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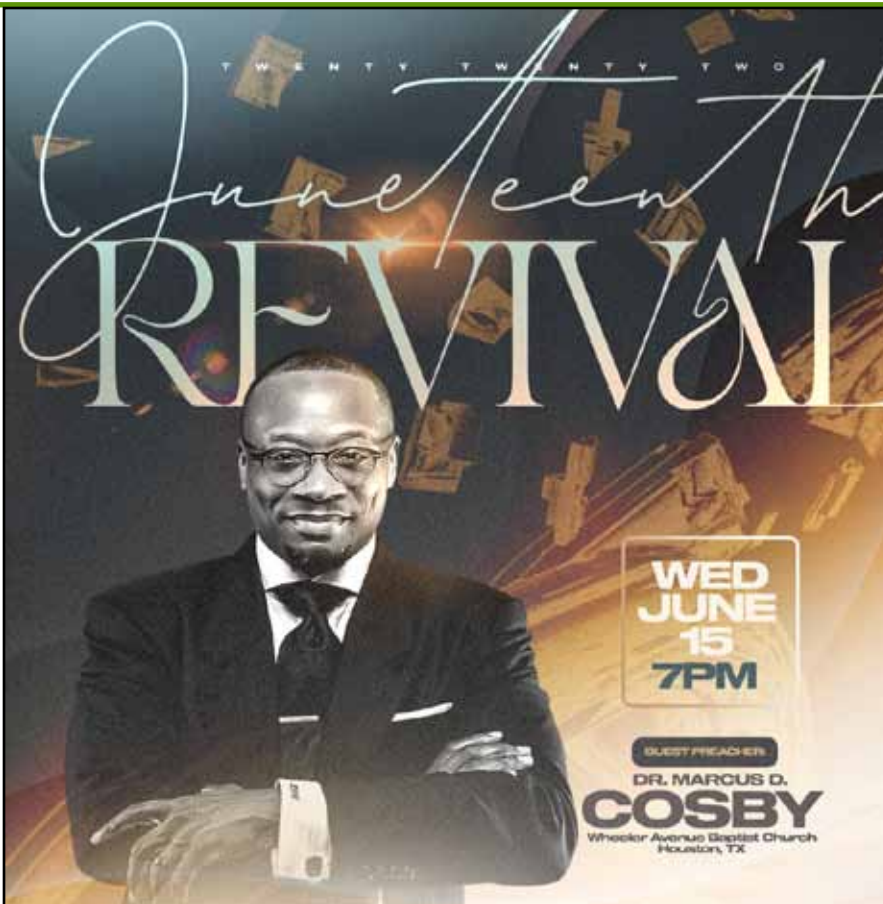
From
**Pastor
Walton's
Desk**

Dear First Family,

Grace and peace from God our Father. As we head into the summer months, we begin with Pentecost Sunday. During a time when we should be rejoicing and jubilantly celebrating, we find ourselves once again, facing multiple unimaginable tragedies around our nation. As we were still reeling from the racially motivated slaughter of innocent people in Buffalo, NY, we learned of the massacre of 21 people at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, TX; most of which were children under the age of 10. There are no adequate words to describe the anguish that accompanies these horrific events. We are angered, frustrated, and saddened as we process these losses and navigate the trauma of these experiences.

Although we face these difficult times, we do not grieve as those who have no hope. Our hope is built on the life and ministry of Christ. In Matthew 28, He commissions the disciples to go out into the world to do the work of the ministry with an assurance that He would always be with

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We will host our annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 18, from 11–3 p.m. Like last year, our celebration will once again serve as the kick-off to the Town of Vienna's Liberty Amendments month. This year's celebration will be bigger and better than ever and will include:

- **Entertainment:** After our opening ceremony, we will have live entertainment throughout

