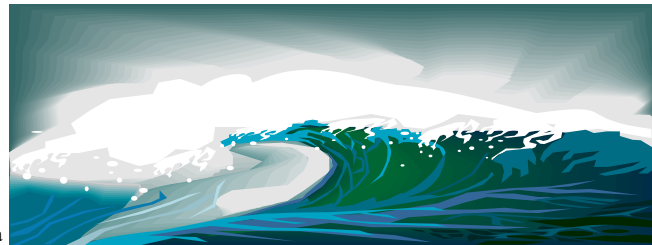




The *June 2021*
Anchor

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...Heb.6:19a



Summer has officially arrived and the month of June is upon us. It is during this time of the year, we think about having cookouts and how we will celebrate Father's Day. It's funny how both events seem to naturally go together, like peanut butter and jelly. In all seriousness, do we, as a nation, recognize the importance of fathers in our society?

Billy Graham once said, "A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." There is a lot of wisdom in that quote. Proverbs 22:6 says, ***"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*** As most of you know, I always say Mother's Day and Father's Day are the hardest days in the church because not everyone had good parents. In fact, we may have grown up with abusive parents or parents who were not engaged in our lives. But even then, we cannot carry that forward as an excuse to not be a better parent or parent-figure for our children. We should strive to be better. Some of us had dads who were terrific. They showed us love, how to do things, and how to be man, or how to grow to be strong woman. They may have had a tender voice, or stern voice, but we miss them all the same.

For those fathers and father-figures reading this article, know you have a tremendous responsibility for teaching your children and grandchildren the importance of loving and serving God. Do they see Christ in you? While we all agree that our children should be raised to "love God" that means more than just having them say they love God. It means having a life that honors God by loving God and loving others.

The Bible actually commands us to raise our children correctly. In Deuteronomy 6:4-9 God's Word says ***"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."*** Let us all use the month of June to be good dads and father-figures. Let us fulfill our responsibility to love the Lord as our heavenly father and to be an example to others. If we have male children, let us encourage them to be the best dads they can be. The little eyes are upon all of us as parents and grandparents. Let us do our part to point people to Christ, especially those whom God has entrusted us to be over – and that includes our children.

We'll never be perfect parents or grandparents. Lord knows, I'm not a perfect dad either. But, we can be parents and grandparents who love Jesus and have a desire to see our precious family members saved. Let us be the witness for the Lord that God has called us to be.

Perhaps, we can host a cookout for the family this year, and reminisce together on the love of our fathers.

In His service,

Pastor Toby



We have averaged 15 so far this quarter for Wednesday evening services. Several youth have tied for the attendance award. We ran into some transients during one of our meetings and were able to show the love of Jesus by feeding 6 of them. The youth have continued to send out cards to encourage and bless those in our church and community.

We attended the Ripley Senior parade on Friday before graduation and followed the parade with dinner at Bob Evans. Thanks to Abbi Woods who took photo's of the kids.

We presented all 8 graduates a gift at FBC on Graduation Sunday: Grace Shirley and Kaeleigh Grandon from Ripley High; Myna Jo Spencer, Hailey Durback and Hollie Hord from Ravenswood; Mary Beth Ritchie from University High and past youth and college graduate Nathanael Flesher from WVU-P. Those unable to attend were Ethan Wright and Jacob Murray

We will begin collecting sale items for the youth yard sale following the conclusion of Vacation Bible School on June 18. we appreciate your support of this big fund raiser for the Youth.

We are continuing our study of what it means to be a Christian. Do you believe in Jesus or do you want Jesus to change your life?

We are meeting on Sunday evenings now. We had a great time going to Snowbiz! More of those field trips are planned as well as a swimming party for the end of school and a trip to The Wilds safari in Ohio.

Another upcoming service will be an Elderly Help Week! This is like the Brothers Keeper at Home week last year. We hope to do some Christian service for those in our church.

I enjoy my time with the kids and ask continued prayer for all the youth in our church.

In His service,

Ann

Congratulations!



God's Cadets



Hard at Work!



The **Warrior Maiden** and **Dudley Dragon** visited church to tell us about VBS Knights of North Castle.

All kids are invited to come to be a part of the adventures starting June 14 at 6:00 (registration at 5:45).



Baptism and Taxes!



We were so happy to see Jordan Williams baptized! She's a lovely lady with a wonderful heart for the Lord.

Congratulations, Jordan!



Maybe you weren't aware that our own Marie DeLong worked diligently on community taxes throughout the tax season. The work was done through AARP but at the church this year due to COVID.

