

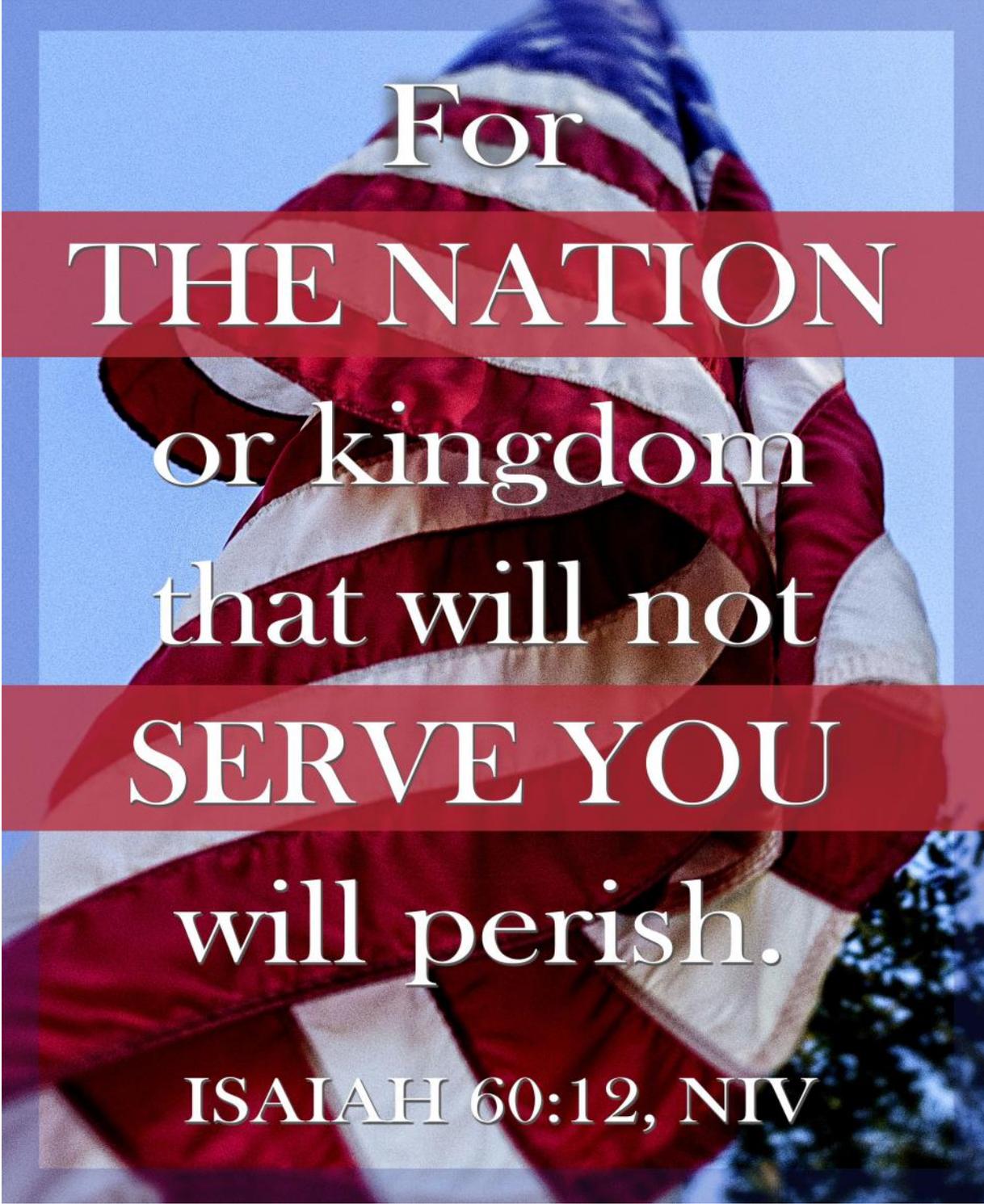
# The Lighthouse

First Baptist Church, Giddings  
Helping Others Say "Yes" To Jesus

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A photograph of an American flag waving in the wind against a clear blue sky. The flag's red, white, and blue stripes are prominent, and the stars are visible in the upper left corner. The image is framed by a thin blue border.

