

July 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, 7/07	11:30 AM
Trustees' Meeting, 7/14	11:30 AM

Tuesdays

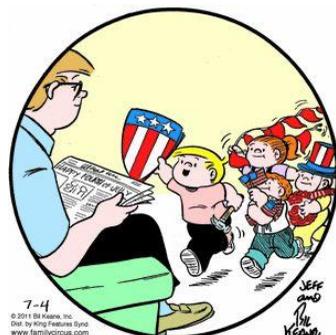
Men's Prayer Breakfast: <i>Green Door</i>	7:00 AM
Community Gospel Jam: Sr Center, 7/02	6:30 PM

July Birthdays

7/03	Carol Williams
7/08	Jared Usry
7/14	Jonathan Johnson
7/21	Keaton Dickens
7/28	Kathy Cude' Miller
7/30	Adam Usry
7/31	Dillon Kaminska

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7/01 Wedding Anniversary Pastor Mark & Ralene



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"C'mon, Daddy! It's time to put up the decorations of independence!"

Pastor's Pen:

Last month the Pastor's Pen focused on why kids belong in church. This month, I want to continue with the topic. Let's step back for a minute and evaluate how kid-friendly our church is right now, and what steps we might take – whether big or small – to welcome children and families with children to First Baptist Church.

We know that kids learn best by participating. When we have church on Sunday morning, do we invite children to experience God or do we only point our services toward the adult worshipers who are present? Kids copy what they see, and they learn by observing. Children cannot learn to participate in church without actually participating in the services.

When a church welcomes kids, the entire church grows stronger because relationships are built across generations. The more time we spend together worshiping, learning, and laughing, rather than being segregated by age, the stronger the relationships are across all generations.

Whenever we make kids welcome in our church, we demonstrate how welcome *everyone* is. We should communicate that our church loves kids despite their wiggles and waggles. If parents of kids know that church is a kid-friendly place as well as an adult-space, everyone can relax in God's house.

Let's admit that mature Christians have probably heard a sermon that is similar to the one being preached on a Sunday, many times. The preaching that happens on Sunday morning is not generally adding much to the store of an older Christian's knowledge. Instead the message aim is to encourage and equip the whole congregation to be and to build the kingdom of God. Sunday School and Sunday evening Bible studies are about 'teaching'; with the main service topics serving to remind us of what we already know.

Let's consider that compromise may well be needed for the sake of a vibrant and inclusive church. Then families will know 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 Independence Day? On July 4 of each year, all across the United States, we celebrate our independence from Great Britain and its king. It was on July 4, 1776, that the American colonies were declared free and independent States from England. Most people don't realize that the first Independence Day was celebrated on July 8, 1776, and the official signing did not take place until August 2. This month the Bible trivia questions are general knowledge questions. Enjoy!

Trivia Questions

- How many books are in the entire Bible?
 - 13
 - 27
 - 39
 - 66
- Who was the father of Cain, Abel, and Seth?
 - Abishai
 - Abimelech
 - Abraham
 - Adam
- What was the name of Joseph's baby brother?
 - Balak
 - Barak
 - Boaz
 - Benjamin
- What river was Jesus baptized in?
 - Jefferson
 - Jump
 - James
 - Jordan
- What did King Solomon ask God to give him?
 - Worship
 - Weapons
 - Wealth
 - Wisdom
- How many animals of each kind did Moses bring into the Ark?
 - Nine
 - Nineteen
 - Ninety
 - None



Return this quiz to Pastor Mark for a treat!



PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

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

Father, keep us safe,
as we celebrate . . .
our country's freedoms
that have made us great.

Let us not go further,
down the road of sin
help us to turn from
the wickedness within.

Bring us back,
to trusting in You
give this Nation
a heart that is new.

Make us humble,
let us see our shame
so we can prayerfully
call upon Your name.

Heal our land,
scour out the pride
so You can be
once again our guide.

Father, keep us safe,
until such a time
this Nation comes out
of its downward climb!

