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NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST JACKSON

JULY 2020

A note from Pastor Troy

FBCJ Family,

God is so faithful! Our world is experiencing some tumultuous times, but I am reminded “there is nothing new under the sun.” (Ecclesiastes 1:9) While we have been presented with a variety of challenges, our Lord has been faithful to guide us by His Spirit and calling on His saints to pray and answering those prayers. Many of you have experienced this firsthand, and others are still waiting for God’s hand to move...be encouraged; our Lord has never stopped working!

July brings us many new opportunities as we now have two worship services at 9:30am and 11am. These services are identical so plan to attend the one that best fits your schedule and needs. We also will have Sunday school and Bible study opportunities at 8am, 9:30am, and 11 am on Sunday morning as well as various other times. Be sure and check with your Sunday School teacher about when your class will be meeting. You may need to sign up for a specific class time if you are in a larger class. I will be teaching an open Bible study at 6pm Sunday evenings in the sanctuary based on the scripture passage from the morning’s sermon. Daniel will be teaching the college students at that time, and Randy will be teaching the Sunday School curriculum in the fellowship hall for those who desire more social distancing. You can call the church office if you have any questions. (573-243-8415)

On Wednesday nights at 6pm, Daniel will be working with the students, I’ll be helping with children’s ministry, and Randy will be leading Bible study and prayer meeting.

Speaking of children—the children’s ministry is open again! Children of all ages through 6th grade need to be checked in anytime between 9:30am and noon. Everyone checks in on the main floor and nursery through kindergarten stay on the main floor (Waumbaland) and 1st-6th grades go upstairs (UpStreet). All children will have their temperature checked when they register. NOTE: any child with a fever 100.4 or above cannot check in, nor can any child that lives in the same household. For everyone’s safety, if you or anyone in your family has a fever or any other symptoms, please stay home and worship with us online.

A huge thank you and blessings to all of our staff and volunteers who have worked extra hard through this pandemic to enable us to continue to minister to our church family and community. Also thank you to the church as a whole for faithful giving that has allowed us to fund all of our missions and ministries through this time.

I’m so glad to see your faces again, and I am super excited about all that the Lord is doing in and around us. Do not be distracted by the words and works of the enemy, but stay focused on presenting the Gospel to the nations! “May His name endure forever; as long as the sun shines, may His fame increase. May all nations be blessed by him and call him blessed.” Psalm 72:17

Pastor Troy

GREETINGS FROM JOSHUA!

Hello First Baptist Jackson!

What a pleasure it is to be back with you, but this time as a staff member. For those who do not know me, I cannot wait to meet and get to know you and your family! The Lord has blessed me greatly with this job, and I want to do my best to serve the people of this local body. To do that, I want you all to get to know me a bit better, so here is a little info about me. I graduated from Jackson High School in 2018 and soon went to Southeast Missouri State to further my education. I began to study vocal music education in hopes to become a High School choir teacher. However, the Lord led me to a different path than what I had first planned. In August of 2019, I decided not to go back to SEMO and I applied for Ethnos360 Bible Institute (formerly known as New Tribes Mission) and in November I was accepted! That journey begins this year, on August 28th, when I move to Waukesha, Wisconsin to start my training at the institute. I will be studying the entire Bible, chronologically for 2 years, and soaking up everything the Lord has to offer while I'm away. I have not planned what will happen after these 2 years, but there are a few options. Those options include: being a youth pastor, collegiate pastor, short-term missionary, or continuing a biblical education. The Lord will lead and guide me down a path when I get to that bridge, no need to worry about the future now, because "tomorrow will be anxious for itself."

So here we are today! Employed with the church I grew up in, I guess the saying rings true, *you'll always find your way back home*. I would love to meet you and put a name to a face, or reconnect with you over coffee. Although my time here is short, eternity lasts forever, so might as well start making friends now! If you and your family would like to know more about me, let me know. I am always willing to meet and fellowship—especially if there is food involved. You can take the kid out of a Southern Baptist church, but you can't take the Southern Baptist out of the kid!! So come say hello!!

