

Hello Church Family!

Can you believe we already made it to July 2026? Happy 250th Birthday America! June is in the books, and I apologize as your interim Pastor; I was not around very much this month. Continue to pray that the Pastor Search Committee will find God's man for our church. I will continue to pray that you are open to whatever God has for the next stage of life for First Baptist Church Grand Junction.

June was very hectic yet rewarding for me as your interim Pastor as I led mission trips to the Southern Baptist Convention and Pastor's Conference in Orlando, Florida and to the country of Colombia and the city of Cúcuta. My cancer and gastroparesis have really slowed me down when leading these trips and especially when the sun is beaming down at a balmy 96 degrees. Please continue to pray for my healing.

As soon as I got back, I went to Arkansas to watch the dedication of my grandson, Griffin Iver Kessler, to the church there. As soon as I returned from Arkansas, I have been serving with YEP, the Youth Evangelism Project and Parran's Chapel, 1st Baptist Bolivar, Dixie Hills, Porters Creek, Hornsby, and of course 1st Baptist Grand Junction since Patricia and I are serving with them. It was refreshing to see two of our members at Walmart while serving at YEP. Mr. Byron and Ms. Marie made a visit, and we got to catch up with them.

Sorry that this Bits & Blessings is more about me than anything else but since I haven't been there much in June, I didn't know what else to say. I am sure Brother Daniel, Brother Tommy, and Pastor Dawson each one brought you a good word on the Sundays that I was gone.

I hope you have continued to pray for the Sensing family as they will mourn the loss of Ms. Paula from now until they also reach heaven. It was sad to hear of Ms. Christy Harris being bitten by a water moccasin, but I am thrilled to know she made it ok through this terrifying ordeal. So thankful she is well and that Brother Bobby is halfway done with his heart cath. He had 3 stints put in and used all the dye they could allow his kidneys, and he will do it all over again in 3-4 weeks. Keep him in your forever prayers. As he so gratefully put it and I totally agree, God is good, all the time! When I finally return, I sure hope to find everyone doing well and good!

June 21st, Happy Father's Day – I hope everyone celebrated all the fathers and that God is blessing your ministry to your children and grandchildren.

The 250th Birthday of our country is quickly arriving and hope you are giving God "Thanks" for this great country that He has given us to live in. Many of you realize that we are sinking fast with the sins of the people, so your prayers are catamount at this time in the life of us and our country.

I love the Bible and sometimes don't understand why we don't pray like some of the patriarchs in the Bible did, by falling on our face. Joshua 5:14, "Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence." Ezekiel 1:28, "This is what the glory of the LORD looked like to me. When I saw it, I fell face down on the ground." Matthew 26:39, "Jesus went on a little farther and bowed with His face to the ground, praying." Revelation 7:11, "They fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God." Is there any reason we shouldn't do the same thing that Joshua, Ezekiel, JESUS, and the angels did? I think not, so pray with passion and if God tells you to, fall on your face before Him, do it!

Looking forward to sharing about the Colombia trip on July 5th. It was amazing time together with God as He watched over us and used us in a mighty way! Let me know if you ever need to meet with me. I am here to serve you. God bless !

Because He Lives,

Pastor Eddie

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