For  
THE NATION  
or kingdom  
that will not  
SERVE YOU  
will perish.

ISAIAH 60:12, NIV



Love Jesus Passionately

Grow Together Relationally

Serve One Another

Reach the Broken Relentlessly

Break Me

Picture the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus knows that his death is coming very soon. He spends his last night of freedom praying to the Father. In Matthew 26:39, Jesus prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." Later in the evening, Matthew 26:42 records this prayer, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done". He prayed the same words a third time, with such intensity he was sweating drops of blood. Jesus had known the plan to save mankind from the beginning. Yet on this night, he was in agony. What would he choose? His desire to live or to follow the Father's plan. Jesus demonstrated his love for the Father and all of mankind by choosing to do the Father's will. But it was not easy.

Choosing to follow God is not an easy path. Luke 9:23 says, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." To be the men and women God calls us to be means we have to be broken. God needs to break our selfishness, our pride, our greed, our anger, our sin nature.

There are two parts to brokenness. The first part involves a time of wrestling with God. This might take a night, a weekend, a month, or a year before we finally yield to God and submit to his will. This will be a pivotal step in your relationship with God that will be remembered. The other part to brokenness occurs every day. Denying what we want to have happen and choosing to follow what God plans.

In Mark 14, we have the account of a woman (Mary, sister of Lazarus) who came to Jesus while he was reclining at the table. She brought an alabaster jar which was very costly, broke the jar, and poured the expensive perfume over Jesus' head. The jar had to be broken for it to be completely used. Mary willingly broke the jar and gave Jesus the most precious possession

she had. Being broken is initially painful, but in the brokenness comes a relationship with God that is beyond price.

Being broken is like building a table. The wood needs to be cut, drill in the screws, and then continually sand the rough edges until it is smooth. The table can now be used. That is the first step of brokenness. But to keep the table useful, it needs to be wiped down each day otherwise layers of grime will build up and no one will want to sit there. That is our daily brokenness. Remove whatever is keeping us from doing the Father's will each day.

When we choose to pray the "break me" prayer, we are opening ourselves up to pain. It takes courage to pray for something that will hurt. But the cost is worth the benefit. Out of the pain will come a confidence in God, a contentment in your relationship with God, a peace that passes all understanding that you have never experienced in your life.

Psalm 51:17--The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. God, you will not despise a broken and humbled heart.

Your Leadership Team



**FREE FRESH FOOD  
FOR FAMILIES  
& HOPE  
July 24th  
10:00 a.m.  
Volunteers Needed**



**Food Pantry**  
Next Food Pantry  
Friday, July 10th  
Saturday, July 11th  
**Volunteers needed!**

**Please pray daily for:**

- \*\*Leadership team as they make decisions**
- \*\*Our future pastor**
- \*\*health of our FBC family**
- \*\*what can FBC do to be actively involved in the needs of Giddings and surrounding areas**
- \*\*we would be obedient to whatever God asks us to do**
- \*\*someone you know personally who needs Jesus**



**Kid's Camp**  
For children going into third grade  
and coming out of fifth grade  
Sunday, August 2nd through  
Thursday, August 6th  
**Paperwork and payment is due**  
**By July 26th**

“He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.”

—St. Basil

“When all others doors in life are closed to us, Jesus will be for us the ever-open door. ...To call any situation hopeless is to shut the door on God.”

—Anthony Coniaris



July 1  
July 2  
July 3  
July 4  
July 9

Dot Westfall  
Kelli Higgins  
Kiersten Namken  
Kelly Reat  
Sharon DeGasperi

July 18  
July 29  
July 31

Dallas Higgins  
Steve Cornwell  
Wayne McClellan

## **First Baptist Church Deacons**

John Booth            Billy Gillum  
Jimmy Boriack        Billy Higgins  
Ronnie Doggett      Kelly Reat

### **Retired Deacons at FBC**

Vance Bradford    Bob Sharp  
Herbert Michalk

## **Missionaries We Support Monthly**

Scott & Becky Placke - Go Drill  
Mission: Dignity  
Feed the Need

**Monthly Giving Needs: \$20,800.00**  
**Weekly Giving Needs: \$5,200.00**

**Total June giving**

**\$14,797.98**