

The Vision
First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
 Evening Worship @ 7:00 pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

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 Chris Roth, Youth & Outreach Director..... 214-0233
 Belinda Shoff, Secretary
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Church Office Hours
 Monday-Friday
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Staff Meeting
 Monday 10:00 am



FOR JULY
MONDAY
July 23rd



The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th in observation of Independence Day.

Upcoming Meetings:

Sunday, July 8th

Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Tuesday, July 10th

Insurance Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, July 22th

Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Collision Youth @ The Park

Wednesday Nights

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

(Shelter House #3 by the Tennis Courts)

There will be food, games, and devotional time.

Bring your friends for a time of Bible Study & Fellowship.

Springfield Cardinals

Christian Family Day

Sunday, July 29, 2018

6:00 pm

Tickets: \$15


Includes a Hat & T-Shirt

Deadline for orders / t-shirts: July 2

Sign-ups Sheets are in the Gathering area or contact Chastity at the Church Office for more information.



To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known



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Bingo for Adults
 Under the tent



Faith, Family, Fireworks

Tuesday, July 3rd

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

6:00 pm: Free Hot Dogs, Chips, & Water

7:00 pm: Devotion by Chris Roth

9:30 pm: Fireworks Display

Free: Bouncy House, Pony & Wagon Rides, Face Painting, Shaved Ice, & Mini Train Rides



Thrasher's
 Bavarian
 Nuts

GAME ON!

"Gearing Up For Life's Big Game" - 2 Peter 1:3

Vacation Bible School

July 15th - 19th

Meal @ 5:30 pm

VBS @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Please be in prayer for all those involved with VBS.

Food Needs for VBS :

40 lbs. Hamburger	4 lbs. shaved Ham	4 lbs. shaved Turkey
4 large jars of grape jelly	85 bananas	18 bags of grapes
50 lbs. Tater Tots	26 Sandwich Loaves Bread	5 gal. Whole Dill Pickles
14 Lg. Bags Fritos	19 lbs. of baby carrots	14 Large bags Potato Chips
1-3 lb. tub Butter	8 Lg. bottles Ketchup	4 Lg. Bottles Ranch Dressing
1 Lg. Jar Miracle Whip	4 large jars peanut butter	16 Watermelons
15 lbs. Shredded Cheddar Cheese	10 lbs. sliced Cheese (not individually wrapped)	

You may sign up in the Gathering Area or contact the Church Office @ 682-3538

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

Two major events are happening this next month and I want to take this opportunity to let you know about them. July 3rd is our "Faith, Family, Fireworks" event! On the outside, it appears to be a super time for the family to gather and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. That is exactly what it is. Yet, on another level, it is a great opportunity for us to begin connecting with our neighbors and sharing the love of Christ in a non-threatening atmosphere. The sparkle, light, and surprise are good examples of our life in Christ.

The other event happens a few weeks later, July 15-19. Yes, I am speaking of our annual Vacation Bible School. Things are gearing up for "Game On!" our VBS theme this year. Solicitation for workers, training and background checks complete, lessons being prepared, prayer saturating the event leads to only one major thing...your involvement in inviting your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and even the rowdy crowd to come for a week of fun, Bible lessons, songs, games and of course food. I pray that every child attending will be confronted with the love of Christ.

I realize that this article is more informational than inspirational, but these two events can reach so many with the love of Christ, if we will do our part!

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- July 1 5:30 pm Parenting Class
- July 2 1:15 pm YAH Council
6:00 pm Faith, Family, Fireworks
- July 4 Independence Day - Office Closed
- July 6-9 Children's & Middle School Camp
- July 8 5:30 pm Parenting Class
6:00 pm Business Meeting
- July 10 6:30 pm Insurance Committee Meeting
- July 11 6:00 pm Youth @ the Park
- July 12 6:30 pm WMU Meeting @ Cornerstone
- July 15 5:30 pm VBS Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- July 16 5:30 pm VBS Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- July 17 5:30 pm VBS Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- July 18 5:30 pm VBS Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- July 19 5:30 pm VBS Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- July 22 5:30 pm Parenting Class
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- July 25 6:00 pm Youth @ the Park
- July 29 6:00 pm Springfield Cardinals Game

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Betty Lathrop Norma Robertson John Lawrence Keith Divine

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Robert & Pansey Holt, friends of Rose Bronson
Sami Bayless, relative to Jerry Marti
Ezra Hart, grandson of Gary & Sondra Smith
Harold McDown, brother of Sandy McDown
Danny & Dee Walker, friends of Rose Bronson
Bob Barnes, brother of Lorraine Vice
Mike Burns, brother-in-law of Linda Bronson
Millie Wymore, aunt of Debbie Marti
Ray McMullen, uncle of James McMullen
Mary Woodhouse & Janis Priest, friends of Sheila Stevens

