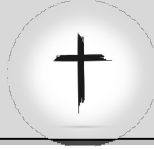


Church News

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Pastor's Ponderings ...

“For the grace of God has appeared, with salvation for all people, instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, while we wait for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all the lawlessness and to cleanse for Himself a special people, eager to do good works.” Titus 2:11-14 HCSV

“But when the goodness and love for man appeared from God our Savior, He saved us – not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that having been justified by His grace; we may become heirs with the hope of eternal life.” Titus 4:3-7 HCSV

Will you take special notice here of the emphasis that Paul places on the importance of both of these sections of his letter to Titus? In Titus 2:15, Paul encourages Titus, *“Say these things, and encourage and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.”* In Titus 3:8, Paul writes, *“This saying is trustworthy. I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed God might be careful to devote themselves to good works. These are good and profitable for everyone.”*

In so many ways we are at a difficult place in our world and in our lives today. There are many struggles, many disappointments, and much heartache. And to be sure, there are a lot of things that we can rejoice in...we have many, many things to be thankful for. We have been given so many blessings that we must thank the Lord for. And I think, at least in part, this is Paul's perspective in these two passages of Scripture. To me, they are two of the most powerful texts in the entire Bible. GRACE HAS APPEARED! And not just any grace, but God's Grace! The one and the only Grace that brings Salvation for all people – to anyone and everyone who would be willing to receive and believe in Jesus Christ. The goodness and love of God for mankind that would be willing to save all who would be willing to come and receive God's free gift of eternal life through Jesus

Christ our Lord. And it's not because of anything we had done, but it's because of His great mercy. That's an anchor! We, many times are in desperate need of an anchor. We need this kind of good news and super solid truth to hold on to, because life so many times has a way of weighing us down. Paul reminds us that this saying is trustworthy. He instructs us to say these things and encourage one another in these things. A lot of times the waves are pretty big! The storms of life really have a way of raging all around us. We need an anchor. Portions of Scripture like these two are words that grip the solid rock as the storms rage.

As an old hymn declares: "In times like these we need a Savior. In time like these we need an anchor; be very sure, be very sure your anchor holds and grips the solid rock. This rock is Jesus, yes, He's the One. This rock is Jesus, the only One. Be very sure, be very sure, your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock."

We hold on to the Lord,

Pastor Steve

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY



Women's Prayer Group
Wednesdays at 10:00am

Men of Action

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm

We began a new study on May 26 called *"Demolishing Doubt-Discovering How Your Deepest Questions Can Lead to Life Giving Faith"*

by Cliffe Knechtle and Stuart Knechtle

All men are invited to join us!

Questions?? - contact Stan Motter at 815-545-7441

Ladies Afternoon Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

We will begin studying the *Book of Acts/The Power of the Holy Spirit* on June 10

Join us as we explore the true power that comes from allowing the Holy Spirit to refine us as believers for God's purposes!

Come join us!

Kim Enlow at 815-931-2533

Ladies Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

We are studying a series called

"Relying on the Holy Spirit" ...Discover Who He is and How He Works

by Charles F. Stanley

We hope you will join us!

Colette Kirby at 815-954-9527

Single Moms Support Group

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Meet the 1st and;4-7 3rd Thursday of the month

If you are a single mom or know of one who would enjoy meeting with others, please invite them to come with you!

Please contact Kristi Larson at 815-942-0812



New Boards to Meet on Tuesday, June 9
 10:00am – Board of Deacons
 5:30pm – Board of Christian Ed
 5:30pm – Board of Trustees

Congregational Prayer
 Sunday, June 7
 6:00pm



“The Lord is near to all who call upon Him.”
 Psalm 145:18

A person once said to me, “I don’t think God expects me to get along with people who have a personality I don’t like.” **Yes, He does.**

Getting along with a person should have nothing to do with personality. There’s no place in Scripture where personality negates our obligation to show kindness, mercy, forgiveness, civility, or good manners! Personality should make no more difference than age, race, sex, culture, nationality, or any other defining factor.



UNIFIED GIVING

God promises His blessing on the giver: **“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”**
 ([2 Corinthians 9:6-7](#)).

<u>Month</u>	<u>Monthly Amt. Needed</u>	<u>Monthly Amt Received</u>
Total Given thru May 24	\$25,720.00	\$26,511.00

Thank you for your generous and faithful giving!!!



Awana Club

"Because Kids Matter to God"

First Baptist Church

Age 4 thru 7th grade

Awana Club is held the 1st and 3rd Sunday

of each month at **4:00 - 5:15pm**

You may register by calling the
church office @ 815-942-0812

June 7

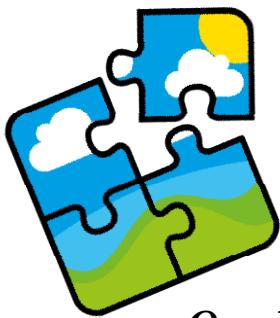
Ice Cream Party

June 28

Prize Store

Questions -

Call Cheryl Johnson or Kristi Larson
We are looking forward to seeing you!



