



125 Sedgefield Street
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THE FIRST WORD

June 2022

First Baptist Family,

Summer is finally here! You probably have some vacation plans lined up and trips you're ready to take. I know I do. It's good for all of us to get away from time to time, so that we can rest and recharge our batteries. Rest and Sabbath are spiritual disciplines, after all. While you take some time to recharge in the coming weeks, I also want to let you know about some events and activities we have planned for June, events and activities that might even help you in your efforts to rest and recharge.

First, I want to let you know that it's not too late to join our Move Group. This group meets at Sugar Hollow Park on Mondays and Wednesdays to walk together. It's an opportunity for exercise, for fellowship, and for raising money for good causes. And I don't know about you, but I find time spent outside in our beautiful parks to be incredibly relaxing. If you'd like to learn more, please see me, Adrienne Osbourne, or check out the church website www.fcbristol.org where you can find more information and sign up. Helping others is also something that rejuvenates me, and we have a way for you to do just that, too. We're also continuing to collect socks and underwear for Ukraine. If you're interested in contributing, you can drop your donation off in the hallway between the office and the preschool hall. We'll be working with Gennady and Mina Podgaisky to get those items into Ukraine later this summer.

Second, we're going to be taking our summer break on Wednesday nights beginning this month. Wednesday, June 1 will be our last Bible study before the break. Then, on Wednesday, June 8, we're going to have a cookout and our homemade ice cream contest. We'll start festivities at 6 PM. Bring enough of your favorite summertime dessert to share with others. And if you make homemade ice cream, enter it into our contest. We'll have prizes for the winners!

Third, Sunday, June 12 is going to be a special day that you don't want to miss. In worship we're going to be joined by the God's Light Youth Choir from the First United Methodist Church of Smyrna, Georgia. God's Light is directed by Kim Duggins, someone many of you will remember since she grew up here at First Baptist Bristol. We're all looking forward to their concert. Then, that evening from 6 PM to 8 PM Vacation Bible School will begin. It will last through Wednesday, June 15 and it will be Monumental! If you're interested in volunteering or if you're interested in signing your children up, please let us know in the church office. The following Sunday, June 19, we'll celebrate Father's Day and VBS Sunday, when we'll recognize the Father-like figures in the church and our kids will sing some of the songs they learned over the course of the week.

Finally, our youth will be going to Unidiversity Camp at Maryville College in Maryville, TN on Monday, June 27. They'll return on Friday, July 1. This is always an important event for our youth program, so I want to encourage you to pray for Ben, all the chaperones, and all the students. Please pray that they might have a fun and spiritually forming experience while they're away.

Summer is a time for rest and rejuvenation, but I think that you will find the events and activities listed above will allow you to do just that. I hope that you will join us for as many of them as you can. I know that you will be glad that you did. As always, it is a joy to be your pastor!

Grace and Peace,

Kris

FBC PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE Business Meeting - July 2022

Article IV - Business Meetings

The annual business meeting shall be held on the second **week** in December for the purpose of electing officers, receiving the report of the Ministry Team, and adopting the Annual Church Budget.

Personnel Handbook

(Replaces existing FBB Policy Manual)

The proposed Personnel Handbook is now available to review on Realm. If you are a member of FBB you have access to the handbook under the resources tab in your Congregation group. If you are not on Realm, email the church office and a pdf version will be emailed to you.

Church Property Disposal



It has been the determination of the Board of Administration to dispose of the 2001 Chevrolet Handicap Van. According to church policy, the Board will be accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the van. It currently needs to have two catalytic converters replaced. If you wish to look at the van and/or place a bid, please contact Terri Thomas at 276-669-8191 or email terri@fbcbristol.org. The bids will be accepted in the church office until Friday, June 24, 2022.

CHILDREN & YOUTH



2022 Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 12 - Wednesday June 15
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

We will need workers in all areas- Recreation, Games, Crafts, Storytelling, Music, Food, Decoration Team, and Registration. A flexible schedule will be provided if you cannot work every night. See Ben for further details.

Terrific Tuesday

Save the following dates on your calendar:

June 21, 2022-TBA

July 12, 2022-TBA

Watch for what events Ben has planned on these dates for the children!

Youth Camp 2022 Unidiversity to Maryville College

We depart June 27 at 9:30 a.m. from FBC and
Return July 1 at 1:30 p.m. to FBC

What is required to go?

1. Commitment to work at any fundraiser to offset the cost.
OR
2. Commitment to pay \$180 toward your cost.
3. If you have scheduling conflicts- alternative work projects can be scheduled.
4. Willingness to follow all rules set up.

