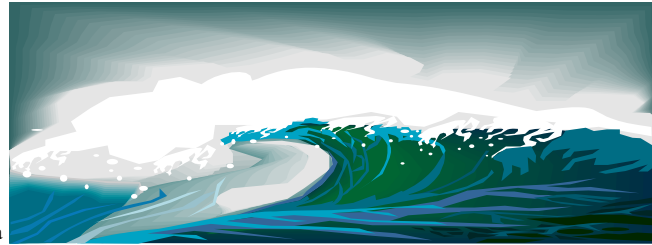




The *August 2024*
Anchor

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



Celebrating Love with the Church Family

Psalm 107 reminds us that *“thankfulness is a response to God's love and faithfulness.”* Today, I am thankful and I am happy, and my church family is the reason why. I want to take time this month to celebrate the annual church picnic and block party on Sunday, July 28. There are some great photos in this newsletter you can see from the event. What an incredible event that brought together church family, friends, and even neighbors from the community. The event is hosted annually by the Family Life Program in our church as part of the Board of Christian Education. Susan West is the Family Life Program coordinator. This event takes a village to host, and this year, we had a village or maybe even a small city involved, which was incredible. It was estimated that as many as 200 people attended the picnic. I met many people I've never seen before. Watching everyone have a great time together blessed my heart beyond measure.

As Pastor, I want to thank everyone involved. I want to personally thank Susan West for an amazing event, as it was well-organized. She took a lot of time to make sure every detail was covered and engaged many different people to pull it off. As such, I want to extend a special thank you to the social committee for ensuring the fellowship hall and food were ready to go. It's so hard getting the food presented as it arrives throughout the afternoon and clean-up. Several men of the church involved with Men's Fellowship slaved over hot grills in 90+ degree temperatures, cooking over 100 hamburgers and over 100 hotdogs. They never missed a beat as they provided plenty of food for everyone. I want to thank the folks who made homemade ice cream for the contest. I sampled it all, and they were all delicious. I want to thank the 25 or so people who took part in the watermelon seed spitting contest. It was a hoot! As it was mentioned, don't lose your false teeth in this one. We had lots of people participate in the cakewalk and corn hole tournament. We had many kids playing on the three large inflatables that the Jr./Sr. High Youth Program provided for the kids in the church. I want to thank Abbi and Ann for providing music for the indoor hymn sing that had over thirty participate.

I want to thank the trustees for erecting the large tent in the courtyard that provided shade. Of course, there is a special thanks I want to extend to JR and Philip Walker, who provided three large pop-up tents for anyone who wanted to use them. Lastly, to all those who brought a covered dish, made a cake for the cake walk, or just came to visit with one another – I say **thank you**. I'd give you a hug right now if I could. This event gave us all a glimpse of what heaven might be like as far as fellowship. There was a lot of laughing, smiling, and just having a great conversation. It made you proud to be a part of the First Baptist family. Folks, who I had never met prior to the event, offered thanks to me and said how well they were treated and made to feel welcome. Friends, I am so blessed to be a part of this church family. It reminds me of the scripture that is found in Galatians 6:10 that reminds us *“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”*

If the world could see just how amazing our church family is, then they would want to be a part. Because of your love for each other and the kindness you were willing to extend, people will be talking about this event for days, months, and, I hope, years. It was a stellar event because of the amazing people who took part. If you missed this year's event, I hope you'll be ready for next year.

This year provided the model. Let's hope we can think of even more ways to get more people involved. Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart for what was an enjoyable event for all. Keep it up! I'm so proud of all of you.

In His service,

Pastor Toby



Yard Sale Success!



God's Cadets

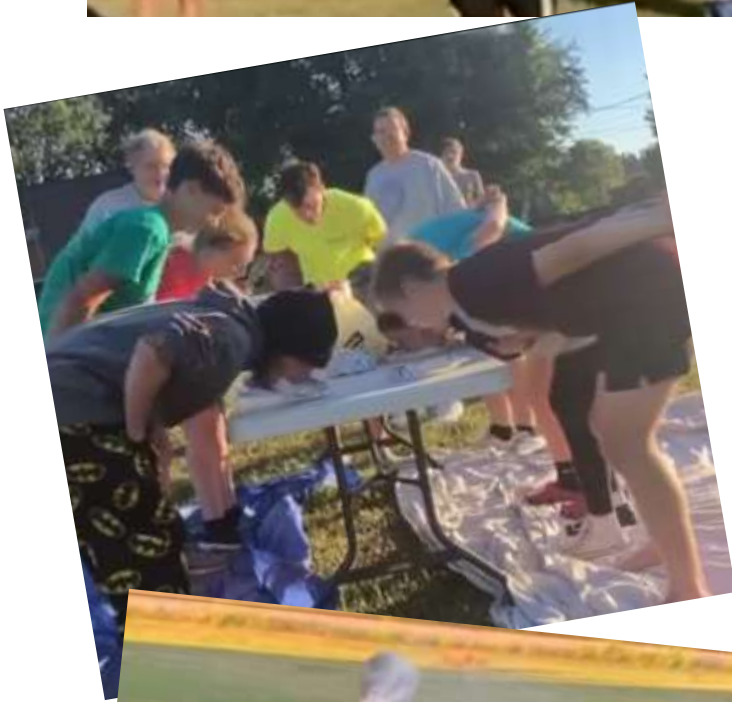


Youth!

Young Adults!



Youth Olympic Food Battle



This and That at FBC



Landon King helps with offering



Helping God's creatures



Grace Shirley accompanied by father Tony West



Sami Lawson Sings for the Lord

Never too young to serve...



Sunday School-It's Great!

Picnic Winners!