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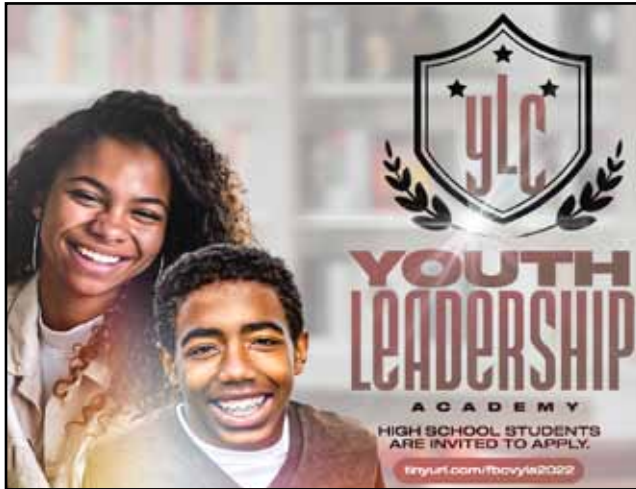
Good Morning FBCV Family

We have been planning and preparing for our first Youth Day Service! Can you believe it has been two years?! We have some exciting events planned for our youth such as food, music, a game truck, and our Youth Entrepreneur Expo to name a few! Our theme is 'The Return 2.0!' I want to give you some updates as we are planning in preparation for our Youth Day Service and our Youth Entrepreneur Expo. We will have a rehearsal with our youth that will be participating in the Youth Day worship experience. Rehearsals will be on June 4 & June 11. Youth Day Rehearsal will coincide with choir rehearsal. Our Youth

Entrepreneur Expo is for all youth who have businesses or youth who want to debut their business. Be sure to register your business at www.tinyurl.com/fbcvyee2022.

As we prepare for Youth Day and Education Sunday, we need to ensure that we have accurate information for all college and high school graduates. Please take a few minutes to complete the appropriate form: College Graduate –

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YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR EXPO 2022

You're Never too Young to Start Your Own Business!
Youth are invited to showcase their business after worship.

June 12th following 10am Worship

to Register for a booth:
www.tinyurl.com/fbcvyee2022

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450 ORCHARD ST. NW | VIENNA, VA
WWW.FBCV.ORG

Youth DAY WORSHIP Service

12TH JUNE 10 AM

#THERETURN2.0



Youth Day Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

Saturday - June 4th @ 10 AM
Saturday - June 11th @ 10 AM

Youth of all ages are invited to be a part of our choir!

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<https://tinyurl.com/fbcv2022c>, High School Graduate - <https://tinyurl.com/fbcv2022hs>. Our theme this year for our High School Senior Graduate speech is 'Overcoming Obstacles!' We cannot wait to hear from our high school graduates on how they have overcome obstacles during our Youth Day Worship experience.

Summer Camp Registration is Open – We will be offering our Summer Camp In-Person this year. It will be July 11-29 from 9–3 p.m., Monday–Friday. The cost of the camp is \$200 per week and the fee includes: breakfast, lunch, snacks, t-shirt, and weekly field trips. The focus of this year's camp is "Using our Voices." We will explore biblical and historical figures who used their voices to create change. We will learn how we can express our voices through the arts – music, poetry, writing and visual arts and will have our very popular STEM projects. Scholarships are available. Pre-register today to reserve your seat(s). We are also looking for students to serve as Camp Counselors (high school) and Jr. Camp Counselors (middle school). Summer Camp Pre-Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/fbcvylbcpre>

Camp Counselor Application: <https://tinyurl.com/fbcvcampwk>

We will also be hosting our first Youth Leadership Academy for our High School students! Be sure to register at www.tinyurl.com/fbcvyla2022

Lastly, we are currently trying to update our youth information database. Please take a moment to complete the form linked below to assist as. Youth Information Form: <https://tinyurl.com/fbcvyouthupdate>.

Please know it is an honor to serve you and your family!

—Minister Kennard "KJ" Jones

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the day from none other than the Earth, Wind and Fire Tribute Band.

• **Classic Car & Truck Show:** Yes, our it is back! For details please see Deacon Jeff Grant. You may also visit our website for more details or to register your vehicle.

• **Amusements:** A selection of amusements will be on site for our young (and young at heart) attendees to enjoy

• **Photo Booth:** A free photobooth will be onsite thanks to a partnership with Phenomenal Photo Booths

• **Vendors:** We will host a wide variety of vendors. If you have a business, you won't want to miss this opportunity. Last year we estimate nearly 1,000 passed through our Juneteenth event. Spaces are filling quickly so don't wait to reserve yours.