Grace and Peace

Joshua Humphreys

Randy's Remarks

We are beginning our "NEXT PHASE" of church as we respond to the Coronavirus limitations. I am looking forward to getting back to "normal" (hand shakes and hugs) but that will still be a little while longer and being cautious. I am so proud of our church family's response and cooperation to the guidelines set by our Governor and health officials. "This too, shall pass" but it will take time.

So . . . on July 5th, we adjust to "Phase II". We can meet together in Sunday School (Bible Study) in our classrooms, but with limited attendance regulations. We are measuring all our classrooms and making a determination as to how many can safely attend in the room. Here are your options:

- Meet at 8:00 a.m. for Sunday School "A", then Worship at 9:30 a.m
- Meet at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School "B", then Worship at 11:00 a.m

If your class is too big for the space available, then your class can separate (temporarily) and attend Sunday School "A" or "B". Another option is a "make up" class in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings if you cannot make Sunday School that morning. I will be teaching that class. Start thinking about your choices and be ready on Sunday, July 5th.

Also, on Wednesday nights beginning July 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, I will be leading a six week class on "Apologetics-Defending Your Faith" and why we believe what we believe. My plan is to serve sandwiches and beverages as we learn "around the supper table". Everyone is invited, but you will need to let me know if you are coming (so I will make enough sandwiches)! Notebooks and study sheets will be available. Call me at (573) 987-8096 or the church office (573) 243-8415 to register.

Let's enter "Phase II" with excitement and a cooperative spirit!

Brother Randy

Announcements & Upcoming Events

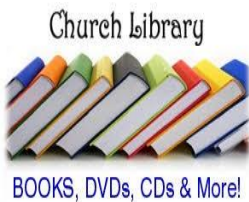


CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



We need workers for Nursery and Toddlers in our Pre-School (Waumbaland) area beginning Sunday, July 5 from 11:00—a.m.-12:15 p.m. We need 1 worker for Nursery and 1 worker for Toddlers that would be willing to serve on a weekly basis. We are also looking for anyone that wants to serve on our rotation list for (Nursery-Kindergarten) from 11:00 am.-12:15 p.m on Sundays. Also, need workers on Wed. evenings in the Waumbaland area. Please call or text Judy Harris (573) 382-1421 if you can help with these requests.

Our Summer Book Club will be offered on Wednesday evenings beginning Wednesday, July 8 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 pm. in our UpStreet children's area for Grades 1-6.



CHURCH LIBRARY IS OPEN!

You are invited to come and visit our church library during the week (M-Thurs 8:30a-4:00p). We have added many new and donated items to our inventory. If you prefer, you can call the church office with special requests and set up a time to have items delivered to your home.

JOIN THE MEDIA TEAM!

Seeking volunteers, with a willing spirit and media experience or who are willing to learn, to join our Media Team and assist with Sunday morning worship services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, July 5. Contact Pastor Daniel (636) 248-6083 for more info and to sign up.

Senior Adult Picnic

Wed. July 22 5:00 p.m.

Jackson City Park, Pavilion #1

BBQ meat and homemade ice cream will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

ACTEENS NEWS

Diane Miinch



The Acteens girls in grades 7-12 will be leaving Sunday June 28 for their summer mission trip to Peaceful Valley Camp. They will be return Thursday July 2. There will be bible study, clean up and fix up work at camp, and some time for fellowship and fun activities.

We will be collecting a Love Offering for Peaceful Valley Camp on Sunday July 5. Our church goal is \$3,000. If you would like to give an offering, you can write a check to the church and on the memo line of the check or on your offering envelope, please indicate that it is for Peaceful Valley Camp. All churches that are a part of the Cape Girardeau Baptist Association are asked to take up an offering for the upkeep and expenses of the camp. The camp lost revenue this summer as they were not able to have girls and boys summer camps due to COVID-19. For more info about Peaceful Valley, visit their website at <http://www.pvcamp.com>