Thank you to Marie and the others who helped so many this year!

This and That



One of the jobs for church wide cleanup day was breaking the sidewalk up in front of the parsonage. Our strong guys— Zack Graham and John Wagoner led by Richard Massey to get the job done.

Well Done Guys!



John Stephenson and Jen Wagoner were the high scorers in the church for the 18-35 Corn Hole Tournament. Cass Bennett and Kolton Boothe won the junior tournament.

Over 70 people had a great time in the beautiful weather on that Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to the 18-35 class and Jo Hendricks for the work you did putting this fun time together.

The group was able to raise over \$700 for their activities.

Woohoo!

Winners!



Watchers!



and Tossers!

Watching the Game!



Friends and Fellowship!



Fun with Cornhole!



Boy Scouts Troup #43



The Boy Scout Troup #43 added to the service by presenting the colors and leading the pledge of allegiance.



Philip Lyons explains his project for his Eagle Scout badge. Following the service the presentation was made to Philip with a reception following.



Beau Bennett is the 2021 LKC Top Gun 3 Point Shootout Champion!

Beau is the 8th winner from Ravenswood since the competition began in 1987.

Way to go Beau! We're proud of you!

We Remember



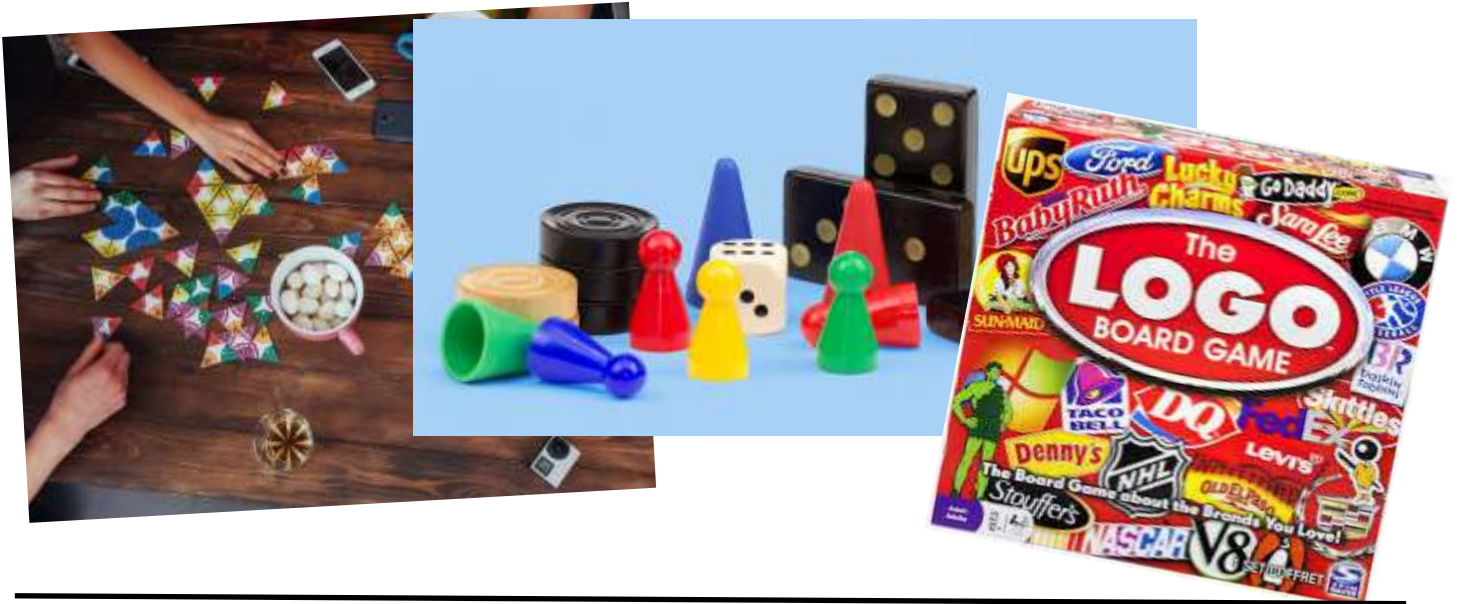
Friends and family come forward to light candles for our loved ones lost during the past year.



Game Day Is Back!

We are so excited to resume the Adult Game Day! This will be every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall. If you are retired, on vacation, bored or just need to see some friendly faces, come join us starting June 3.

Prepare to have a great time!!