• **Community Partners/Non-Profit Organizations:** We will have Voter Registration thanks to the League of Women Voters, Free Child IDs through the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department, a fire truck to tour thanks to Fairfax Fire and Rescue, Free Book Giveaways, and more!

Our first 500 attendees will also receive a free Juneteenth SWAG bag filled with goodies.

We need your help! Please take a moment to sign up to serve. We need hosts for our First Baptist table, parking attendants, greeters, shuttle drivers, amusement monitors, vendor check-in assistants and much more. You can sign up to serve here: www.tinyurl.com/fbcvjune2022 —Stacey Seay



Jean Denny and family for the loss
of her son, FBCV member
Emery Denny

Stanley Stewart and family
for the loss of his mother,
Ruth Stewart Jackson

Margaret Chichester and family
for the loss of her brother,
Morris R. Spinner, Jr.

Ricky and Linda Williams
and family for the loss of their son,
Troy Frye

**Love is in the
Air!**

The Marriage Ministry is thrilled to kick-off planning and activities for the year. We're even more thrilled to have received such good feedback from the recent survey we sent out. Our couples confirmed that being a part of the marriage ministry to build stronger marriages and connections is very important. It was also emphasized that having fun in the process and giving/receiving support monthly are top priorities.

Let's connect virtually to meet, greet, and share ideas on June 9 from 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84113111222?pwd=anA1R3YrbVJrRjhscKhSVdGVUg5Zz09>

Feel free to reach out to us via email with any questions.

We're excited to see what God has in store for this ministry!

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them. As He was with them, so continues to be with us through these trying times. The day of Pentecost represents the fulfillment of Jesus' promise. The coming of the Holy Spirit was an endowment of power to the followers of Christ. We are endowed with power to be His witnesses in the earth. As believers in Christ, we have been blessed with gifts, talents, and resources to serve in and through times like these. Considering recent events, and all that we are experiencing in our nation and the world, I am convinced that we must respond with action. We must pray about where God would have us to use our gifts and make the commitment to work while it is day. It is my hope and prayer that, as we come together with one accord, we would utilize the power of Pentecost to serve the church, serve the community, and to serve the world. I encourage all of us to turn this time of crisis into opportunity.



SHOP TALK

Space is limited!
Free Registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/fbcvjuneshtalk>

MAY 23 & JUNE 13 • 7PM

Men are invited to join Pastor Vernon C. Walton for food, fellowship and good conversation!

Unique Reflections Barber Shop
150 Elden Street #137
Herndon, VA

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Dr. Vernon C. Walton, Senior Pastor
450 Orchard St NW, Vienna, VA 22180

Pastor Walton once again invites men to meet him at Unique Reflections Barbershop for the June Shop Talk! This free event is an opportunity for men to come together and enjoy good food and good conversation. We challenge all men to not only attend but to bring a friend. Shop Talk is Free but it is extremely helpful for men to take a moment to register at: www.tinyurl.com/fbcvjuneshtalk



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF VIENNA

EDUCATION SUNDAY

**SUNDAY
JUNE 26 10AM**

REGISTER ONLINE
OR:


DR. VERNON C. WALTON
SENIOR PASTOR

DR. JONATHAN "JAY" AUGUSTINE
ST. JOSEPH A.M.E. CHURCH
DURHAM, NC
GUEST PREACHER

EDUCATION SUNDAY is back! All are invited to wear their academic regalia and be a part of our annual procession to Pomp and Circumstance. We will be recognizing graduates of all levels (kindergarten—post-graduate degrees) at this worship service. If you or your child is graduating or being promoted please send an email to fbcvoffice@fbcv.org to let us know. Your FBCV family wants to celebrate your accomplishments.

Sharing Jesus Beyond Sunday Morning

Sharing Christ in many cases can be seen as an intentional act. We think about it. We pray about it. We plan it. We act on it. For others sharing Christ is second nature and the words about God or sharing a testimony, or simply having average conversations somehow lead to talking about the goodness of God. Which ever way you engage with others is truly a personal decision. As we grow in our faith and begin to get out and about during this first part of summer, let's remember to share our faith as we go along. How we share can come in many forms. I remember the phrase from my childhood that sharing is caring.