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Austin Potter - Marines, son of Dan & Tanya Potter
Cole Markunas - Marines, friend of the Sandbergs
Michael LeeMasters - son of Sam & Jolene LeeMasters
Brandon Lipe - Norfolk, VA, grandson of Noel & Lynn Grigery
A1C Nathan Sanden - Davis-Monthan AFB, Tuscon, AZ,
grandson of Dwayne & Linda Jones
Joey Rossiter - North Carolina, grandson of Sue Hobson
Merissa Schmidt - Ft. Bragg, NC, granddaughter of Wanda Reno
Landon McManis - Moody AFB, GA, grandson of Albert & Justine McManis
Mark Jones - Okinawa, Japan, son of Dwayne and Linda Jones
Patrick Beetler - Camp LaJeune, NC, son of Sherry Stettler
Lt. Cody Rossiter - Ft. Bragg, NC, grandson of Sue Hobson
Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

MISSION OUTREACH

Pastoral Staff Missionary Tony Pitaniello Lamar's Unchurched
Building Committee Vacation Bible School 2018

Family Ministries

I recently found this on GotQuestions.org. It really convicted me.

"In **Revelation 3:14-21**, the Lord is describing the "lukewarm" heart attitude of those in the Laodicean church, an attitude manifested by their deeds. The Laodiceans were neither cold nor hot in relation to God, just lukewarm. Hot water can cleanse and purify; cold water can refresh and enliven. But lukewarm water carries no similar value. The Laodiceans understood the Lord's analogy because their city drinking water came over an aqueduct from a spring six miles to the south, and it arrived disgustingly lukewarm. Laodicean water was not hot like the nearby hot springs that people bathed in, nor was it refreshingly cold for drinking. It was lukewarm, good for nothing. In fact, it was nauseating, and that was the Lord's response to the Laodiceans—they sickened Him, and He said, "I am about to spit you out of my mouth"**(verse16)**.

Jesus frequently equates deeds with a person's true spiritual state: "By their fruit you will recognize them," and "Every good tree bears good fruit"**(Matthew 7:16-17)**. The deeds of the true believer will be "hot" or "cold"—that is, they will benefit the world in some way and

reflect the spiritual passion of a life transformed. Lukewarm deeds, however—those done without joy, without love, and without the fire of the Spirit—do harm to the watching world. The lukewarm are those who claim to know God but live as though He doesn't exist. They may go to church and practice a form of religion, but their inner state is one of self-righteous complacency. They claim to be Christians, but their hearts are unchanged, and their hypocrisy is sickening to God."

The author of the article then offers up this bit of encouragement from the text. "In love, the Lord rebukes and disciplines them, commanding them to repent**(verse19)**. He sees their lukewarm attitudes as "shameful nakedness" that needs to be clothed in the white garments of true righteousness**(verse18)**. He urges them to be earnest, or zealous, and commit themselves totally to Him. Our Lord is gracious and long-suffering and gives the lukewarm time to repent."

I pray we will be a church that is "HOT and/or COLD". May it begin IN MY heart first.

God bless you all. Steve



July Homebound

Velma Miller

Children's & Middle School Camp

July 7th - 10th



Those attending:

Dominick Gordon, Roxy Sprouls, Jordan Potter, Elizabeth Vice, Brooklyn Livingston, Tailor Coffey, Joslyin Woods, Trace Roberts, Phajjia Gordon, Julia Stettler, Ashlyn Stettler, Maddie Stevens, Alex O'Neal, Riddick Gordon, Brianna O'Neal, Hailey Nichols, Chloe Burchett, Nevaeh Moore, & Laila Moore

Sponsors are: Chris Roth & Kennedey Waggoner

Youth & Outreach

Dear FBC Family,

As we approach our July 3rd Faith, Family, and Fireworks outreach, I can't help but think about the conversion of Saul, and the community of people and events that were responsible for Saul's conversion from persecutor to follower of Christ.

Saul's conversion was a community effort. There were a lot of events and people that needed to converge for Saul to be transformed into Paul. Saul's role, of course, was to become one of the most hated and feared persecutors the early Christians ever faced. Jesus' role was to scare the fire out of Paul, make himself known, and strike Paul blind, confused, and terrified.

There's another who had a critical role in Saul's conversion – Ananias was a faithful follower who was sent on a dangerous and terrifying mission. While Saul was fasting in shock in Damascus, the Lord sent Ananias to Saul to heal his sight. Ananias was petrified, but his faith gave him courage to go.

Saul's conversion might not have had near the impact on the world if the community of faith had not accepted him. Would Paul have remained faithful to God if he had been ostracized for his earlier persecutions and left to fend for himself? Doubtful. Paul's conversion was well known among Christians because his transformation was so radically dramatic. But Ananias' demonstration of faith was no less transformational. The people who work behind the scenes are every bit as critical to God's mission as the people whose stories are dramatic and renowned.

This week, I pray you will consider how you might contribute to the transformation of someone. No one person is responsible for the spread of Christianity or for doing God's work. It is the work of a community of believers.

To God Be the Glory,
Chris

Parenting From the Tree Study

July Schedule

1st, 8th, & 22nd
5:30 pm



WMU Meeting

Thursday, July 12th

6:30 pm
@ Cornerstone

Vital Signs for June, 2018

Average Attendance for June
Morning Worship - 262
Sunday School - 155
Evening Worship - 29

Treasurer's Report for June 2018 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$43,941.24
Total Expenditures: \$36,000.58