

The Friendly Communicator

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <u>9AM</u> Sunday School/Adult bible study <u>10:15 AM</u> Worship	3	4 Independence Day: office closed.	5	6	7	8
9 <u>9AM</u> Sunday School/Adult bible study <u>10:15 AM</u> Worship	10 Boards/Council meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16 <u>9AM</u> Sunday School/Adult bible study <u>10:15 AM</u> Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <u>9AM</u> Sunday School/Adult bible study <u>10:15 AM</u> Worship	24	25 <u>10:30AM</u> MCC Tour	26	27	28	29
30 <u>9AM</u> Sunday School/Adult bible study <u>10:15 AM</u> Worship	31					

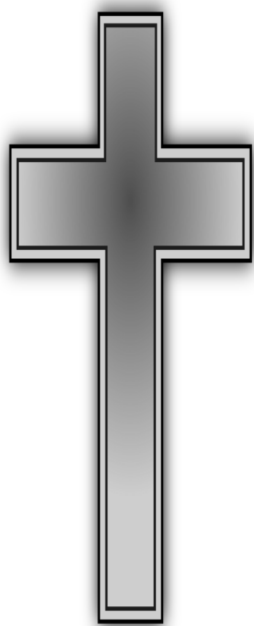
From the Pastor's Desk...

As I approach 25 years as the Pastor of First Baptist, I've been doing a lot of reflecting on what I hoped to accomplish in pastoral ministry. I found it stated clearly in the words of John M. Moore written in the late 1940s in a piece titled "The Church of My Dreams." Moore writes:

This is the church of my dreams;
A church adequate for the task,
The church of the warm heart,
Of the open mind,
Of the adventurous spirit,
The church that cares,
That heals hurt lives,
That comforts old people,
That challenges youth;
That knows no divisions of culture or class...

Wow! A kindred spirit! Are we there yet?
I think we're pretty close.

Pastor Mark



FROM THE DIREKTR

God created us to be instruments with the ability to sing and make music. Music is an important part of worship and praise to God, so it only seems fitting that bible verses about music can be found throughout scripture.

Psalm 95:1 tells us to sing with joy to the Lord while Ephesians 5:19 tells us to use psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to praise the Lord. Psalm 105:2 says that our singing will tell of the wonderful works of God while Psalm 150:1-5 says our singing will praise his acts of power and greatness. In 2 Chronicles 5:13, Scripture says our singing will tell that God's love endures forever.

Now that the choirs have taken a hiatus for the summer, our singing will take on a new dimension as the congregation lifts their collective voice in song. We will still have those who choose to share their individual talents in worship and we are blessed because of their generosity. But the song of the church is first and foremost the song of the gathered congregation.

When we sing as the Body of Christ, we are offering up our praise for God's mighty works and awesome power. Our song shares the wonderful things God has done and continues to do for each of us and this community. Our song tells all who can hear that God's love endures forever. These are powerful reasons to sing. Make sure you add your voice to the song this summer as we praise God, pray through music, and proclaim our glorious faith.

Mary Schecher

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Judith Borger
- 2 Dorothy Phinney
- 2 Becky Holl
- 2 Katherine Kloecker
- 3 Harry Hertel
- 3 Deb Zimmer
- 4 Randy Holmes
- 6 Doug Nowakowski
- 8 Arlene Canitz
- 12 Gloria Hernandez
- 16 Nancy Koss
- 18 Dianne Reichter
- 19 Diane Paprocki
- 20 Barbara Borger
- 20 Jane Zunker
- 22 Chrissy Thayer
- 26 Bethany Gross
- 27 Marie Paprocki
- 27 Mike Shawgo
- 27 Pat Shawgo
- 29 Mike Wyszowski

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

- 22 Brayden House
- 25 Nicholas Matthews

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Rick & Linda Boardman
- 5 Kathy & Rick Vichich
- 11 Ted Hertel Jr. & Maggie Ley
- 14 Craig & Becky Holl
- 23 Justin & Chrissy Thayer
- 29 Mike & Anne Wyszowski
- 30 David & Karen Denson
- 30 Jon & Joy Gage

If we have inadvertently missed your special day, please accept our apologies, and let the office know so we can change our records.

Prayer Concerns

Charles Graham, Michelle Caswell, Anne Wyszowski



Good Samaritan Outreach Center
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Located on 59th and Burnham in West Allis, Good Samaritan Outreach is a beacon of hope in the neighborhood. Currently, it serves over 1,200 people each month, distributing clothing, food, and some household items. Although the building is small, the impact on the area is big. They are always in need of non-perishable food, clothing and small household items. They are open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and would welcome any support that you could give them.

Our support of Good Samaritan Outreach Center comes in the form of a communion offering once a year which is greatly appreciated. As you get ready for summer, consider donating any unwanted items to Good Samaritan - they will find a new home for it.