

# ***FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH***

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



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## ***FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:***



Summer is on the horizon. You can tell it's almost Summer. As I was driving home from church I saw families taking walks, children playing, and families cooking out. I believe that what I love most about Summer is the children. When Summer arrives, you can see a fresh spark in their eyes, joy in their faces, and the echo of their laughter fills the air. I love Summer...and I love the sound of children playing, laughing, and enjoying life.

Sandy and I often at night will sigh as we listen to the silent empty rooms of our house. There was a time, not too long ago, that our house was filled with life, laughter, and excitement. Our children loved to be at home and they would bring their friends to our home often. It was not uncommon for me to wake up and walk through the living room, carefully stepping over several of our children's friends who had spent the night. Our house was the hangout for many of the Youth of our church and many of the teens in our community. We miss those days.

Friends, our church has the unique opportunity to be a House filled with life, laughter, and excitement. God strategically placed our church on Portersville Road in 2002. At that time there was nothing else here. Some questioned the wisdom of building a church in such a remote area. But, we listened to God's voice and trusted in His Sovereignty. Now our church lies in the middle of a growing development of houses, within a block of Jasper Middle School, and in even closer proximity to the new Jasper Elementary School which will open in 2020. We have the opportunity to reach hundreds of families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are on the verge of something that is bigger than First Baptist. We are on the verge of a God-incident.

## ***FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED:***



The challenge for our church is this: Will we seize the opportunity for the glory of God? It would be much easier to continue going through the motions. It would be much easier to keep things the way they are and simply enjoy our small church family. It would also be disobedient to God's call upon our church. We were not called to be comfortable, we were called to reconcile the world to Christ Jesus. The time to develop a Family Ministry is now! The time to become intentional about reaching our community is now! If we don't, we will become an Empty Nest Church...no children...no teens...no life...no laughter...no excitement. Church, Summer is here! I pray that you love Summer and you love children and that you will rise up to the occasion and offer your services to assist us in developing a vital Family Ministry and reaching our community for Jesus. I can't wait to hear laughter in the hallways...see a fresh spark in the eyes of the children...and to once again see teenagers on fire for Jesus. Parents, Grandparents...it's up to us. Will you step up?



## Leadership Team

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team.

VBS is right around the corner. The key verse this year for the VBS program is 2 Peter 1:3 – “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence...”

What sticks right away in this verse is the first phrase: - His divine power has granted to us all things. What a wonderful way to think about all the blessings we have in life. All these come from God our Father. James 1:17 puts this way: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...”

And while we praise Him for this, we need to realize that He just doesn't give us things but gives the ability to live for Him. Notice the next part of the verse: “all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence...” Through the knowledge of His son Jesus Christ we have the ability to live for Him! Praise Him for His divine power He gives us!

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.

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. If you would like you can join us at one of these times to pray for our church.

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,

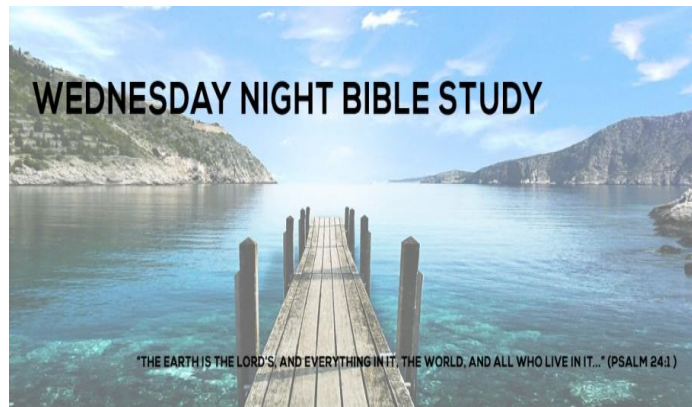
FBC Leadership Team

## Wednesday Night Bible Studies:

### *Women's Ministry:*

The women have completed their study of No Other Gods and will not be meeting during the summer. They will start up again in the Fall with a new study. Keep watching for further updates concerning this study.

The Women's Card Ministry will meet on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm to make cards, pictures, etc. for some of our shut-ins, those going through illness, or simply to encourage members of the body of Christ. All women 16 and over are invited to attend.



### Men's Ministry

Our men continue meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 to study the book, Disciplines of a Godly Man. We have had a great time studying the Word and being challenged by these disciplines. We encourage all men to come and join us in this study. You will be challenged, blessed, and you will build lasting relationships with other men in the church which will help you continue walking in godliness.

# *Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts*

## *Joy Group*

The Joy Group met on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and had a great time of food and fellowship. We had 18 in attendance and Theresa Wolf from St. Charles Health Campus was our guest speaker. She provided information concerning the services offered at St. Charles Health Campus and was very informative and gracious. We will not be meeting in June since the third Thursday falls during the week of VBS. Make plans to attend our July Luncheon on July 19th at 11:00 am. Everyone 55 and over is invited to join us.







## VBS 2018

VBS will be held June 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. each evening. Dinner will be provided from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Preregistration is taking place at: [www.fbjasper.org](http://www.fbjasper.org).

