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Today is June 25th! July 4th is next week. Christmas is only 6 months away. The new school years starts August 4th. So much to do and so little time. LOL (I wrote this last week.)

Our youth will be going to Student Life camp in Glorietta NM on Monday. Our youth ensemble (Steadfast) will be attending PraiseWorks, a youth worship arts camp July 14th-18 in Arkadelphia. Be in prayer for them and their leaders as they travel and attend these camps.

Looking ahead, things will be pretty quiet for most of July; the calm before the storm. LOL. Deacon Selection Sunday and Promotion Sunday will be in August. More information about these items will be in upcoming bulletins and the next Beacon.



Its HOT, HOT, HOT these days, but its always cool inside on Sundays. So, get up, get dressed, get out and come to church. You can meet friends and neighbors, listen and participate in the music and singing and hear the Word preached. Its always a great day to be in God's house. We look forward to seeing you here.



As I said in the beginning, next week we celebrate Independence Day. The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 3rd in observance of the 4th of July.

Wishing you all a safe and fun 4th of July. Enjoy the summer. Look ahead to August and what the month will bring.

Paula

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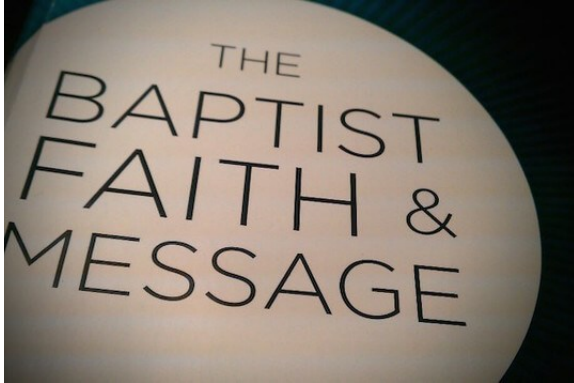
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Special points of interest

- Calendar of Events

Pastoral Ministries

Dr. Patrick Hunter



Recently I had a conversation with a member of our church about what we believe. In the course of this conversation it was shared with me how a relative of this church member was curious if there was any difference between a Baptist, a Catholic, or any other Christian group. This led to a

discussion on a document called the Baptist Faith & Message. This is a summary of belief adopted by our national denomination. It serves as a guideline whereby we understand our commonly agreed upon positions.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:25 am Worship Team Rehearsal

9:45 am Bible Study Groups

11:00 am Worship in the Morning

Monday

4:30 pm Bible Drill

Tuesday

6:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

4:30 pm Children's Handbells

5:15 pm Fellowship Supper

5:45 pm Kids Worship Arts

Adult Handbells

6:15 pm Youth

6:30 pm KBAM

Mission Friends

Abundant Life

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

(RESUMES in August)

Over the next year I'd like readers of the Beacon Online to consider each of these areas. I'll make copies of the entire document for those who would like a copy. They will be in the foyer. I believe it is important for each of us to be able to articulate not only what we believe but why we believe.

I. The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

Ex. 24:4; Deut. 4:1-2; 17:19; Josh. 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11,89,105,140; Isa. 34:16; 40:8; Jer. 15:16; 36; Matt. 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16; 17:11; Rom. 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Heb. 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

Youth Ministry

FBC Youth has geared up for a fun, Christ-filled summer season! In June, the youth served in various roles for Vacation Bible School and left for church camp in Glorietta NM. The students will spend the week growing closer to Christ and each other. We will have Wednesday night service on July 9. Our service will start at 6:30 pm and end at 7:30 pm, with no meal provided. For regular updates, please see the FBC New Boston Facebook Group, or join our GroupMe if you are a youth/parent. We would love you to come join us! Please contact me with questions about FBC Youth Summer.

Aaron Skinner, Student Minister

Music Ministry

“Steadfast” did a super job on their mission trip to the Springfield / Branson area.

They were busy spreading the gospel through song, testimony and serving the community.

This mission trip would not have been possible without your generous support and prayers for our youth!

We want to say a huge thank you for being a loving church that supports missions!

SANCTUARY CHOIR!

There will be no Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the month of July.

We will sing on Sunday mornings, meeting in the Music Suite before the service at 10:45, to review the music and to pray!

PLEASE be praying about joining us in August as we kick off our CHRISTMAS MUSIC and all our fall choir activities!

We have a great year planned to begin this fall and you don't want to miss what God has in store for our Music Ministry!

Our God and Father, to whom be glory forever!

Galatians 1:4-5

Have a blessed summer and we'll see YOU Sunday!

Blessings,



WOW ... 
our Second Chapter
Ministry for widows, others, and widowers

America. From our prior fellowships, Ecclesiastes 3:4 reminds us "... and a time to laugh," which is good for all of us with family and friends.

We are looking forward to starting our gatherings again, so mark your calendar - Monday, August 11th at noon in Fellowship Hall. In the meantime, if you need anything we are only a call or text away. Our ministry team members include Bro. Patrick Hunter, Frank and Janet Buchanan, David and Linda Daniel, and Craig and Julie Spears. May God bless you!

Prayers that your Summer is going well, you are healthy and staying cool!
Our celebration of July 4th reminds us of the freedom we have to worship with fellow believers and may God bless



Abundant Life/King's Table

Join us for our Adult Special Needs Ministry.

Sunday School:

ABUNDANT LIFE

Sunday School Class

Fellowship, Bible Study, Singing

The King's Table will meet on the following Tuesdays in June:

July 1st

July 25th

July 29th

We meet in Fellowship Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

We have devotionals, Games, Crafts and Fellowship.

Please call our church office for more information, if you know of a prospect for either group.

