world. Accusations are made against someone and they must defend themselves. Sometimes those cases are the word of one person versus the word of another. Other times, there may be evidence that helps support the accusation. The evidence supports the accusation and can lead to a conviction.

Perhaps you have never found yourself facing the accusations in this world, but we have all faced the accusation of the sin in our lives. Scripture quickly points this out. Through our reading, we can read the words that all have sinned and fallen short. We also read that no one is righteous on their own. No one can claim freedom from sin in their lives on their own merits.

We are all sinners. We all have fallen short. Not one single person is perfect. That is the accusation. If we look at the evidence, we can agree. Our very nature is that of sin. Our body desires sin and the pleasures of the world. We do not have the power in ourselves to overcome that.

That's why we can all be so thankful for this verse. Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross, blotted out all of the accusations against us. All of the evidence against us was taken away. He took all of our sin and nailed it to His cross. He took all that on Himself, so that we could be set free. For Christians, we can rejoice in the freedom that can only be found through Jesus Christ. We should want to share that experience with others so they too can experience freedom from sin.

"By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." Colossians 2:14 ESV

*David Henry
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A Note from Pastor Tom

As I continue through the series of eight (8) areas we need to give continual focus to in order to be a healthy church, I want to focus this week on having **A Discernable Spirit of Repentance and Reconciliation.**

Healthy = Faithful + Fruitful

Those who follow Christ must actively and regularly practice repentance and reconciliation. What we mean by repentance is that we not only believe that sin is wrong but that we both want to and actively fight against sin in our lives. (Matt 3:8; Luke 5:32; 2 Cor 7:10; Heb 6:10) And by reconciliation, we mean that we seek to address and restore relationships within our own body that have been broken due to sin. (Matt 5:24; Acts 7:26; 2 Cor 5:18-20) Both repentance and reconciliation must be discernible among us. This means we are not merely aware of our sin against God and one another, but we actively and constantly address it.

Eight areas of Focus for Being a Health Church

- 1. An Enduring Esteem for Jesus Christ**
- 2. A Discernable Spirit of Repentance and Reconciliation**
- 3. A Relentless Devotion to the Word of God**
- 4. A Joyful Interest in Theology and Doctrine**
- 5. A Persistent Practice of Prayer**
- 6. An Evident Love for God and Neighbor**
- 7. A Regular Practice of Generous Giving**
- 8. An Active Proclamation of the Gospel**

In Christ,

Pastor Tom

Weekly Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

"The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

July.

- 1 - Kara Walters
- 2 - Will Harrison, Martha Bashioum, Jeremiah Keeler, Philippina Wessels
- 3 - Laney White
- 4 - Stephen Price, Terry Alexander
- 5 - Jane Haynes
- 7 - Hallie Rose
- 8 - Rebecca Lawson
- 9 - Sherry Purcell, Max Jongsma, Logan Rehders, Layne Rehders
- 10 - Connie Nichols
- 11 - Tim Winkle, Alecia Walker
- 12 - Brittani Mills



The Women's Ministry will host their monthly Bible Study on Sunday, July 12, 2026, at 5 PM. The Bible Study will take place in the fellowship hall. Childcare will be provided.

A Weekly REACH, TEACH & MINISTER schedule

9:00-9:10

Fellowship & Announcements

9:10-9:20

"REACH" Spotlight

9:20-10:00

"TEACH" People God's Word

10:00-10:15

*"MINISTER" in Care Groups/
Prayer Time*



Remember to grab some extra canned goods the next time you are at the store! We would like to continue to support the Resource Center throughout the year!

Let's Pray

Let's Pray! Join us for a time of corporate prayer for our church body. Sunday mornings, 8:00 am, in the GMRC. Let's fill up the room with prayers to the Lord!