

June Calendar

Sundays

Sunday School: weekly	9:30 AM
Worship Service: weekly	10:30 AM
Choir Practice	5:30 PM
Bible Study: "The Parables of Jesus"	6:30 PM
Deacons' Meeting, 6/02	11:30 AM
Fish Fry/Covered Dish, 6/02	6:30 PM
Community Gospel Jam: Sr Center, 6/04	6:30 PM
Trustees' Meeting, 6/09	after AM service

Tuesdays

Men's Prayer Breakfast: <i>Green Door</i>	7:00 AM
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June Birthdays

6/04	Donna Glover
6/07	Jo Custer
6/08	Patty Hart
6/09	Alma Foster
6/11	Brycen Dickens
6/20	Matthew Davis
6/21	Ralene Davis
6/25	Byon Johnson
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6/08 Wedding Anniversary – Rodney & Marsha Dickens	

Pastor's Pen:

Sure, I'll be the first one to say that kids don't belong everywhere. But the one place they *DO* belong is in church. When we welcome kids in church, we acknowledge that they are important human beings in the present, not just the for the future. If church is going to be a place for anyone, it has to be a place for kids.

Just this week, I read a quote by Rabbi Menachem Creditor who said, "Our sanctuaries are not sanctuaries *from* children. They are sanctuaries *for* children." (Huffington Post, 7/8/2014) I believe that quote is brilliant, and it reflects exactly what Jesus taught in Matthew 19:14. If we forget how Jesus felt about children, then we need to back up and look at who we have become.

If we ever exclude kids from church, or if we make them feel unwelcome, then our church services will be a lot like mashed potatoes with no gravy. Their mere presence and existence is essential to make this body of believers complete. Children are not just consumers of what happens on Sundays, nor are they merely learners who are here to absorb our wisdom. They have an important part to play, just like the adults in this church.

Whenever we make kids welcome in our church, then we have made their parents feel welcome, too. If we want our church to grow, then we need to send a message that kids are welcome. A kid-friendly church will set a tone and the message will resonate loud and clear to their parents.

I hope we will all ponder how we make parents feel about bringing their children to church. Here are a couple questions to consider: 1) How can we communicate that kids are welcome here at First Baptist Church? 2) Are we willing to go out of our way to provide a great experience for families with children?

Let's remember the way we welcome kids directly affects the way their families respond to the church and to God. Let's show them why they should make their church home here.

In His service,
Pastor Mark Davis

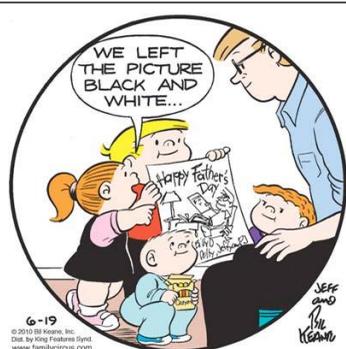
Sunday School/Jr Church/FaithWeavers

"This is for Kids!"

Why Do We Celebrate Father's Day? We celebrate Father's Day to remember that God wants us to honor our fathers. The Bible tells us to honor our father and mother, that it will go well with us and that we will have a long life. God knows what is best, and that is why He issued this command. If children honor their parents, they will receive joy in return. It is the law of God!

Father's Day Trivia Questions

- Who was David's father? (2 Chron 2:13-15)
 - Jacob
 - Jeconiah
 - Jonathan
 - Jesse
- Whose name means 'father of many nations'? (Genesis 17:5)
 - Adam
 - Abimelech
 - Abishai
 - Abraham
- Whose father was so happy to see him that he gave him the best robe and killed the fatted calf? (Luke 15)
 - Pekah
 - Peleg
 - Peter
 - Prodigal Son
- Who was Abraham's father? (Joshua 24:2)
 - Thomas
 - Titus
 - Timothy
 - Terah
- Which of the 10 Commandments instruct children to honor their father and their mother? (Exodus 20)
 - First
 - Third
 - Fourth
 - Fifth
- Who does James say is the source of every good and perfect gift? (James 1:17)
 - Father of Mercies
 - Father of Spirits
 - Father of Glory
 - Father of Lights



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Return this quiz to Pastor Mark for a treat!



PRAYER REQUESTS:

General: Mark Davis; Dale Fadely; Jon Faler; Jim Fine; John Floyd; Janet Greer; DeWayne Glover; Lezlee Jones; Dick King; Jason Lewis; Tanner Lewis; Carmaleta Lorenz; Michele Menke; Maci Miller; Lance Monholland; Mike Nolan; Freda Sizemore; Karl Urban; Usry Family; Gordon Willhite

Sympathy: Family of Jack Ward

Cancer Patients: Naida Carpenter; Lee Coate; Steve Cummings; Rhonda Davis; Larry Fueler; Clayalee Glover; Mary Jane Hawkins; Lou Kennedy; Jack King; Alice Papain; Ginger and John Sweeny; George Thomas

Our Senior Saints: Marlene Bailey; Naida Carpenter; Betty Ditmore, Bob Emery, Dale Fadely; Sue House; Nora Myers; Clara Belle Wallace

Ministries & Missionaries: FBC-spiritual and numerical growth; our missionaries; lost to be saved; persecuted Christians around the world; the Nation of Israel; Pastor and family

Others: President Trump and VP Pence; world, national, state, local government leaders; law enforcement officers; emergency responders; military servicemen and servicewomen; students/teachers, school board/school administrators

Missionary: Ariel Tatum – lionofgod2003@gmail.com



Secretary's Corner

Our Dad

Anonymous

Although the author is unknown, this is a highly regarded Christian poem for

Father's Day.

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The [wisdom of the ages](#),
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it Dad

CHOIR NOTES:

It's a fact that singing in a church choir is fun. But did you know that scientific research confirms that all of us are hard-wired for rhythmic togetherness, and we seem to bond best when we make music with other people?



Studies show that choral singing not only improves our mood, it decreases stress, depression, and anxiety. The effects are often attributed to deeper breathing associated with singing. And the benefits are enhanced when we sing in a choir compared to singing alone. Group singing gives us a sense of belonging to something larger than ourselves, and it helps us feel that we are needed by a larger community – namely, our church.

Our church choir practices on Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM in the church sanctuary. Right now, we are working on a few pieces of special music for upcoming holidays. If you have considered joining the church choir, let me give you a few reasons why you should:

1. It will give you an opportunity to serve. Everyone is welcome in our church choir!
2. It helps produce good congregational singing. A choir leads the way to worship through song when many people are singing.
3. It illustrates our joy. It's not just the singing that makes a difference. It's also the smiling, and the large group praising God together.
4. It demonstrates diversity (i.e., age, gender, ethnicity).
5. It promotes teamwork. Everybody plays an important role in a choir, and it's the parts combined that create the overall sound. It seldom hurts for believers to learn to work together in any capacity.
6. It provides an entry-level service opportunity for attenders.

So, if you have even a spark of interest in joining the church choir, just do it! You'll be glad you did.