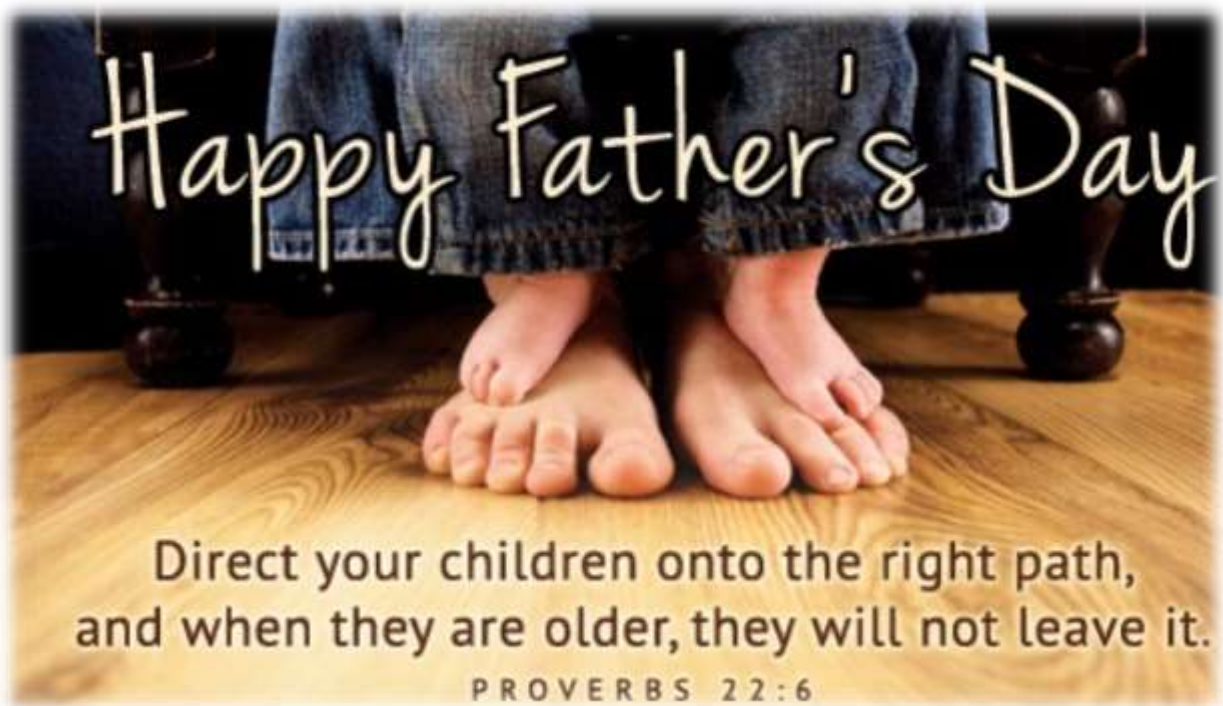
Welcome Kacie



Welcome our newest little one, Miss Kacie Claire Johnson, newborn daughter of Shealyn and Torren Johnson. She was born May 28 at 3:41 and 6lb 1/2 oz.

Helping to welcome her home was sister Emrie Ray.

Congratulations Johnson Family!



WHAT I'VE REALIZED IS THAT LIFE

DOESN'T COUNT FOR MUCH

UNLESS YOU'RE WILLING

to do your small part

to leave our children

—all of our children—

a better world.

Any fool can have a child.

THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOU A FATHER.

IT'S THE COURAGE TO RAISE

a child that

makes you a father.

Barack Obama

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

When water comes to a village, everything changes. It touches every area of life—literally and figuratively! Having clean water close by means that when women in Nicaragua don't have to spend their whole day walking to the source, they might have other opportunities for learning or vocational growth. Children in Kenya no longer spend their days carrying heavy buckets, but instead they can go to school. Improved sanitation slows the spread of disease, so there is less preventable illness. Crops thrive in Vietnam, meaning that food security and nutrition improve in the whole community. Families can spend more time together.

Isaiah 49:8-12 articulates a stunning vision for a world of justice and equity; a world where everyone has enough, and all live in safety and abundance. It is also a vision for a world of interconnectedness. In this vision, what is good for you is also good for your neighbor; what is good for one country is good for the whole world; and what harms any one of us harms us all.

That Kingdom kind of vision runs through the work that we share in together through One Great Hour of Sharing—much like the stream that runs through Isaiah's Kingdom vision. Human-made constructs of one sort or another too often hinder human thriving, shoring up resources for some while leaving many to suffer. A world built on that sort of imbalance is counter to God's dream for creation. To help bring about that more just, abundant vision for humanity, One Great Hour of Sharing supports projects around the world that create opportunity and empower communities. Through global partnerships, your offerings promote food security; enable health and wellness programs; support education and vocational training; and of course—provide access to clean, safe water.