The Acteens will be having a garage sale fundraiser at The Bridge on Wed. July 8 and Thursday July 9 from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. each day. We are accepting donations through Tues. July 7. You can bring items to The Bridge during regular office hours 8:30a-4:00p (M-Thurs). Please do not leave items outside the building. Call the church office when you arrive and someone will come and assist you. All proceeds will go toward the Acteens summer mission trip to Peaceful Valley Camp and Light of Life Girls Day Center in Bangladesh.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Glenda Ford	23	Hudson O'Hare
2	Danny Cook	23	Laura Robinson
3	Gary Ashcraft	25	Trey Webb
8	Mary Barnes	26	Don Ford
8	Sarah Fetterhoff	26	Donna Miller
11	Cleta Mandrelle	29	Betty Riser
12	Frank Roberts	30	Janet Wolfe
13	Tyson Primm	31	Med Baker
14	Marilyn Hamilton		
14	Kim Riley		
15	Layla White		
18	Ella Berry		
20	Anna Maasen		
21	Larkin Powell		
22	Donna Overbeck		



2	Don & Carolyn Cannon	55 yrs
2	Dennis & Barbara Hurst	59 yrs
15	Pastor Troy & Kim	31 yrs
18	David & Pat Johnson	62 yrs
18	Pastor Daniel & Anna	5 yrs
21	Jack & Cleta Mandrelle	53 yrs
22	Jonathan & Kimber Parks	14 yrs
25	Scott & Tracy Fetterhoff	28 yrs
30	Wayne & Marlys Ford	55 yrs
30	Steve & Donna Stedman	35 yrs

Encouragement for Today

Feeling Overwhelmed?

Do you ever feel overwhelmed? How do you deal with stress? Has that changed for you over the years? I sometimes feel myself thinking about that, especially lately, during these recent times.

Some people "internalize" stress, either dealing with it on the inside, or perhaps not dealing with it at all. You might not even realize these folks have any stress in their lives. Maybe they were taught to "keep a stiff upper lip" and to work their way through whatever comes their way. Unfortunately, for some, this way of "dealing" with stress can take its toll through physical symptoms and ailments . . . Sound familiar? Then there are those who wear stress on the outside – you can't miss it! Short tempers, just a little "snippy", maybe this sounds familiar. Have you learned to navigate stress more effectively through the years, or do you still struggle with it? This is for sure: stress can affect you on several levels, including physically, emotionally, and spiritually. It can affect your home life, your work life, your relationships.

What can be done?

I have some practical advice (yours to take or leave, as you see fit).

Pray about your "yes" and "no" answers. You don't have to say yes to every request. Ask God what He would have you do, then do it. Don't feel pressure from people to do things He would not want you to do. Seek His will above all else.

Are you getting good rest? I know when I am not resting well, it affects how I deal with stress. Take a nap if you need to. Yes, you have permission!

Eat well and get exercise. I know, when I am stressed, the last thing I want to do is watch what I eat or to get exercise, but these can seriously have an effect! A good walk always helps me relieve stress.

Now, what does scripture say about stress? Don't let Satan overwhelm you! Give your cares to God. 1 Peter 5:7 reminds us to "cast all your worries on him because he cares for you." He doesn't say ignore them, just to give them to Him.

Philippians 4:6-7 says "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Need more reassurance? Try these:

Psalms 61:2-3 "From the ends of the earth, I will cry to you for help, for my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the towering rock of safety, for You are my safe refuge, a fortress where my enemies cannot reach me."

Matthew 6:34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Give it to Him.

Doesn't that make you feel better, safer, less stressed already?