While checking varied discipleship resources, I came across an acronym in a book by Steve Gladen that shared these words regarding care:

C—Capitalize on common ground. Find something in common with the people God puts in your path. No matter how small, when you find something in common, a bridge is starting to be built for Christ to walk across.

A—Accept people where they are. Just remember, you cannot expect non-Christians to like Christians until they accept Christ in their heart. And even then, it is a slow road for Christ to Lord of all the areas of their life.

R—Risk sharing your spiritual journey. At some point in your journey with people you need to share your story. A great place to practice is your small group. Your story doesn't have to be long, but it does need to be your story of Christ made an impact on your life.

E—Expect God to show up. Your job is to share; it's the Holy Spirit's job to convict. Don't get your roles mixed up. When you share your story, the Holy Spirit will open doors for you to go through.

You see, when you care you are willing to be open, vulnerable, honest, and transparent. Oh, I'm not talking about whether you care for the person with whom you are sharing. I am talk-

ing about the care you have to God and the relationship that you are growing with Him. Everything we do is out of love for the Lord. So, the next time you are in Connection Group, sitting around the nail salon, or barbershop, or simply taking your daily walk find ways to engage when appropriate with people around you. Even in this pandemic God is continually calling us to be His witnesses. If you have not taken a spiritual gifts assessment lately visit tinyurl.com/fbcvgifts. Are you up for challenge? Are you answering His call? Will you be a vessel that God can use? As we plan and prepare for different outreach and in-reach activities at the church, be sure to sign up to engage. Join a Connection Group. Come to CLA. Work on the food distribution team. You will not regret meeting people and sharing Christs in a real and organic way! —Rev. Jacquie Hood Martin, PhDDirector of Discipleship & Ministry Formation

Missions Moment

May was our second month since resuming our monthly food giveaways and once again we were able to provide 500 bags of fresh produce and canned goods to families in our community. We are ever so grateful for all of the dedicated volunteers who help make this project possible. Having a few extra men on Thursdays allows us to literally shave hours off of the time it takes to assemble the food bags. Our food giveaways will happen rain or shine. Our distributions will continue on the second Saturday (assembly day the Thursday before) of each month and we prayerfully ask that you set aside a few hours to help First Baptist be a blessing in our community.

Sign Up today at: www.tinyurl.com/fbcvfood



Iwant to first say how extremely proud I am of VOP and the Worship and Arts Ministry. We represented FBCV with excellence as we celebrated our Pastor during his anniversary.

In case you've been away from the world and what's happening in it, we've been through event after event. Many are very tragic. It seems our world is under attack. However, In 2 Chronicles, we study how the choir was directed to go out to battle ahead of the army. They worshipped while walking into warfare. This perplexed their enemies and they won the battle. It's the hour for an army of worshipers to once again perplex the energy and lead our church and the world into victory. Nothing compares to a sound produced by a choir, singing with a lot of force on one accord. There's nothing more alluring to congregants during a worship service than seeing a multitude of people of different ages, backgrounds, and ethnicities joining together with one purpose That is to give God glory through music.

Do you see the return of choirs? The Kanye West choir proves that. Although the church choir was dismantled during the pandemic, prayerfully you will consider coming back together safely as the opportunity arises. Give Worship and Arts the gift of YOU. :) —Kwan McKnight

Congratulations to our college graduates

Kamryn Logan, George Mason University, BS Neuroscience (Fall 2022)

Alyssa Neal, Virginia Commonwealth University, BA Cinema

Kelcey Parks, Baylor University, BA Medical Humanities/Business Administration Minor

James Ricks, Virginia State University, BA Mass Communications

Devon Sims, Virginia Union University, BA Accounting and Business Management

Jonathan Williams, North Carolina A & T University, BA Liberal Studies (Pre Law)

Don't put your CAP and GOWN away just yet; your First Baptist and College Connection Family look forward to celebrating your accomplishments with you on Education—College Connection Sunday in June.