"Puzzle Night"
Saturday, June 20
7 - 8:30pm



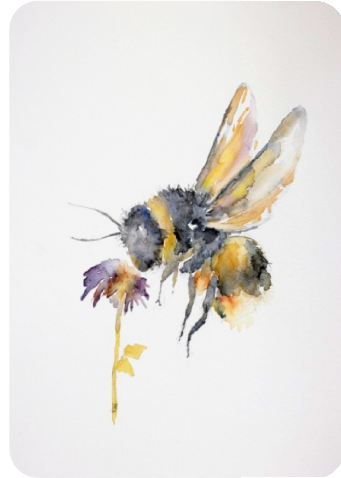
*Our Men's Group will be hosting a "Puzzle Night"
for all church members young and not so young!
Puzzle's will be provided*

Hope you can come!!

“BeLoved, if God so Loved us, we also ought to Love one another.”
1 John 4:11

June Birthdays

1 Cathy Planeta
3 Ryan Battersby, Carla O'Brien
7 Linda Poppleton
13 June Thompson
14 Joyce Lucas, Christi Punke
15 Hope Downey
16 Kara Paulson, Rick Enlow
20 Duanne Walton
21 Gary Vershay
22 Penny Goins-Jackson, Dave Johnson, Dan Wilkinson
23 Owen Duvick, Carrington Herman, Jerry Planeta, Lisa Taylor
25 Mara Punke
30 Brenda Downey



June Anniversaries....

3 Mike and Leslie Meloun
14 Greg and Cheryle Larson
16 Paul and Donna Livingston
17 Rodney and Ronda Clark
29 Gary and Deb Bounds, Herman and Lynn Wisslead



PLEASE JOIN US.....

Sunday Morning Worship Service - 8:00 am
We offer a staffed Nursery

Sunday Morning Worship Service - 10:30 am
Sunday Morning Kid's Church (Pre-K and up)
during this Worship Service
we offer a staffed Nursery



Kid's Church

Every Sunday morning during the 10:30 am Worship Service
Meets in our Library ... Sue Cheng (age 4 to 1st grade), Kristi Larson (2nd to 5th grade) and Lisa Vaksdal (sub). This class offers a Bible lesson, craft and snack for the kids during the worship service. It gives the parents a chance to listen to the message and also the kids to receive a message as well. If your kids are too young for this class, we have a staffed Nursery that you may take them to at the same time. Kids are brought back to their parents before the main worship service is concluded. Come check us out!

Adult Bible Study

Sunday 9:15 am

Meets in the Sanctuary..... Claudette Swiggett
Looking forward to seeing you!



"Look to the LORD and His strength, seek His face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11

NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE SUMMER



Sunday 9:15 am

Pre-K thru 2nd Grade

3rd thru 5th Grade

Jr. High

High School

Take all your anxieties to Calvary. Stand in the shadow of God's crucified Son. Now ask your questions. "Is Jesus on my side?" Look at the wound in His. "Will He stay with me?" Having given the supreme and costliest gift, is there anything else He wouldn't gladly and freely do for us?

Romans 8:32

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

First Baptist Church has a wonderful team of prayer warriors who are willing to lift your requests to our heavenly Father.

Colette Kirby leads this ministry,
and you can email your prayer needs to her at –

colette.kirby@comcast.net

or text 815-954-9527



*“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you,
you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”* John 15:7

The dearest treasure of your life - second only to your relationship with Jesus Christ - is a close friend. A friend loves you unconditionally, catches you when you fall, believes in the best for you and encourages the best in you, understands your deepest concerns, applauds your successes and shares your pain, offers you constructive criticism in times of error, and feels sorrow for you in times of pain or rejection. A genuine friend is a gift of God's mercy to you.

Summer Breakfast Fellowship Hour

Sunday Mornings 9:15 – 10:15 am

May 31 – September 6

What to Bring?

Volunteer's choice

Church will furnish drinks

2 people volunteering together is great and also easier!

Need suggestions?

Fresh Fruit

Breakfast Pizza (from Casey's)

Breakfast Casserole

Donuts, Muffins

Etc. Etc.



Sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer.



Vacation Bible School 2026

June 21 - 25

5:00 - 7:30 pm

Ages Pre-K thru 5th Grade

Top o' the Mornin' to Ya'

At *Emerald Crossing*, children will journey through Ireland's lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. Along the way, they'll meet the shepherd-king David and the ultimate Shepherd-King, Jesus Christ.

In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids will learn how to cross from anxiety to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd. They'll discover there is a God who cares for them!

Day 1 – Lost to Found

Day 2 – Wrong Path to Right Path

Day 3 – Fearful to Peaceful

Day 4 – Grumbling to Grateful

Day 5 – Shaky to Sure

Mission Moment with Children's Hunger Fund

Every quarter your kids give can provide a meal – and the opportunity to hear the gospel – to a hungry child!



