



“This is my favorite shirt 'cause it has our country's logo on it.”

July Church Calendar

- 07/02: 09:15 AM Prayer Mtg; 9:30 Sunday School; 10:30 AM Main Service; Youth Mtg – after Main Service
- 07/09: 09:15 AM Prayer Mtg; 9:30 Sunday School; 10:30 AM Main Service; Youth Mtg – after Main Service
- 07/16: 09:15 AM Prayer Mtg; 9:30 Sunday School; 10:30 AM Main Service; Youth Mtg – after Main Service
- 07/23: 09:15 AM Prayer Mtg; 9:30 Sunday School; 10:30 AM Main Service; Youth Mtg – after main service
- 07/30: 09:15 AM Prayer Mtg; 9:30 Sunday School; 10:30 AM Glover Fam/Scholarship Awards
Covered Dish Lunch after Main Service

Greetings from Pastor Mark

John 8:32 – And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Throughout history, corruption, crime, dishonesty, wickedness, pollution, idleness, and devotion to special interest groups are all signs that precede the fall of every great nation. We see evidence of national decay all around us. Today Christians find ourselves with a great opportunity to reverse the downward spiral and help guide our nation back toward Christ. Our country's destiny depends upon the righteousness and morality of Christian churches and their families.

On July 4, we will once again celebrate our independence. The Revolutionary War was fought for a special purpose – yes, a divine purpose. History recognizes that a rag-tag group of colonists defeated the world's most elite army. Victory was certainly not won by the abilities of the army of untrained colonists. No, Almighty God intervened to insure the Continental Army was victorious.

At present, we live in a free nation – an actual promised land. We will remain free and blessed if we remember it is God who gives us all our blessings. We, here at First Baptist Church are truly blessed. But the Lord expects us to build up His church and expand His family. Each member of this body of believers plays a very important role in growing this church.

As we celebrate our nation's independence, let's remember that it is our duty to serve the Lord. Let us show justice, kindness, and love toward our fellow man. May we all be thankful for our nation and for our freedom!

~Pastor Mark Davis



PRAYER REQUESTS:



General: Bri Barnett; Linda and Leon Caswell; Linda Chase; Bertha Dean; Mitchell and Alma Foster; Donna Glover; Bart; Don & Barbara Kinkel, Lezlee Jones; Lance & Darla Monholland; Kathleen McCorkle; Richard Potter; Manfred Roeder; KC Sasser; Chris Shore; Charlene Sturges; John & Barbara Taylor; Gordon Willhite, Carol Williams

Cancer Patients: Julie Bays; Raymond Brown; James Campbell; Lee Coate; Steve Cummings; Larry Fueeler; Clayalee Glover; Marsha Hale; Kathryn Hatten; Randy Hewitt; Lou Kennedy; Steve Smith; George Thomas; Kenny Tyler; Judy Tolbert

Nursing Home Residents: Naida Carpenter; Earl Tresner

Ministries & Missionaries: First Baptist Church - spiritual and numerical growth; lost to be saved; persecuted Christians around the world; KISA; Pastor and family; Missionary: Ariel Tatum – lionofgod2003@gmail.com

Others: President Biden and Vice President Harris; world, national, state, local government leaders; Israel and unrest in the Mid-East; Ukraine; law enforcement officers; emergency responders; military servicemembers; students/teachers, school board/school administrators



Our Daily Reading/Focused Prayer

Daily Read-through the Bible: Focused Prayers for this Family:

July 1	Proverbs 4-7	KISA Girls
July 2	Proverbs 8-11	Karlie and Cy B
July 3	Proverbs 12-14	Naida C
July 4	Proverbs 15-17	John and Linda C
July 5	Proverbs 18-20	Chad C
July 6	Proverbs 21-23	Amber D and Family
July 7	Proverbs 24-26	Pastor Mark and Ralene D
July 8	Proverbs 27-29	Rodney and Marsha D
July 9	Proverbs 30-31	Tim and Lisa D
July 10	Ecclesiastes 1-4	Jon and Deanna F
July 11	Ecclesiastes 5-8	Nancy F
July 12	Ecclesiastes 9-12	Mitchell and Alma F
July 13 ...	Song of Solomon 1-4	Paul and Gayla G
July 14 ...	Song of Solomon 5-8	Patty H
July 15	Isaiah 1-3	Carol K
July 16	Isaiah 4-8	George L
July 17	Isaiah 9-11	Kathy McM
July 18	Isaiah 12-14	Amy M and Family
July 19	Isaiah 15-19	Bob and Bonita M
July 20	Isaiah 20-24	Nancy P and Kelsey P
July 21	Isaiah 25-28	Edna P
July 22	Isaiah 29-31	Richard and Pat P
July 23	Isaiah 32-34	Bernie and Christel R
July 24	Isaiah 35-37	Chris S
July 25	Isaiah 38-40	Jim and Ruby S
July 26	Isaiah 41-43	Charlene S
July 27	Isaiah 44-46	Carol W and Family
July 28	Isaiah 47-49	Judy W and Rocky S
July 29	Isaiah 50-52	KC S, Red Tawna A, Raynel
July 30	Isaiah 53-56	Ariel T
July 31	Isaiah 57-59	Keith M

Ephesians 6:18 says, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" *That's why we should pray for one another!*

Secretary's Section

A Nation's Strength

William Ralph Emerson

What makes a nation's pillars high
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand
Go down in battle shock;
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,
Not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust
Of empires passed away;
The blood has turned their stones to rust,
Their glory to decay.

And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown
Has seemed to nations sweet;
But God has struck its luster down
In ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly...
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.



1 John Trivia

- According to 1 John 1:7, what cleanses us from all sin?
 - Confession
 - The Word of God
 - Jesus' blood
- According to 1 John 1:9, what should a Christian do if we sin?
 - Recite Scripture
 - Blame the devil
 - Confess our sins
- According to 1 John 2:1, a Christian has _____
 - An advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ
 - A debt to pay
 - A guilty conscience
- According to 1 John 2:16, what did John say was all that was in the world?
 - Lust of the flesh
 - Lust of the eyes
 - Pride of life
 - All of the above
- In John 3:2, what did John say we are now?
 - Hebrews
 - Sons of God
- In 1 John 3:4, John defined sin as ...
 - Betrayal
 - The transgression of the law
 - Mistakes
- In 1 John 3:15, John called someone who hates a brother ...
 - A murderer
 - Wicked
 - An unbeliever

1. c; 2. c; 3. a; 4. d; 5. b; 6. b; 7. a