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates and Welcome to The College Connection Ministry

The College Connection Ministry is excited to welcome our incoming class of 2026:

Calvin Anthony Harriott, a rising Freshman who was accepted at George Mason University, North Carolina A&T University, Seton Hall University, Christopher Newport University, Hampton University, Virginia Tech, and University of Virginia.

Justin Thomas Purvis, a rising Freshman at George Mason University who will major in Computer Science.

If you are a high school graduate, we would love to hear from you and learn where you will be attending school in the fall. Please send an email to arnitrad@mac.com with your post high-school graduate plans.

June Birthdays

May God's blessings be upon you today and every day. May you be guided by His love for you and find comfort in His care. May you grow to know and love Him more each day. Amen

Happy Birthday to our June Scholars: **Ronald Ayers**, a freshman at Stevenson University and **Eric Morgan**, a junior at Virginia Commonwealth University.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Reminder Pay for As: Spring 2022 Semester

It's that time of year. For college scholars who earn A's during the Spring 2022 Semester, please submit your current mailing address and your transcripts to Vivian Morton at vivmorton@gmail.com to participate in the Pay for As program. Current mailing addresses and transcripts should be submitted by June 15, 2022.

Reminder: The College Connection Prayer Circle will resume at the beginning of the FALL 2022 semester.

The College Connection Ministry Welcomes You

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING. The College Connection Ministry meeting for this month is scheduled for June 21st at 7:00 p.m. We have been meeting virtually. Please send Arnitra Duckett an email (arnitrad@mac.com) to request the contact information for our next meeting.

—Submitted by Jennifer Spriggs

Women's Ministry Holds Paint and Praise Event

By Andrea B Logan
Epistle Staff Writer

The FBCV Women's Ministry enjoyed an evening of creativity and inspiration during their first virtual Paint & Praise event! As the ladies painted, they listened to a praise and worship playlist spun by our very own "DJ San" (Servant Leader Sandra Graham). Lighthearted laughter emitted as they worshipped, fellowshiped, and praised together.

The painting session was led by award-winning creative artist, Kimberly M. from Paint the Town. God's presence was felt throughout the eve-

ning and was magnified as the ladies of FBCV lifted praise to our God.

The evening would have not been complete without the preaching of God's Holy Word. And what a mighty word it was! Minister Rashena Draughn spoke from II Samuel 6 on the topic of "I Hope You Dance."

Minister Draughn shared with us three points: 1) Recognize the Presence of God, 2) Pursue the Presence of God, and 3) Praise Him for His Presence. She brought David to life as we envisioned him dancing before the Lord with all his might. Minister Draughn also encouraged us as sisters

in Christ to not give up when it gets difficult, but to instead choose to praise as David did...I hope you dance!

Please join us for the next FBCV Women's Ministry activity, the church-wide Juneteenth celebration! The Women's Ministry needs a total of six volunteers. If interested, please contact Dr. Emma Valentine, Deaconess Armeata Basil or MarKay Chichester.

Also, be on the lookout for WOW Wednesday inspirational thoughts every Wednesday on Facebook (FBCV Women's Ministry) and Instagram (fbcv_wm)



Imagine...Achieve...Dream...Become ...
"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it." William Arthur Ward

MONEY MATTERS:

Joining the Great Resignation? Four options for what to do with your 401K

Quitting a job has never been more popular. In 2021, workers left their jobs to the tune of nearly 4 million per month, the highest rate ever recorded by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. And a survey of nearly 10,000 workers conducted by risk management and advisory company WTW in late 2021 and early 2022 found that 53% of U.S. employees were open to leaving their employers.

If you're joining the Great Resignation, you may need to figure out what to do with the money in your old employer's 401(k) plan. Here are your four basic options.

1. Leave it in your old 401(k)

You could leave your money in your old employer's 401(k) if you're happy with your investment choices and the fees are low, provided that the plan rules allow it. Your money stays invested, so earnings will still accrue. But you won't be able to contribute additional funds, so it's important that you open a new retirement account – like an individual retirement account (IRA), a 401(k) with your new employer, or a self-employed retirement plan – to continue saving.