## VBS Tailgate/Block Party

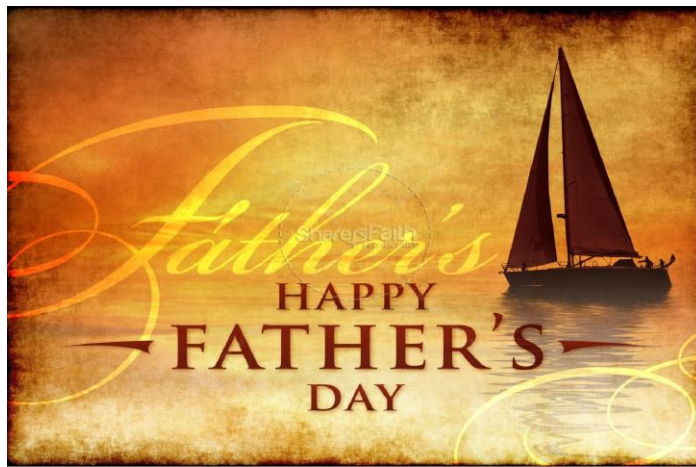
On Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> a VBS tailgate/block party will be held at 4:00 p.m. here at the Church. There will be music, games, inflatables, and food. Everyone is welcome!

## *Sunday School:*



On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will start a new Sunday School Class to fill a void that exists within our Sunday School Ministry. This class will be called **Uncommon** and will consist of Young Adults age 25-45. Todd Jasper will be teaching **Uncommon** and our target group consists of those who are not presently in a Sunday School Class. If you have not been in a Sunday School Class because you couldn't find one that fit your interests and life experiences, we invite all those 25-45 to join us on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Uncommon** will also be planning monthly fellowships for the families to get together and build relationships.





## Fathers are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people  
Too little understood,  
And we do not sing their praises  
As often as we should...

For, somehow, Father seems to be  
The man who pays the bills,  
While Mother binds up little hurts  
And nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily  
To live up to "HIS IMAGE"  
As protector and provider  
And "hero or the scrimmage"...

And perhaps that is the reason  
We sometimes get the notion,  
That Fathers are not subject  
To the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart,  
Where no one else can see  
You'll find he's sentimental

And as "soft" as he can be...

But he's so busy every day  
In the grueling race of life,  
He leaves the sentimental stuff  
To his partner and his wife...

But Fathers are just WONDERFUL  
In a million different ways,  
And they merit loving compliments  
And accolade of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires  
To fortune and success  
Is to make the family proud of him  
And to bring them happiness...

And like OUR HEAVENLY FATHER,  
He's a guardian and a guide,  
Someone that we can count on  
To be ALWAYS ON OUR SIDE.

Helen Steiner Rice

### F.A.T.H.E.R.S.

**"F"**aithful.  
**"A"**lways there.  
**"T"**rustworthy.  
**"H"**onoring.  
**"E"**ver-loving.  
**"R"**ighteous.  
**"S"**upportive.

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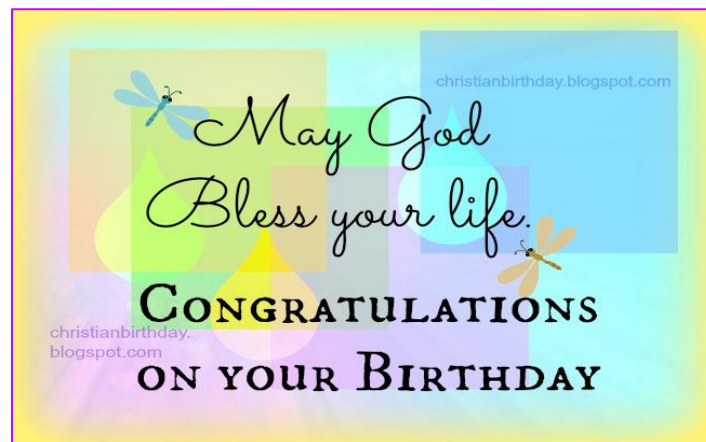


## June Birthday's

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 9 Lucy Wood       | 9 Logan Bastin    |
| 14 Ariel Derr     | 17 Joann Hunter   |
| 18 Louie Hopf     | 19 Christy Voyles |
| 20 Elliot Gafford | 22 Dalton Barker  |
| 24 Koty Geyerv    | 26 Jonathon Jones |
| 29 Devin Hester   |                   |

*Your First Baptist Church family  
would like to wish you a,*

# Happy Birthday!





# June 2018

*Happy  
Father's  
Day*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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.</p>					1	2
<p>3 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Promotion Sunday</p>	4	5	6 6:30 p.m. Family Night Bible Studies	7	8	9
<p>10 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.</p>	11	12 6:00 pm Women's Card Ministry	13 6:30 p.m. Family Night Bible Studies	14	15	16 4:00 p.m. VBS Tailgate Party
<p>17 Happy Father's Day Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.</p>	18 VBS Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 VBS: 6:30 - 9:00	19 VBS Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 VBS: 6:30 - 9:00	20 VBS Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 VBS: 6:30 - 9:00	21 VBS Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 VBS: 6:30 - 9:00	22 VBS Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 VBS: 6:30 - 9:00	23
<p>24 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.</p>	25	26	27 6:30 p.m. Family Night Bible Studies	28	29	30