



**E-Letter**

From the Heart of Your Pastor

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*Tuesday, August 17, 2010*

*To the FBC Faith Community:*

*Good morning! I trust this contact finds you and your family doing well.*

*God had me "wide-eyed" early this morning and in His Word, and He touched my heart with a truth from Psalm 71. In verses 9-13, the Psalmist has recognized the difficulties of his life, most having to do with enemies that have come against him. The fascinating point of this passage is what comes next (in verse 14): "But as for me, I will always have hope, I will praise you more and more..." Do you see the miracle? The Psalmist feels intense trouble "breathing down his neck," and yet his resolve is "I will praise Him more and more." Now, I realize that such contextual structures (recognition of trouble followed by the resolve to Praise our God) are very common in the Psalms. However, the "wow factor" of these types of passages never ceases to captivate my heart: the resolve to have a heart of faith and praise that remains untainted by life's difficulties.*

*Our application, then, is to make certain we are allowing our souls to be fed the truth of God's Word. When we have a daily diet of the infallible and perfect truth of "thus saith the Lord," we will be sustained and strengthened in moments of difficulty. Our God-given "data banks" (our minds) become filled with the truth of Who God is rather than being filled with all the woes of this temporary world. So... what do you say? Ready to join the Psalmist in saying "I will praise Him more and more?" Ready to see your daily life through the fact of God's sovereignty rather than our own fallibility? Ready to pursue His favor rather than be pressed by fretfulness? Let's do it! Let's be a people of faith and praise. In this way, God receives the glory He deserves. And, our own soul and countenance are transformed in the process.*

*In keeping with the focus of faith...continue reading about an opportunity to ready your faith for this school year.*



***Your Student is about to sit here...are you ready?***

*I would like to share with you a very special focus for this coming Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. School begins in 6 days (I know...I just had to remind you), and FBC wants to help you become spiritually prepared and ready. Therefore, this Sunday will have a dual focus. First, there will be a spiritual challenge, special recognition, and prayer of blessing over all teachers, coaches, and administrators that your Pastor will lead. Second, there will be a spiritual challenge and time of prayer for all students as they return to their respective campuses. Mike Guzzardo, (a powerful young student evangelist from the National Organization, Acquire the Fire - who will be leading in a Student Rally Saturday Night at Fairfield High School) will be joining me in the pulpit Sunday Morning to give this challenge to our students. I encourage you to be a part of this special time of worship.*

*Also, to honor the challenges of preparing for the first day of School, your ministry staff would like to cancel the Sunday Evening Worship Time for this Sunday so that you and your home can have adequate preparation and family time together. Sunday Evening services are very important, but this opportunity to ready yourselves for the first day of School is vital. Take the opportunity to have a family devotional and worship time as you return to school schedules. Sunday Morning, you will be given a "take home" guide for having such an event with your family. Please watch for this handout.*

*Thank you for your time. I really value communicating with you, so be watching for "e-letters" throughout the year. And, please forward these to others who may not be in our church data base.*

*In the Love of Christ,  
Pastor Ken*