



FIRST BAPTIST
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Soundings

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Exciting Season for Youth Ministry

In March, 22 students participated in our weekend long discipleship program — DNOW. We worshiped, prayed, participated in small group, and worked with our local ministry partner, LOVE INC. Our friends there were blown away by our hard-working students. In our worship time, we considered the boxes that the world often puts around us, others, and God. Breaking these boxes allows for a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Christ.

To help offset the cost for our summer trips to Atlanta and Passport, our students put together a mulch fundraiser that greatly benefited us and many members of our community. We raised a total of \$5,000 — safely, I would think, more than any youth fundraiser in the past. The fundraiser was a lot of hard work, but it allowed us to make otherwise pricey trips (very!) affordable.



In June, ten of our high school students traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, for a mission immersion experience. Our objective, through service and learning, was to gain perspective on the struggles that an urban area like Atlanta faces. We did this by partnering with a local congregation, Park Avenue Baptist, which is actively working to make Atlanta a more inclusive place. One of the highlights of the trip was a trip to the Center for Civil and Human Rights. One of the modules in the museum is a simulation of the dinner sit-ins that took place all over the South. Sitting at a replica of the Woolworth lunch counter and wearing a pair of immersive headphones that pump in actual recordings from the time, our students were transported back to the 1960s when young African Americans were assaulted both verbally and physically for daring to enter a white-only space. Feeling that level of hate and vitriol spew into your ears from an invisible assailant that was once flesh and blood is an eye-opening experience. It gave our students a greater appreciation for the young men and women who prophetically stood up against injustice in the Jim Crow south.

We rounded out our summer with a trip to Passport Camp in Greenville, South Carolina. Eight entirely different students joined us, bumping the total number of students who participated in one of our summer trips to 18. At Passport our students worshiped, played, walked (a lot!) through the sticky Greenville heat, and worked at local mission sites in the community. Our theme for the week was *Fearless*. In worship, we learned that being created in the image of God carries the important task to fear less and love others more.

Since I arrived last May, there have been over 40 youth who have participated in Sunday school, Sunday Night Live, or some other FBW sanctioned event. It's not always easy to get all of our students in one room together, but these numbers are something to be proud of.

Of course, youth ministry would be impossible without the help of a dedicated group of volunteers, and there are a few who deserve to be mentioned by name: Carla Thomas, Don Thomas, Gail Mann, Marcie Nester, John Pleasants, Marlaine Henderson, Bruce Henderson, Kasey Crist, Seth Price, Kendall Price, Ryan Barber, Meredith Barber, Barb Haug, Chris Wondree, and of course my wife, Emma Dove. This work is made possible because of your continued efforts to see our students know Christ better.

Pastor Nate



Vacation Bible School

July 22-26, 5:30-8pm

We're gearing up and getting excited for *To Mars and Beyond* VBS at First Baptist! **THIS** week, we'll be exploring where God's power can take you!

Our Themes for the Learning Days:

- ◆ **Monday:** *Go Beyond with Faith!* (Daniel 6—Daniel in the Lions' Den)
- ◆ **Tuesday:** *Go Beyond with Boldness!* (Esther 4-9—Esther taking a stand)
- ◆ **Wednesday:** *Go Beyond with Kindness!* (Luke 10:25-37—Good Samaritan)
- ◆ **Thursday:** *Go Beyond with Hope!* (Luke 24:13-25—Road to Emmaus)

Monday - Thursday Schedule

Opening Celebration (5:30-5:50) - Fellowship Hall
 Food for everyone (5:50-6:20) - Fellowship Hall
 Bible/Craft/Rec Stations (6:25-7:35) - Children's Wing
 Closing Celebration (7:40-8:00) - Fellowship Hall

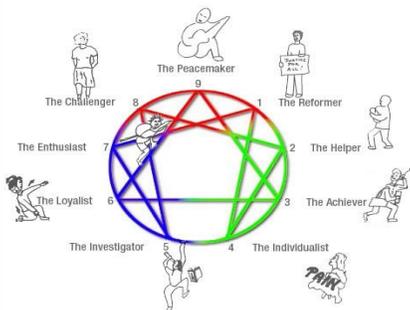
Family-Fun Friday Schedule

Opening Celebration (5:30-6:00) - Fellowship Hall
 Food for everyone and games outside!

Who can be a part of VBS? - We'll have VBS for preschoolers (2-years old) through completed 5th grade.

