

Marbleton Community Free Will Baptist Church

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Cody Fox, Pastor

WELCOME

Week of October 18, 2026 Schedule of Services:

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
Board Meeting	5:00 P.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Monday, October Jubilee Appalachian Association Meeting at Milligan FWB Church. Dinner served at 6:00 P.M. and meeting at 7:00 P.M.	
Wednesday, Quarterly Business Meeting and Mid-Week Worship Service	7:00 P.M.

Saturday, **Bowling** at Holiday Lanes in Johnson City from 1-3 P.M. for our youth. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for those wanting to attend the event. See Dustin Honeycutt if you have any questions.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH.

Remember to do something special for our pastor during this month. By the way, a word of encouragement goes a long way and prayers are always appreciated.

A Prayer for Our Pastor

O almighty God, who by Your Son Jesus Christ gave to Your holy apostles many excellent gifts and commanded them faithfully to feed Your flock, we ask You to bless our pastor that he may diligently preach Your Holy Word, and grant us grace to believe Your saving Gospel and obediently follow the teaching of Your Word, that we may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

WHY CAUSE GRIEF?

Pastors make an easy target for criticism. Every week they are on display, carefully explaining God's Word, challenging us toward Christ-like living. But sometimes we look to find things to criticize. It's easy to overlook all the good things a pastor does and focus on our personal opinions.

Like all of us, our pastors are not perfect. So I'm not saying that we should follow them blindly and never confront error through the proper channels. But some words from the writer of Hebrews may help us find the right way of thinking about our leaders who are presenting God's truth and modeling servant leadership. Hebrews 13:17 says, *"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."*

Think about that. Before God, our pastor is responsible for guiding us spiritually. We should want that burden to be joyous, not grievous. The passage indicates that causing grief for the pastor would be of no benefit.

We honor God and make things better for our church when we give honor to those He has appointed as our leaders.
~Dave Branon

A Prayer for Our Pastor: Our gracious Father, thank You for the person You led to our church as pastor. May we provide encouragement and support, and may You protect our pastor from error in both word and actions.

Pastors who preach God's Word need a good word from God's people.