When you continue to give generously, you continue to give life—in the form of water and so much more—to people in need around the world. You continue to build on the dream of a world in which there is no thirst, no hunger, no suffering... just the abundance of life in a living stream.





VBS IS COMING!

And we can use your help!

We are in the process of gathering items for our FBC VBS June 14-18. This year is going to be beyond fun!! If you are willing to help with some of the items listed below, please mark them VBS and drop them off at the church Fellowship Hall.

And thanks for helping us make this a super great year!!

Craft Supplies

Cereal Boxes, toilet paper & paper towel empty rolls
Felt 9x12 any color and/or scraps
25 foam boards (dollar tree)
Orange, red, yellow tissue paper larger than 25 inches
5 foil (75 sq ft)
Glue
Black construction paper
Foam plates

Science

Large trash can
Play dough
Matches
Shower curtain liner
2 bungee cords
Painters tape
Dixie cups

Food

2 bags large pretzels rods
White melting chocolate
1 bag big marshmallows
1 large jar peanut butter
1 large jar jelly
Big bag gummy lifesavers
Hug kids drinks
4 oz bottled water
2lbs sliced turkey
2lbs sliced ham
2 large bags cheese puffs
4 bags cookies (variety)
Cheese sticks big bag
Hot dogs



If you would like to donate money toward the purchase of these items, please make your check to First Baptist Church with VBS in the memo.

Thank you!

Focus on Sunday School:



Five Things God Wants You to Remember in Trying Times

You know, God is always thinking about us. He remembers us by our own name—even before we are born. He loves every single person so much that He sent Jesus to die for us. And here are some things that God wants us to take to heart and remember every single day.

1. **You're never, ever alone.** Good times and bad.
2. **Nothing takes Him by surprise.** It's all been done before.
3. **When you're weak, He is strong.** That's when He works best.
4. **He's the God of new beginnings.** After all, He created everything.
5. **His love never gives up on us.** He's always there.

My flesh and my heart my fail, but God is the strength of my heart, my portion forever. Psalms 73:26

June Calendar

- June 1 One Great Hour of Sharing Begins**
- June 3 Deaconess Meeting**
- June 5 Women's Conference at Parchment Valley**
- June 7 Red Cross Blood Drive; Trustee Meeting**
- June 13-19 Jr Hi Camp at Cowen**
- June 14-18 Vacation Bible School**
- June 15 Financial Committee Meeting**
- June 20 Father's Day; Brother's Keeper begins**
- June 24 CIRCLE**

June Birthdays



Bryan Crow—6/1
Tara Davis—6/3
Cody Williams—6/7
Danny Dzierzanski—6/8
Anna Bailes—6/13
Benjamin Crow—6/14
Aaron Wagoner—6/17
Stephen Thompson—6/20
Pauline Walker—6/29

**Is your birthday name missing?
Tell Susan**

**Bible Book of the Month
June 2021**

Numbers



CommUnity Kitchen

June 5 Burt Lyons
June 12 FUMC
June 19 Episcopal Church
June 26 Open

If your family or group would like to help out with this ministry, please contact the office. Thank you.

CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer for our fellow members is an important part of our relationship with the Lord and helps us to grow closer as a church family. Each day during this month there is a different individual or family that you are asked to include in your prayers.



June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jody Tolbert	2 Dale & Anna Vanderlaan	3 Dorothy Varney	4 Toby & Jennifer Wagoner, Aaron, Hannah	5 John Wagoner
6 Pauline Walker	7 Janyce Watkins	8 Megan Watkins	9 Susan West	10 Danny & Kim Westmoreland	11 Dan & Amy Williams, Cody, Kenley Hickman	12 Nick Williams
13 Dave & Dena Williams	14 Jordan Williams	15 Mike & Cara Williams, Marcus	16 Deshone Williams	17 Kerry Wines	18 Jennie Wise	19 Janet Wood
20 Kevin & Abbi Woods	21 Taylor Woods	22 Geraldine Wright	23 Brandon & Ashlee Wyant Connor, Beckett	24 Sharon Adkins	25 Alan & Gusta Arrington	26 Micah & Polly Arrington
27 Anna Bailes	28 Gary & Pam Balser	29 Doug & Debbie Bashaw	30 Joshua Bashaw, Sara, Luke			