**Kailey
Hoola Hoop**



**Gary and Jimmy
Corn Hole**



**Danny
Home Made
Ice Cream**



**Ann Johnson
Watermelon
Seed Spitting**



**Danny & Alan
Second place
Corn hole**

Watermelon Seed Spitters



Cake Walkers!



More Cake Walkers!





And More Cake Walkers!!

Who's Hungry?



Inside & Outside





Smiles and Fun!



Singing HIS Praise!!

Men's Fellowship



Hungry for the Word



Going Beyond

Live Simulcast
With Priscilla Shirer
August 24, 2024



The ladies of Gilboa Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation to the women of our church for the Going Beyond Live Simulcast with Priscilla Shirer. It will take place at Gilboa Baptist Church on Saturday, August 24. The doors will be open at 8:00 am, and the hours for the simulcast event are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with multiple breaks throughout the day.

This event will help women experience the truth of Scripture and the power of prayer. You will gain tools to study the Bible on your own, take part in meaningful worship led by Anthony Evans, pray together and enjoy fellowship with women who are also seeking and finding Christ.

If you aren't familiar with Priscilla Shirer, she is the author of the best-selling Bible studies, *Elijah*, *Discerning the Voice of God*, *The Armor of God*, *Gideon*, and *Jonah*, as well as the author of many books. The worship leader Anthony Evans is Priscilla's brother, and he is a well-known Christian music worship leader.

We are looking forward to this live simulcast, and we would love to have you join us. Please plan to attend. Light refreshments for breakfast and lunch are provided, so all you need to bring is your Bible and a friend.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Tina Mealey at 304-377-4853 by August 11.

Contact Kathy Hudson for more details.

Annual CIRCLE Trip

This year's annual trip for the CIRCLE will be on Saturday, August 10. We will be seeing the historical sights in Marietta, OH and stopping for a meal at one of the restaurants in town. It's going to be a great time of fun and fellowship! All women of the church are invited to come along. Contact Ellen Varner if you would like to go so she can arrange transportation.

Focus on Sunday School:



Rainbow Promise

Long ago and far away in a land beyond our shores, there was a man who loved the Lord. His name was Noah. He taught his family about Jehovah God and they loved Him too.

But Noah's family was alone in their love for God. And that made God sad. He gave Noah directions for building a great big boat out in the middle of nowhere—no rivers or lakes around. Wow! Did his neighbors think he was crazy! But Noah did what the Lord asked him to do and built a boat they called an ark.

God led animals to the ark and told Noah and his family how to care for them. When every creature and Noah's family was safe inside, God, Himself shut the door. Then the first rains came....and came....and came. For forty days and nights till the world and everything in it was completely covered.

It may seem sad to us to see all those people lost but it was their decision to not follow God. But God gave Noah a promise. In Genesis 9:12-17 the Lord promised that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood. He placed a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of this promise.

I saw a beautiful double rainbow this week. And I remembered God's promise and felt His love. You can see His promise too—each time you see a rainbow. Remember God.

It's amazing what you can learn in Sunday School!

August Calendar

- Aug 1 Deaconess Meeting
- Aug 5 Blood Drive; Trustee Meeting
- Aug 10 CIRCLE trip to Marietta
- Aug 11 Woods-Farrell bridal shower
- Aug 12 BOCE
- Aug 13 Men's Fellowship
- Aug 14 Anchor Articles Due
- Aug 18 Good Hope Association Annual Meeting
- Aug 19 Back to School Prayer
- Aug 20 Financial Committee Meeting
- Aug 24 ABWM Simulcast at Gilboa Baptist Church
- Aug 25 Promotion Sunday; Teachers Recognition
- Aug 27 Deacon's Meeting
- Aug 28 Choir Practice Resumes
- Aug 31 Amish Trip to see *Ruth*

August Birthdays



Bobby Jeter—8/1
Destinijane Hicks—8/2
Jane Moore—8/3
Warner Stephens—8/8
Patti Calvert—8/8
Beau Bennett—8/11
Holly Palmer—8/11
Lincoln Ritchie—8/11
Mason Kerns—8/13
Nate King—8/13
Amy Starkey—8/15
Izzy Boothe—8/20
Torren Johnson—8/22
Zyla Wallace—8/24
Leigh Ann Kerns—8/26

Is your birthday name missing? Tell Susan

Bible Book of the Month August 2024 II Chronicles



CommUnity Kitchen

Aug 3 Susan West
Aug 10 Burt Lyons
Aug 17 Episcopal Church
Aug 24 Calvary Baptist
Aug 31 Holiday - No CK

*Sign up for
CommUnity Kitchen 2024!*

**Delivery People needed for
CommUnity Kitchen.
Contact Susan**

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.



August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jared Torris	2 Jody Tolbert	3 Dale & Anna Vanderlaan
4 Ellen Varner	5 Ken & Perry Vintorini	6 John & Grayce Wagoner	7 Toby & Jennifer Wagoner, Hannah	8 Aaron Wagoner	9 Pauline Walker	10 Phillip & Sherry Walker
11 Janyce Watkins	12 Megan Watkins	13 Jalen & Emily Wayt, Emilyynn	14 Susan West	15 Danny & Kim Westmoreland	16 Dan & Amy Williams	17 Cody Williams
18 Nick Williams	19 Dave & Dena Williams	20 Jordan Williams	21 Mike & Cara Williams, Marcus	22 Lucas & Samantha Willis, Silas	23 Kerry Wines	24 Jennie Wise
25 Kevin & Abbi Woods	26 Taylor Woods	27 Geraldine Wright	28 Brandon & Ashlee Wyant, Connor, Beckett	29 Sharon Adkins	30 Alan & Gusta Arrington	31 Gary & Pam Balsar