TO REGISTER:

Turn in registration envelope, \$50, and
a Medical Release for 2022 to Ben Ondrak

Mission 2022 To Charleston, South Carolina July 16-24

We are working with
Sea Island Habitat for Humanity
helping build a family home.

We are staying at the
James Island Presbyterian Church Mission House.

The base cost is \$100
or commitment to work for 10 hours to offset the cost.
There are also training hours required TBA.
Flex times are available if needed.

Notes from Leigh...

By the time you read this article, Mark and I will be back from our trip to Turkey! We love to travel and especially enjoy international trips. We find traveling broadens our perspective and enlightens our understanding of other cultures. We have traveled to many countries over the years, and it is exhilarating to see the beauty and vastness of God's creation! We especially enjoy visiting places that have historical and Biblical importance. Our trip to Turkey will include a visit to Ephesus which will be very exciting. We look forward to sharing stories from our adventure when we return.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Sunday, June 12, the God's Light Youth Choir under the direction of Kim Ballad Duggins will present music during our worship service. She is a former member of the youth choir from First Baptist Church. The 32 member choir is from Atlanta, and we are the final stop on their summer tour. We look forward to their music and their visit with us at First Baptist Bristol. You won't want to miss this!

Finally, I hope that you have a wonderful and exciting summer. Enjoy your travels and your vacations. But when you're in town, please be faithful to be in worship – it's not the same without you!

Blessings, Leigh



Ballad Health Hospice provides **personal care kits** for patients being cared for in their homes. First Baptist Church has received a request to help with this ministry. The Mission Team is going to coordinate the collection of the kits. Bags containing a list of suggested items will be available on **June 5**. The bags need to be returned to the church by June 26. A box will be placed in the hallway between the church office and the CLC.

Gift Card Shower

**Braden Talbert &
Hunter Beckham**

FBC extends our congratulations to this couple in their up and coming marriage. During the month of May, drop off your gift cards in the basket located in the main office at First Baptist Bristol.

Library Lines

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It's summer! You'll want to be sure to have good books on hand to delight, entertain, and educate the little ones. Your FBC Library has lots of great books with eye-catching illustrations and subtly didactic texts. Among these are *Marshmallow Clouds and Other Yummy Things I Wish God Had Made* by Leslie Parrott; *Rainbow Fish to the Rescue & Rainbow Fish and the Sea Monsters' Cave* by Marcus Pfister; *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev; *What If Everybody Said That?* by Ellen Javernick; *The Crayon Box That Talked* by Shane DeRolf; and our newest, *Dwayne the Contractor Uses a Hammer* by Dwayne A. Jones. Dwayne Jones has traveled on mission trips spending time with children at orphanages. He has built homes, including tiny homes, and done projects for the homeless using his trusty hammer and other tools.

~May Tabor



Technology Fund Update:


As many of you have noticed, the screen in the sanctuary is getting harder and harder to see on Sunday mornings. That's because the projector we've had for many years is beginning to go out. Additionally, our screen, which we've had for decades, is incredibly weathered. Because we understand the need to improve our video capabilities in the sanctuary, the Board of Administration has begun researching the best way to do just that. We've been in contact with Higher Ground Technologies, the same company who installed our sound system and live-streaming equipment. We're still gathering information, but it currently appears as though our best option would be to mount two large monitors above the side doors exiting the sanctuary and roll up the screen permanently. We also understand the importance of keeping the current aesthetic in the sanctuary. We will keep you up to date as we learn more and if any recommendations change. One thing we can update you on, however, is the proposed way to pay for these updates. Rather than taking any money out of the general operating budget, something that would require a congregational vote, the Board of Administration is recommending that we use our existing Technology Fund instead. By using the Technology Fund, we can simply move forward with the project once all the details are finalized, and people have contributed enough money to the fund to pay for the project. If you would like to see our video capabilities in the sanctuary improve, we invite you to make a donation over and above your tithe to the Technology Fund. We cannot move forward with this project until we have all of the money on hand to pay for it.

First Baptist Church of Bristol Staff

Dr. Kris Aaron.....Senior Pastor
 Rev. Ben Ondrak.....Associate Pastor
 Rev. Leigh Clark.....Minister of Music
 Mrs. Jackie Burnette.....Pianist
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Deacon of the Week for June

June 05, 2022	Matt Chandler
June 12, 2022	Nancy Hyde
June 19, 2022	Linda Pruner
June 26, 2022	Melissa Roberts

FBC Minister On-Call Schedule

June 04 & 05	Rev. Ben Ondrak (423) 217-8934
June 11 & 12	Dr. Kris Aaron (803) 225-0795
June 18 & 19	Rev. Ben Ondrak (423) 217-8934
June 25 & 26	Dr. Kris Aaron (803) 225-0795