Future Events

Student Life Camp
Jun. 30th-Jul. 6th



Operation Christmas Child

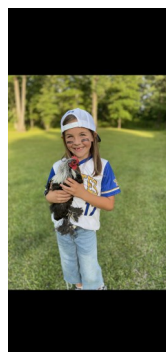


On Sunday, July 6th, the OCC ladies will begin the Christmas in July campaign to raise money for shipping the boxes. Our goal is 900 boxes. It cost \$10 a box to ship across the world. This \$10 also includes literature to spread the Gospel of Jesus to each child and their family. Please be in prayer about what you can give.

SHOEBOX LADIES



King's Kids Happenings-K-6th



*A King's Kids Interview by **Allie Meadows a 3rd grader!***

Something you've learned in KK about the Bible – **That it is true**

Something you've learned in KK about Jesus - **That Jesus loves me**

Favorite KK Ministry? **Centrikid Camp**

Favorite VBS Memory? **Snow Cones**

Favorite Mission Project? **OCC Shoe Boxes**

Favorite memory from Centrikid? **Wiffle Ball with friends**

I feel **happy** when I come to KK activities

I've been a KK for **4** years

Favorite KK snack? **Muffins**

Favorite KK trip - **Bowling**

Favorite Bible Verse?? **Philippians 4:13 I can do all things thru Christ who gives me strength**

Recent New Members



Dillon Davis



Aislin Lantrip



Abigail Foreman

Who will you invite to become part of God's family here at First Baptist?



David Daniel, Jr. is our member in the spotlight this month.

He's known as David Daniel (Brookshire's) as he worked for and retired from the company. (It helps us keep them straight in our minds, because we have 2 members named David Daniel. LOL)

David was born in Tyler, went to school in Sulphur Springs and Corsicana. He graduated from Tyler Junior College with an Associates Degree.

He met his future wife Kathy on a blind lunch date on Valentine's Day in 1978. He said, "After I met her I told my best friend and future best man, I just met the woman I would marry." And he did. They were married on June 23, 1979. (Congratulations on 46 years of marriage.) They moved here in 1984 to manage the newly built Brookshire's. "We had to look New Boston up on the map. We always thought we'd return to Tyler, but here we are 41 years later, FBC and New Boston stole our hearts-making NB our home for life."

Kathy and David have 4 children and 6 grandchildren. David says traveling

(camping) and their grandkids are their hobbies. They have camped with their children in all 48 of the continental states.

"Being new to the community and new parents as well, FBC welcomed us with open arms; surrounding us with love, becoming an extended family, nurturing us physically and spiritually, with the Lord and FBC men and women teaching, leading and encouraging our walk with Christ."

Being retired, David is a busy man. At FBC he's an active deacon, as well as active in Sunday School, Men's Bible Study, organizing prayer groups, VBS and a door greeter on Sunday. Plus Kathy's "honey do" projects.

David was baptized at the age of 6 in Sulphur Springs. He says, "When we moved to New Boston I was elected to become a deacon. I served as deacon for 22 years, then the Lord got ahold of my heart and really changed my life. I was baptized again in 2006 here at FBC. The church accepted me with the forgiving love of Christ. That has truly helped me grow in the Lord and serve FBC as well as New Boston. We are so very thankful for a church that showed great love despite my failures."

Thank you for being willing to be our member in the spotlight for the Beacon.

If anyone would like to be in the member spotlight, or would like to suggest someone, please let me know. Contact the church office or send me an email. (paula@fbcnewboston.com.) Paula

Member Spotlight



What a fast and full month it's been—I can't believe July is already here! In Kingdom Builders, we've been diving into the amazing truth that God keeps His promises. This month, we learned about God's promise to Abraham—that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. To help the lesson come alive, the kids created beautiful starry night skies with glitter, reminding them of God's faithfulness. They absolutely love hands-on crafts that help them see, touch, and experience the message!

We were also thrilled to welcome a new student to our class one Sunday this month! Getting to meet new kids and share the love of Jesus with them is such a joy. There's nothing like seeing their eyes light up when they know the answer to a question. And yes—you may hear them playing loud and laughing as you walk past our hallway but just know that it's the sound of joy and love in action. It's an honor to walk alongside them and show them Jesus' love right where they are.

Looking ahead, we'd love your prayers as we are considering ways to serve our children and their families on Wednesday nights this fall. We're also always in need of extra hands—whether you can help once a month, every other month, or just occasionally, it truly makes a difference! Prayers for our kids and their families are deeply appreciated, and helping them feel seen, welcomed, and loved in our church community is a gift we can all take part in. If you feel called to support Kingdom Builders, whether through volunteering or other ways, please don't hesitate to reach out to the church office or contact Mark or Felicia Jonesy. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in the lives of these amazing kids!



**Next Lord's
Supper:
August 3rd**

A Word From Our Missionaries

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you once again for faithfully lifting us up in prayer, both for us personally and for the people of Namibia. We are deeply encouraged by all that God is doing here. He is stirring hearts, raising up workers from among the believers, and creating a renewed hunger to know Him more deeply and to make Jesus known to family, friends, and coworkers.

Recently, we had the incredible joy of baptizing 16 new believers, each one a testimony to the transforming power of Jesus' salvation. Their lives are being changed in real and lasting ways, and we give all the glory to God.

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will move freely across this land, breaking down spiritual strongholds and setting families and communities free from the enemy's grip. Your prayers are a vital part of what God is doing here, and we are profoundly grateful for your partnership.

Thank you for standing with us, for your support, and for making it possible for us to serve as your missionaries in Namibia.

With tremendous gratitude,

Bryan and Dana Bullington

