

# Marbleton Community Free Will Baptist Church

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## WELCOME

### Week of July 21, 2024 Schedule of Services:

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship Service	6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Meet for Prayer	6:00 P.M.
* Special Prayer Request: Pulpit Committee and God's direction for a new pastor	
Wednesday, Mid-Week Worship Service	7:00 P.M.
Happy Birthday:	Dan Johnson (July 10 <sup>th</sup> )
Happy Anniversary:	Dan & Angie Johnson (July 17 <sup>th</sup> ) Daryl & Kathy Broyles (July 12 <sup>th</sup> )

### CHURCH NOTES:

**Back-to-School Backpacks will be distributed today after the morning worship service:** There is a donation jar in the vestibule if you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of our Backpack Campaign. Through donations thus far, we have met a little over half of the cost of the backpacks and supplies.

There will be a **Church Board Meeting** at 5 P.M. next Sunday evening (July 28<sup>th</sup>) and our regular **Quarterly Business Meeting** will be next Wednesday (July 31<sup>st</sup>).

#### A TRIBUTE TO MY FRIEND

I saw the Lord in a sturdy oak reaching steadfastly toward the sky.  
I saw the Lord in the gentle descent of a monarch butterfly.  
I saw the Lord in a hawk as he soared and swooped gracefully in his flight.  
I saw the Lord in a waterfall as it thundered out its might.  
I saw the Lord God in all of this, yet my heart swells with praise anew.  
For when I beheld your face, my friend, I saw the Lord in you.

~ Karen Colton

**T**oday is a new day. You will get out of it just what you put into it. If you have made mistakes, even serious mistakes, there is always another chance for you. And supposing you have tried and failed again and again, you may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing that we call "failure" is not the falling down, but the staying down.

taken from "Why not try God?"

### **God Bless the Friend Who Stands By**

When troubles come your soul to try,  
You love a friend who just stands by;  
Perhaps there's nothing he can do,  
The thing is strictly up to you;  
For there are troubles all your own,  
And paths the soul must tread alone,  
Nor friendship lift the heavy load.  
But just to feel you have a friend,  
Who will stand by until the end,  
Whose sympathy through all endures,  
Whose warm handclasp is always yours,  
It helps somehow to pull you through,  
Although there's nothing he can do.  
And so with fervent heart we cry;  
"God bless the friend who just stands by!"

### **A True Friend's Love** (1 Corinthians 13, paraphrased)

A friend is patient,  
A friend is kind.  
A friend does not envy.  
A friend does not boast, is not proud.  
A friend is not rude,  
A friend is not self-seeking,  
A friend is not easily angered,  
and keeps no record of wrongs.  
A friend does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth.  
A friend always protects,  
A friend always trusts,  
always hopes, always perseveres.

### **Old Age Reveals**

It isn't easy growing old,  
But now I know it's true,  
Old age reveals what youth conceals  
Of strength to see you through.  
God's bright designs blend beautifully  
As they through life have done,  
And through dark days God guides us when  
Dark clouds conceal the sun.  
It isn't easy growing old,  
But faith and hope up-springing  
Have made these years, of all years, best  
And days of joyful singing.  
"They still bring forth fruit in old age..."  
(Psalm 92: 14)

### **The Treasure**

In Mama's little treasure box  
there are some tiny, lacy socks  
And a beaded bracelet that's  
too small for her to wear.  
There are pictures made of scribbles,  
little bibs for catching dribbles,  
And a shiny bow that's tied  
around a lock of wispy hair.  
There's no insurance on this treasure.  
She says that no one can measure  
Just how rich a mom is she  
with memories of her family.  
Pat Matuszak