However, many employers will only allow you to stay in their plan if your balance is above \$5,000. If your account has between \$1,000 and \$5,000, your old employer can create an IRA for you and roll over the money on your behalf. Your old employer has to give you ample warning before doing so. The money will be invested in superconservative investments, like money market funds or certificates of deposits (CDs). After account fees, you may actually earn negative returns.

If your balance is less than \$1,000, your plan can simply cut you a check. When that happens, the plan is required by the IRS to automatically withhold 20% of the balance.

The bottom line: Be sure you understand the rules for your old employer's plan, particularly when your balance is less than \$5,000.

2. Roll it into an IRA

Another option for your old 401(k) is to roll it over into an IRA. The advantage of doing so is that you can invest your money in virtually whatever stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) you choose.

You'll generally avoid taxes and penalties in doing so – unless you're rolling over a traditional 401(k) account into a Roth IRA. In that event, you'd owe income taxes on the amount you roll over.

Aim for a direct rollover, which is where your plan administrator sends the money directly to your IRA provider. If your old plan sends you a check, 20% of your balance will be automatically withheld, per IRS rules. But you'll have to deposit the entire balance to avoid penalties.

In other words, if you have a \$50,000 balance and your plan sends the money straight to you, you'll receive \$40,000. But you'll still need to deposit \$50,000 into an IRA or a different retirement plan to avoid hefty taxes and fees.

3. Roll it over to a new 401(k)

Another option is to roll over your 401(k) into your new employer's retirement plan, assuming the plan allows it. You'll want to examine the fees and investment options to be sure they're satisfactory. Otherwise, rolling the balance into an IRA or keeping it with your old employer are better options.

As with rolling the balance into an IRA, always ask for a direct rollover. In this case, you'd want your old plan to send the money directly to your new 401(k) provider. Otherwise, you could

face a mess of mandatory withholding, taxes, and fines.

4. Cash it out

Cashing out your 401(k) is almost always the worst option when you quit your job. Your balance will be subject to the mandatory 20% withholding, plus you'll owe a 10% early withdrawal penalty if you're younger than 55. (Typically, the 10% penalty applies if you withdraw retirement funds before you're 59 1/2, but the IRS makes an exception for workers 55 and up who leave their job for any reason.) If the 20% withholding doesn't cover your tax bill, you could even owe more money come April 15.

An early 401(k) withdrawal is extremely costly. If your marginal tax rate is 22% and you cash out a \$50,000 balance, you'd receive just \$32,500 after taxes and fines.

But the cost is even more jaw-dropping when you factor in lost gains. Let's assume you earn 8% annual returns and cash out 10 years before your planned retirement. That \$50,000 balance would have been worth more than \$107,000 had you never contributed another cent. And remember: You received just \$32,500 on your withdrawal.

Keeping your 401(k) money invested in your old plan or rolling over the balance into an IRA or a new plan can all be good options. But cashing out your 401(k) early is almost never worth the cost.

If you have any questions about managing your 401(k), please feel free to contact your First Baptist Church Federal Credit Union.

—Submitted by Willie Boykin from the article (Joining the Great Resignation? Here are 4 options for what to do with your 401(k) by Robin Hartill, CFP@The Motley Fool)

MEET AUTHOR

DR. JONATHAN C. AUGUSTINE

Join Pastor Vernon C. Walton of First Baptist Church of Vienna and Pastor Becca Messman of Burke Presbyterian Church at they host pastor and author, Dr. Jay Augustine.

We will discuss Dr. Augustine's Book, Called to Reconciliation and learn about his journey.

All are invited to be a part of the conversation whether you have read the book or not. Copies will be available for purchase.

SUNDAY- JUNE 26

2:00PM

IN-PERSON & STREAMING

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(CLICK IN-PERSON REGISTRATION)

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BOOK DISCUSSION

FBCV MORNING MEDITATION

WITH PASTOR WALTON

6:00AM

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"FOR GOD IS NOT UNJUST TO FORGET YOUR WORK AND [A]LABOR OF LOVE WHICH YOU HAVE SHOWN TOWARD HIS NAME, IN THAT YOU HAVE MINISTERED TO THE SAINTS, AND DO MINISTER" HEBREWS 6:10.

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