

Marbleton Community Free Will Baptist Church

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WELCOME

Week of June 2, 2023 Schedule of Services:

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

Recognition of our 2023 Graduates:

- Sarah Lane – Science Hill High School Graduate
- Jonathan Sullivan – Daniel Boone High School Graduate
- Elizabeth Mooney – Bachelor Degree in Nursing from ETSU

May God inspire you to live each day to the fullest!

Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, Meet for Prayer 6:00 P.M.

* Special Prayer Request: God's direction for a new pastor

Wednesday, Mid-Week Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

**VBS WILL BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY EVENING -
JUNE 11th – 13th from 6:30 till 8:30 Nightly**

AS GRADUATION NEARS

By Deborah Lynn Gladwell

As Graduation grows near, moms and dads everywhere, eyes fill with tears.

As they watch their child go down the aisle.

Silently they think, "LORD IT'S BEEN SUCH A LITTLE WHILE."

A child is a gift from God to love, nourish and teach to walk Gods way;

So when they grow, the narrow path they will not stray.

When they are small you think. "Lord I can't wait until he walks," "Lord I can't wait until he talks."

A wise person once told me, "Enjoy them while you may, Because before you know it, IT WILL BE GRADUATION DAY."

You pray that they know how much you love them, and that you taught them everything just the way God wanted it taught.

And when they go away from home, the choices they need to make; to God first they take.

As your child starts his adult life with no fears, and for him, you are as happy as can be;

All at once, you understand your parent's tears;

"BECAUSE LORD IT'S BEEN SUCH A LITTLE WHILE."

GRADUATION SYMBOLS

A cap, a gown, a diploma –

What meaning do they convey?

Twelve years of profound learning

And your graduation day.

Math and English you've mastered,

Science and many more,

Other lessons, too, you have learned,

Not creditable to book lore.

You've realized hours of hard work,

Yet many occasions of fun,

You are left with mixed emotions,

No that high school days are done.

A cap, a gown, a diploma –

What do these mean?

One act of life's drama is finished,

Now you commence a new scene.

This accumulated knowledge

Must now be put to use,

New doors and paths confront you,

Take heed which ones you choose.

Elect Christ as your Counselor,

He is the Teacher of them all,

He can solve all of life's problems,

Whether they are large or small.

A cap, a gown, a diploma –

All worthy of congratulation.

May success and happiness be

The goals of your graduation!

~ Selected



To the Graduate

What I would wish for you young friend: Just enough EXPERIENCE seasoned with heartache so that you can separate dreams from illusions –DENIAL touched with indifference so that you will always try harder –struggle just a little more –to reach your goal, or to taste victory –HARD WORK – lots of it – so that you might grow blisters on your hand but not on your attitudes –DEFEAT, occasionally, in order that your backbone may be stiffened and your emotional muscles strengthened –NEED so that you will never be afraid to reach out to others for help, nor fail to comprehend that others may have need of you –FRUSTRATION in order that you will have to begin again, to pick up the shattered pieces and know what it is to have to start over –FEAR – fear of competition, fear of weakness, and fear of failure so that you will always avoid being the destructive B's – boastful, blasé and bored –FAITH so that you will wrap yourself in God as your security blanket, and will never fail to acknowledge the Stars and Stripes as your status symbol. No, I have NOT offered you the EASY PATH, nor have I tossed out pretty phrases to compliment or win you. But true, friendship is telling it like it is. And life is made of these things I have offered you. The test is whether or not you can take it!

~ Basilla E. Neilan