What about nursery? - Nursery will be available to anyone who's volunteering or who wants to attend adult VBS.

How do I register my child, to volunteer, or to attend adult VBS? - You can register to volunteer or register your child on the VBS page on our website under the KIDS dropdown. Adult VBS registration is on the Faith Formation page of the website.



Adult VBS Faith and the Enneagram Dinner Included!

Vacation Bible School isn't just for kids. Join Pastor Barrett as he leads a four-day, adult study on the Enneagram!

This is a great opportunity to invite friends to First Baptist. Childcare is available for infants if you participate in the adult study or as a volunteer for the kids' VBS.

Register under FAITH FORMATION on the website, or call the church office.

FBFamily

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Steve Boling	Bud Purvis	Barbara McClung
Susan Dillow	Bob Cummings	Charles Perkinson
Elmer Shifflett		

FBKids

- **July 21 - Decorating for VBS!** Join us as we finish our decorating for VBS. A pizza lunch will be provided for all volunteers
- **Joint Sunday School July 28** - for rising 5th and 6th graders. Pastors Nate and Lacey want to create a safe space for our children to gradually become acclimated to the changes as they transition out of children's ministry into our youth ministry. If your child will be in 5th or 6th grade during the 2019/2020 school year, then this class is for him/her.

Planning Ahead:

- **August 4** - Promotion Sunday and First Grade Bibles
- **August 5** - Mission Morning, 10am (Summit Square)
- **August 16** - Meal Gathering **Date Change**
- **August 28** - Back-to-School Party, 5-7pm

FBYouth

- **Joint Sunday School July 28** - for rising 5th and 6th graders. (see FBKids, above)
- **Sunday School Promotion** - August 4

FBWeekday Preschool

Want to work in a school filled with joy and a love of learning through play? First Baptist Weekday Preschool is still accepting applications for Lead Teachers and Substitutes. Please contact Carrie Jones at: 942-2253 or preschool@fbcwboro.org for more information.

Sunday, August 4

- ◆ Sunday School Promotion
- ◆ Presentation of Bibles to First Graders
- ◆ Recognition of New 50-Year Members

WORSHIP



Prophets emerge in the northern and the southern kingdoms of Israel starting 800 years before Jesus and lasting at least 300 more. Each prophet has an individualized message to a specific group about a specific problem, but when you group these voices together...you start to see similarities.

Their style of writing is similar. Oracles. Days of the Lord pronouncements. Talks of retributive justice, yet clear verses of grace and forgiveness, too.

These writings are so prolific, the scholars who canonized the Bible couldn't exclude them from scripture. As a matter of fact, Jesus himself read these writings as a part of his Bible. Today, we know these writings as the Book of the Twelve, or the minor prophets.

And this summer, we've been jumping into them one by one. It's impossible to tell the full scope of each book in such a short time, but hearing from each prophet weekly is eliciting a unique tone that God used that we need to hear today: The voice of the prophetic.

July 21 - Nahum

Timeline - The entire book of Nahum can be classified as an oracle against one nation, a diatribe and vengeance fantasy against Assyria's capitol, Nineveh, for its crimes against humanity. The prophet's task is to reassure the Judeans that God has seen their oppression and will avenge the suffering the people have experienced at the hands of this cruel superpower.

July 28 - Habakkuk

Timeline - Habakkuk is a southern prophet speaking to Jerusalem and the southern kingdom of Judah. He's a contemporary of Jeremiah who followed Isaiah. Habakkuk calls attention to and criticizes the maligning of justice in the political, judicial, and economic institutions of Judah, especially in the capital city of Jerusalem. His entire focus is to tell Jerusalem they must repent of their unjust, political ways or God will handle it with vengeance. The scripture passages today, though, show how difficult a task it was for Habakkuk to hold this view. Over the course of the book, he demonstrates for us the cycle of lament.

SUNDAYS

8:45am: Fellowship Hall

11am: Sanctuary

August 4 - Zephaniah

Timeline - Zephaniah was a Judahite prophet during the reign of Josiah (640-609 BCE). This means he spoke to the southern kingdom in Jerusalem after the northern kingdom was destroyed and while the Assyrians were still in power. His goal was to tell the government they needed to reform. The texts we read today showcases a group that will lead in this reformation. He labels this group, the remnant.