Brenda Stroer

Learn His Word

July Reading Plan

1 1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30; Psalm 78:67-72; Proverbs 20:6-7; Acts 10:24-48

2 2 Chronicles 1:1-2:18; Psalm 79:1-4; Proverbs 20:8-9; Acts 11:1-30

3 2 Chronicles 3:1-4:22; Psalm 79:5-10; Proverbs 20:10-12; Acts 12:1-25

4 2 Chronicles 5:1-6:42; Psalm 79:11-13; Proverbs 20:13-14; Acts 13:1-25

5 2 Chronicles 7:1-8:18; Psalm 80:1-6; Proverbs 20:15; Acts 13:26-52

6 2 Chronicles 9:1-10:19; Psalm 80:7-13; Proverbs 20:16-18; Acts 14:1-28

7 2 Chronicles 11:1-12:16; Psalm 80:14-19; Proverbs 20:19-21; Acts 15:1-21

8 2 Chronicles 13:1-14:15; Psalm 81:1-5; Proverbs 20:22-23; Acts 15:22-41

9 2 Chronicles 15:1-16:14; Psalm 81:6-10; Proverbs 20:24-25; Acts 16:1-21

10 2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34; Psalm 81:11-16; Proverbs 20:26-28; Acts 16:22-40

11 2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37; Psalm 82:1-8; Proverbs 20:29-30; Acts 17:1-15

12 2 Chronicles 21:1-22:12; Psalm 83:1-8; Proverbs 21:1; Acts 17:16-34

13 2 Chronicles 23:1-24:27; Psalm 83:9-18; Proverbs 21:2-3; Acts 18:1-28

14 2 Chronicles 25:1-27:9; Psalm 84:1-7; Proverbs 21:4-5; Acts 19:1-20

15 2 Chronicles 28:1-29:36; Psalm 84:8-12; Proverbs 21:6-8; Acts 19:21-4

16 2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21; Psalm 85:1-7; Proverbs 21:9-11; Acts 20:1-16

17 2 Chronicles 32:1-33:25; Psalm 85:8-13; Proverbs 21:12; Acts 20:17-38

18 2 Chronicles 34:1-36:23; Psalm 86:1-5; Proverbs 21:13-14; Acts 21:1-17

19 Ezra 1:1-2:70; Psalm 86:6-10; Proverbs 21:15-16; Acts 21:18-40

20 Ezra 3:1-4:24; Psalm 86:11-17; Proverbs 21:17-18; Acts 22:1-30

21 Ezra 5:1-6:22; Psalm 87:1-7; Proverbs 21:19-20; Acts 23:1-15

22 Ezra 7:1-8:36; Psalm 88:1-5; Proverbs 21:21-22; Acts 23:16-35

23 Ezra 9:1-10:44; Psalm 88:6-10; Proverbs 21:23-24; Acts 24:1-27

24 Nehemiah 1:1-2:20; Psalm 88:11-18; Proverbs 21:25-26; Acts 25:1-27

25 Nehemiah 3:1:5:19; Psalm 89:1-4; Proverbs 21:27; Acts 26:1-32

26 Nehemiah 6:1-7:73; Psalm 89:5-10; Proverbs 21:28; Acts 27:1-26

27 Nehemiah 8:1-9:38; Psalm 89:11-18; Proverbs 21:29-31; Acts 27:27-44

28 Nehemiah 10:1-11:36; Psalm 89:19-29; Proverbs 22:1-2; Acts 28:1-31

29 Nehemiah 12:1-13:31; Psalm 89:30-37; Proverbs 22:3-4; Romans 1:1-32

30 Esther 1:1-2:23; Psalm 89:38-45; Proverbs 22:5-6; Romans 2:1-29

31 Esther 3:1-4:17; Psalm 89:46-52; Proverbs 22:7-8; Romans 3:1-31

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July Calendar

June 28-July 2	Acteens Mission Trip
July 5	Worship at 9:30a & 11:00a Adult Sunday School 8:00a, 9:30a, 6:00p Children's Sunday School 9:30a-12:15p 4:00p Calendaring 6:00p College Bible Study 6:00p Bible Study with Pastor Troy
July 8-9	7:00a-1:00p Acteens Garage Sale
July 8	6:00p Prayer & Bible Study 6:00p UpStreet Book Club (Gr. 1-6)
July 12	12:00p UpStreet Team Meeting 4:00p Personnel Committee 5:15p Committee on Committees
July 13	10:00a Historical Committee 5:45p Finance Committee 6:30p Deacons Meeting
July 22	5:00p Senior Adult Picnic