Please call the church office
if you have any questions

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Senior Luncheon

Thursday, June 4

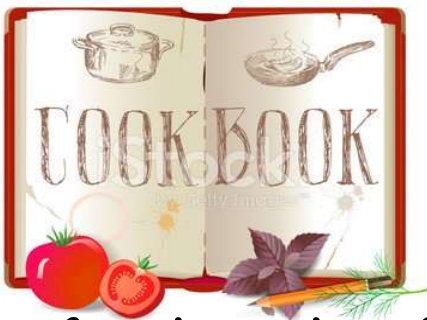
12:00 – 1:30 pm



“Celebrate America”

Menu - Fried Chicken
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Cherry & Apple Pie, Etc.

Hope to see you!!!



FBC Cookbook

Deadline for Submitting Recipes July 31st

We are putting together a cookbook of favorite recipes from our church family, and we need your help! It will only be a success if everyone contributes.

Please share a few of your favorite or most-requested recipes by submitting them on the *“Recipe Collection Sheets”* available on the table in the church foyer.

Please see -
Deb Gonnam, Shirley Myre or
Merv & Sharon Visser
if you have any questions



“Our Love Offering to the World”

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

In 2 Corinthians 8-9, the Apostle Paul lays out his stewardship campaign to gather an offering to be sent to the Christian church in Jerusalem. Commonly known as “the collection for the saints,” the offering occupies a significant place in Paul’s missionary work.

Paul’s calling was to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. He preached generosity and hospitality. He brought Jewish and Gentile believers into one community, despite their differences of nationality, tribal affiliation, and economic standing. He encouraged unity, love, compassion, and service.

Paul’s stewardship campaign called for members to set aside money each week, above and beyond their regular tithes and offerings, to help Christians in Jerusalem. The offering was a gift, with no strings attached, no expectation of repayment or reward, and no ulterior motives. This collection was a love offering, embodying the word of Jesus:

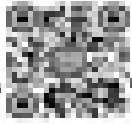
*“A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples
if you love one another.”*
John 13:34-35 NIV

We are invited to give, not because our pockets are overflowing, or to keep up with the Joneses, or because we are shamed into giving. Rather, we remember God’s sacrificial love for us that keeps blessing us with resources we can share.

We give because our hearts are touched as we witness God at work in ourselves, in one another and throughout the world. Our response to God’s love for us is to love others, near and far. We are agents of grace when we choose to give, trusting that God’s Kingdom is being built through us and among us.

Let us share generously and cheerfully.





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BUILDING A FIRM FOUNDATION

Lamentations 3:21 – 23

Our faith isn't built on feelings or wishful thinking – it rests on something far more solid. Let's look at seven foundational aspects of Christianity:

1. **God is.** Faith must be built on the simple confessions that the Lord is – He is real. He exists and is indeed God (Hebrews 11:6)
2. **God is love.** He's intimately concerned with your life and wants to engage in a relationship with you.
3. **God is just.** His justice is absolutely perfect – even when He lovingly disciplines us.
4. **God is all-knowing.** He knows your heart, your pain, and your questions. You cannot shock or surprise Him.
5. **God is everywhere.** You never have to wonder where He is. Wherever you are, He is right by your side.
6. **God is all-powerful.** There is nothing greater than God. Regardless of how enormous your challenges and heartaches seem to be, you can overcome them in His power.
7. **God is faithful.** No matter how far you stray, He never gives up on you. Whatever you have done, He will always welcome you home.


When doubts arise or circumstances shake you, return to these truths, all of which are solid and unchanging.



Sunday Worship Services
 8:00am Early Service
 9:15am Adult Sunday School
 NO Summer Youth Sunday School
 10:30am Late Service
 10:30am Kid's Church

June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 6:30pm Rooted Class Office Closed	2 7pm Men of Action	3 10am Women's Prayer Group 1pm Ladies Bible Study 5:30pm Praise Team Practice 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study	4 12-1:30pm Senior Luncheon 6:30pm Single Moms	5	6 9am VBS Decorating	
7 Communion 4-5:15pm AWANA 6pm Congregational Prayer VBS Decorating	8 6:30pm Rooted Class Office Closed	9 10am Deacon Bd. 5:30pm CE Bd. 5:30pm Trustees Bd. 7pm Men of Action	10 10am Women's Prayer Group 1pm Ladies Bible Study 5:30pm Praise Team Practice 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study	11	12	13 1-3pm Donna & Paul Livingston 70th Anniversary Party 2-6pm West Parking Lot in Use
14 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	15 6:30pm Rooted Class Office Closed	16 7pm Men of Action	17 10am Women's Prayer Group 1pm Ladies Bible Study 5:30pm Praise Team Practice 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study	18 6:30pm Single Moms	19	20 VBS Decorating
21 4-5:15pm AWANA 5-7:30pm VBS One Great Hour of	22 NO Rooted Class 5-7:30pm VBS	23 7pm Men of Action 5-7:30pm VBS	24 10am Women's Prayer Group 1pm Ladies Bible Study NO Ladies Bible Study 5-7:30pm VBS 7:30pm Praise Team Practice	25 5-7:30pm VBS	26 Church in Use	27 Church in Use
28 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	29 6:30pm Rooted Class Office Closed	30 7pm Men of Action	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Summer Fellowship Breakfast June 7—September 6 9:15-10:15am Each Sunday </div>		