

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A CHURCH UNITED TO ENJOY GOD'S GRACE AND EXTEND HIS GLORY



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:



June has come to an end and with it the closing of our Vacation Bible School. I can't think of a time I have been more proud of the body of Christ than during these last several months and especially during this week of Vacation Bible School. The last several months I have seen many of you working endlessly every Tuesday evening to prepare the decorations for the week of VBS. As the date drew closer many of you worked on Wednesday evenings also and during the day in the weeks leading up to VBS. The result of your selfless effort was amazing! The decorations were incredibly creative and eye-catching. What a joy it was to watch as the children from our church and community walked in with wide-eyed wonder at the decorations that filled the church.

While the decorations were amazing, that was only one reason for my pride as your Pastor. It was with great honor that I worked beside over 40 other individuals as we prepared for the Block Party on June 16th. Yes, that's right, June 16th...the hottest day of the year. While it was incredibly hot, that didn't stop the body of Christ from showing up and working tirelessly to make this a great kick-off for our VBS. We had people there grilling hot dogs and hamburgers in the 100- degree heat, others manning the Cotton Candy, Snow Cone, and Pop Corn machines; and still others working the inflatables and assisting in numerous ways. The body of Christ worked throughout that day from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, giving of themselves sacrificially because of their love for our community.

While these examples are all noteworthy, the body of Christ shined the most during the week of Vacation Bible School. During the week we had 60 adults working in some capacity to assist with our efforts to share the love of God with these children. It was an amazing example of what the church can do when we all give of ourselves sacrificially for the kingdom of God. While the week was an exhausting one, it was a special one as well. I saw the love of Christ being expressed through the body of Christ and it was amazing!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED:



Church, we have gained a glimpse of what we can accomplish when we are truly surrendered to the purpose of God. Vacation Bible School has taught us that when we work together for the glory of God, nothing can keep us from sharing His love with our community. Stay tuned, church! Our next opportunity to make known the name of Jesus is just around the corner. Get ready to shine once more for the glory of God.

Honored to Serve You,

Dr. John Duncan



Leadership Team

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team.

Seeing God answering our prayers continues to amaze. Over and over again we continue to see God work in our church family by answering the petitions we lay before Him. James 5:16 reminds us: “The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

This is why we should pray for each other. God will answer these prayers of faith. Paul set the example in his epistles. He begins most, if not all, of these letters by mentioning that he prays for his brothers and sisters: “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you ...” Col. 1:3. Again in James 5:16 “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.” Pray for one another. This is our encouragement to the church! Lift each other up in prayer. Our God is faithful to answer our prayers!

That being said, we remind everyone that we continue with our prayer ministry. We have groups meeting at church on Sunday morning at 7:30 AM, 8:30 AM, and 9:50 AM. Please join us in praying for our church.

Our teams continue to meet every month with Pastor John to pray together for our church and to look over any business we need to discuss.

Again, our team members are: Pastor – Dr. John Duncan; Elders – John Dillon, Tom Gruenloh, Todd Jasper, Bruce Reinhart, Bill Whittington; Deacons – Rod Haskins, Eric Jones, Phil Malone, Tim Harris, Eric Herndon, and Phil Hostetler.

Thank you for your prayers for us and our church.

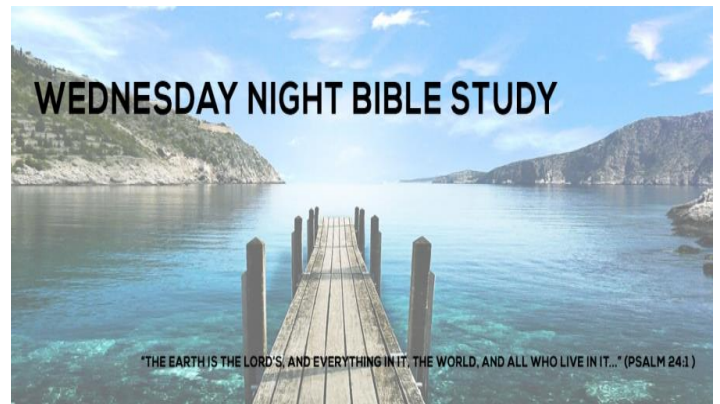
In Him,

FBC Leadership Team

Wednesday Night Bible Studies:

Women's Ministry:

The women will be meeting once again for their Women's Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, August 1st at 6:30 pm. The title of the study will be announced soon. Stay tuned for more information. All women are encouraged to attend.



Men's Ministry

The men are finishing up their study of **Disciplines of a Godly Man** at the end of July. We will be following up this study with a study of John Piper's book, **Desiring God** in August. All men are invited to join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The men will also be having their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, July 7th @ 9:00 am. All men are encouraged to attend.



VBS 2018

We had a great Vacation Bible School this past month. We had 51 children enrolled and 60 workers with a daily average of 45 children and 49 workers. Our theme this year was: Game On and the children loved the worship music that accompanied our theme. The Scripture Verse for the week was: **“His divine power has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness through him who called us by his own glory and goodness” (2 Peter 1:3).** The children had a great week and learned that God loves them, cares for them, and is the source of their hope.

Through our Vacation Bible School, we have made contact with four prospective families that are not currently attending church anywhere. Keep these families in your prayers and pray that God might grant us favor with them so that we can make know to them the powerful name of Jesus. We want to thank everyone for all their prayers, donations, and hard work that made this Vacation Bible School a huge success. First Baptist of Jasper...you made God smile this week! Keep it up!

Sunday School:

June was a great month for our Sunday School. During the month of June, we saw the establishment of a new Sunday School class: Uncommon – for Young Adults

from 25-45ish. This class had an average of 14 in attendance with a high of 18. This class was started to provide ministry for this age group. Along with their meetings on Sundays during Sunday school they also had a class outing to watch the Dubois County Bombers at League Stadium along with a cookout. They had around 30 attend. Todd Jasper is the teacher for this class and they are currently using the Gospel Project Curriculum.

During the month of June, we had our highest average in Sunday School in the last two years. Our average attendance for the month of June was 84! God is at work in our midst, church, let's join Him in His work and glorify His name.





July Birthday's

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| 5 Sghelda Haworth | 10 Bill Thrasher |
| 11 Les Enlow | 13 Warren Hester |
| 13 Jason Gafford | 14 Katrina Hopf |
| 14 Jerry Burris | 18 Logan Randolph |
| 19 Blair Harlow | 21 Jeremy Wood |
| 26 Peggy Dedrick | 28 Christopher Knox |
| 30 Tim Harris | 31 Kathy Herndon |

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would like to wish you a,*

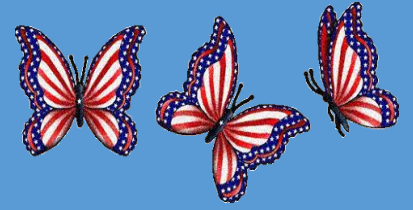
Happy Birthday!



Happy
4th of July



July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.	2	3	4 Happy 4 th of July	5	6	7 9:00 Men's Breakfast	
8 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.	9	10 6:00 pm Women's Card Ministry	11 6:30 p.m. Family Night Bible Studies	12	13	14	
15 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.	16	17	18 6:30 p.m. Family Night Bible Studies	19 11:00 J.O.Y. Group Meeting	20	21	
22 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.	23	24	25 6:30 p.m. Family Night Bible Studies	26	27	28	
29 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.	30	31	August 6 th REDCROSS Blood Drive Fellowship Hall 2 - 6				Please join us on Sunday mornings for our Prayer Ministry. Groups are meeting in the cry room at: 7:30 am, 8:30 am, and 9:50 am.