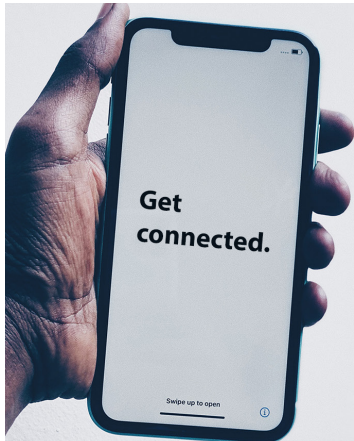


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JULY 23 | 5P-9P



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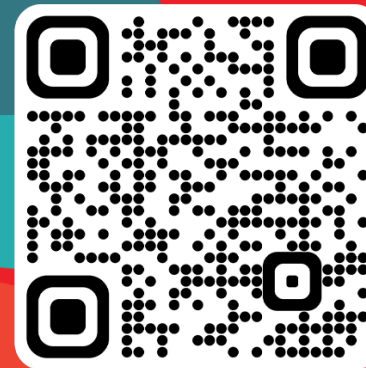
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## MAKING MUCH OF JESUS

with Pastor Jason Teal

"Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, **respect** to whom respect is owed, **honor** to whom honor is owed."

-Romans 13:7

FBC Family, it is my joy and privilege as your Pastor to encourage you this month to remember our dear Pastor Garth and Mrs. Suzanne. As Paul reminded us, we have the opportunity to show honor and respect to two individuals that have sacrificed and shared so much with us all. In fact, as you are reading this, you are probably remembering a time that they impacted your life in tremendous ways. Maybe you remember a time that you heard brother Garth share a word from Scripture that had transformative influence in your life. Maybe you are remembering that time he showed up to your hospital room in a time of need. Maybe you are mindful of that sweet hug and kind word that you received from Mrs. Suzanne. Personally, I am reminded of the care that she has provided Honey and myself throughout the last 11 years. The truth is, we do not have to think long or hard about reasons that these two special people deserve our honor and respect. In 1 Thessalonians 5:12 Paul says, "We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you." The Forsters never saw ministry with us a labor at all. In fact, I believe that they counted it all joy! For this reason, we should honor them by recognizing them. We plan on doing this during the Sunday morning, July 24th service. My Pastor, Garth Forster, will be preaching both services that morning.

### FBC June Memory Verse:

"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!"

-Psalm 90:17 ESV

We will recognize both he and Mrs. Suzanne with a generous gift. I am sure you will want to mark that in your calendar.

I also believe a way that we can honor them is by loving them. Family loves on each other. The pastor's days are spent "keeping watch over you" as the author of Hebrews writes. Sometimes they need us to watch over them! We want them to know that they are beloved by the FBC Family. We are planning on doing this by having a special dinner in honor of Pastor Garth and Mrs. Suzanne on Sunday Night, July 24th at 6P in our CFLC. As a way of signifying the importance of this event, tickets will need to be purchased at a cost of \$10/person. These tickets will be available following Sunday AM services and through the church office. The deadline to make reservations is Sunday, July 17th. We hope to lavish a kindness and appreciation for these two wonderful friends on this special day. We hope you will plan to be there. As I am sure you all would resonate with Paul as he wrote to the Philippians, "For God is my witness, how deeply I miss all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus." On July 24th, let's show them that they are missed and loved!

Much Love and Many Blessings,  
Pastor Jason



Church Membership (July 31 | 6p)

DINNER AT 6P THAT EVENING | TICKETS \$10



### Committed to Completion

We have a roof! We are blessed to see daily how the new student and young adult building has been coming together!



### Special Thanks

Thank you church family for your love, prayers, cards, food, and visits during my recovery from back surgery. Each of you are a blessing in my life.

With my love,  
Glenna Waller

### upcoming church events + info

#### Coffee and Conversation

Join us on Tuesday, July 5th at 10:30a in the Annex. Bring greeting cards/envelopes and pens!

#### Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, July 17 at 6:30p in the sanctuary.

#### Sunday Night Bible Study

Join us for a new Bible study on Sunday evenings! We meet at 5:30P in A-100 (The Annex behind the Worship Center).

#### Community Prayer Walk for School System

Join us on Wednesday, July 27 at 6:30p as we pray for the upcoming school year. Meet us at the Lamar County Fine Arts Center.

#### Pastor Garth and Mrs. Suzanne Retirement Celebration, July 24

Garth will be preaching at the 9A/11A. A special dinner will be held in their honor that evening at 6P. Tickets (\$10) will be on sale for this special dinner. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, July 17th. Tickets will be available following services and in the church office.

#### BUDGET UPDATE

Required: \$418,929.06  
Received: \$372,383.52  
(46,545.54)

#### All Things VBS!

We are getting so excited about VBS! Sign up your child or grandchild by visiting the link on the cover of the Witness or scanning the QR code. If you would like to serve during VBS, please register using the same link. This year our VBS Mission Offering will be used to help pack Welcome Back Bags for Teachers, Faculty, and Administration for local schools. **#WeGetToDoThis**