August 11 - Haggai

Timeline - The book itself gives no information about who Haggai is. Ezra 5-6 mentions him as a contemporary of Zechariah placing Haggai during the post-exilic period when Jerusalem was allowed to be rebuilt under Persian rule. Haggai is speaking to Judeans about the need to rebuild their second temple.

August 18 - Zechariah

Timeline - Zechariah, like Haggai, is dated during Persian rule around 530 BCE. He writes wild dreams and exhortations that ultimately paint a picture of a theological rationale for the emerging new order of Israel. He wants them to aspire to be like Eden.

August 25 - Malachi

Timeline - Malachi is written after Haggai and Zechariah following the dedication of the Temple in 516 BCE. Malachi was probably a priest who operated within the new temple, and his name probably was not Malachi. The word means 'messenger.' He is concerned that this second temple order is quickly falling into disorder. He is upset with the loose operation the other priests are running and he knows Persian King Artaxerxes I is a real threat. These new priests must 'get their temple house in order' because God is about to do a new work. A messenger is coming to reunite and purify all of Israel. This Messenger is Jesus.

The Visible Results

<u>Sunday Attendance</u>	<u>7-Jul</u>	<u>14-Jul</u>
Worship	210	210
Bible Study	116	119

Financial Figures

	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>Jun YTD Budget</u>	<u>Jun YTD Actual</u>
Receipts	\$720,000	\$360,000	\$321,093
Expenses	\$720,000	\$360,000	\$348,214
Net Total			(\$ 27,122)

REMINDER: When submitting a receipt for reimbursement, please keep all personal purchases separate by putting church expenses on a **different** receipt.



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Join us as we do, love, & walk together

Sunday Mornings . . .

8:45 — Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall)

9:45 — Bible Study (All Buildings)

Learn to do, love, and walk like Christ in Bible study.

10:00 — Coffee with the Pastor (Canada Room)

- First Sunday - for visitors & new members' with questions
- Third Sunday - for anyone to talk about pressing issue(s)

11:00 — Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Wednesday Evenings (Sept—mid-May) . . .

5:00 — Fellowship Dinner

First Wednesday of each month, the church provides
a free dinner for the community.

6:00 — Activities for all ages

Small Groups . . .

Check the website for details (www.firstbaptistwboro.org)

Church Staff and Contact Information

Kim CookCustodian
Nate Dove Minister to Families with Youth
Mary Alice Downs Organist
Lynn Fields Ministry Assistant
Carrie Jones Weekday Preschool Director
Larry Jones Minister of Music & Worship
Kathy Melton Pianist
Brenda Miller Financial Administrator
Barrett Owen Senior Pastor
Lacey Wondree Minister to Families with Children

Prayer Requests:

- **By Telephone:** 949-8187—leave a message to be taken to prayer room.
- **Submit online request:** go to website MEMBERS page, Prayer Ministry; follow “submit” link to the request form. Requests are submitted immediately to staff.
- **Immediate Prayer — 943-2815**

Sunday/Wednesday Rides:

Rick Landes — 540-480-0420

Text to Give: 540-709-7392



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At a Glance . . .

JULY

- 21 VBS Decorating: 12:15pm
- 22-26 VBS: 5:30-8pm
- 24 Planning Committee: 7pm (Conf Rm)
- 28 5th/6th Grades Joint SS
- 31 Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7pm

AUGUST

- 4 Promotion Sunday / Recognize new 50-Year members
- 5 Mission Morning (Kids): 10-11am
Sr. Saints Team Meeting: 10am (Library)
- 6 Mission Action: 7pm (Conf Rm)
- 11 Faith-n- Film: *Black Panther* (Wayne Theatre)
- 12 Church Council: 7pm (Faith Classroom)
- 13 Personnel Committee: 4pm (Conf Rm)
- 14 Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7pm
- 15 Stewardship Committee: 5:30pm (Conf Rm)
- 16 Meal Gathering (Kids) 6pm
- 19 Diaconate: 7pm (Faith Classroom)
- 21 Food, Faith & Fellowship: 5:30pm (Coyner Springs)
- 25 Sunday Night Live: 5:30-7pm
- 28 WEF / Back to School Kick-Off: 5-7pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Next Business Meeting:
September 4, 6:30pm



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Next Issue: August 2 — Articles should be submitted **IN WRITING** or via e-mail to office@fbcwboro.org by noon on Monday, July 29.