

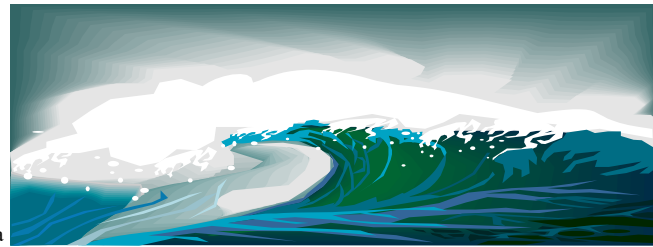


The

June 2025

Anchor

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



As we enter June, my heart overflows with gratitude and excitement for all that the Lord has done and continues to do in our church. This past month has been pretty amazing. Our new main entry sign is up, and the front landscaping is complete—both stunning additions. I appreciate our trustees for their dedication over 18 months to get it just right. The new sign and our church's ability to promote activities showcase our active faith and commitment to discipleship through growth opportunities in the church. This revitalization effort has been rewarding, with many of you sharing your enthusiasm.

The work our community has noticed parallels the transformation happening in our own lives as we draw closer to Christ. Transformation brings out our best. As we follow the Lord, we know He guides and fights for us. The Holy Spirit leads us on the path of life, redirecting us from our ways to God's. It breathes revival, igniting a commitment to serve God more fully. Personal transformation should challenge us all, that we can be changed for the better, if we allow the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The church is being revitalized because you welcomed the effort to restore her beauty in our community.

Second Corinthians 5:17 says, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* Life's challenges can leave us weary, yet in those moments, trusting in the Lord renews our strength. Isaiah 40:31 reminds us, *"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength..."* As our church approaches its 159th birthday this November, we reflect on the trials and triumphs it has faced, from the aftermath of the Civil War in 1866 to the expansion of a new fellowship hall some 30 years ago. Recently, we've focused on restoring our church's beauty and preserving our legacy that has stood strong for nearly 16 decades, which aligns with our vision for "Others First." Your prayers, trust, and support have been crucial in preserving that legacy.

Where we began simply by replacing old HVAC systems seven years ago, we've progressed to updating roofs, fortifying the sanctuary's foundation, installing new digital bell chimes, replacing our pews, and much more. Each enhancement contributes to restoring our church's beauty. Soon, we'll tackle paving and landscaping the gravel parking lot behind the apartments. We'll be providing updates on these efforts as they come together. The Trustees are still in the planning stages of this project. Your continued support of the building fund will help in this effort.

While some churches merely strive to survive, God is blessing First Baptist to thrive. We are poised for growth, centered on keeping the Lord in all we do. Despite the normal challenges that churches face, we remain a beacon of hope with our renewed commitment to love the Lord and others. John 13:35 tells us: *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

Church, let's continue shining brightly in our community, seeking opportunities to reach the lost and to glorify the Lord. As our community witnesses First Baptist's transformation through revitalization, let the conversation shift from our actions to what God is doing here. Let's warmly invite others to join us in worship, as the old song says, "There's room at the cross for you..." In the same light, we also want to convey that there's room at First Baptist Church for everyone. I'm so proud of each of you for all you do for the church. You make this a great place to worship. Thank you for your continued support, your love for our Savior, and your love for our beautiful church.

In His Service,

Pastor Toby



May was an exciting month for Moving Mountains Youth. In this time coming up where the sun shines a bit brighter than the rest of the year, there are particular struggles a Christian may endure during this time.

- What do we do with the extra time on our hands with no school work?
- How can I enjoy the pool while still watching my eyes, and
- How can I glorify God while not always surrounded by friends?

To combat some of these questions, we have begun our new sermon series called “A Summer of Faith’ where we are discussing realistic ways to spend your summer glorifying God, and answering the common issues we may face to better ourselves for His sake.

Along with the sermon series, we have games every week that are intended to go along with the message and will actually count toward a prize at the end.

We have a blast of a summer coming up soon, so get your kids in Moving Mountains!

Pastor Ethan

Congrats to our Grads!



Calling All
Kiddos
To VBS
June 22 to 25

Plan on a great
time!



This n That at FBC

T-shirt Fund Raiser for Youth



Adults to see the play Oliver

A night with Christians with Coffee - Weird Things in the Bible



Richard filling in for Wednesday night Bible Study





HAPPY Father's Day

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Fathers are real superheroes.
They may not have superpowers
but they always have a super heart.
Happy Father's Day to all Dads!

Mother's Day

Filled with Love





FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF RAVENSWOOD OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION

This month, we are kicking off our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection for our big packing party in November! Our goal this year is to collect 230 shoeboxes to advance the kingdom of God in countries around the world!

This Month we are collecting **WOW** items! Please bring any items that you have to donate to the OCC bin located under the office window anytime during this month!!

Items we need:

Jump Ropes Frisbee
Stuffed Animals Slinky
Puzzles Fishing/Sewing Kit
Barbies/Toy Cars Bouncy Balls/Hackie Sack
Deflated Soccer Ball w/Pump Stickers
Play-Doh Puppets
Music Instruments (i.e. Harmonica, recorder, etc.)

WE CANNOT ACCEPT:



ANY war related items (i.e. toy soldiers, guns, camo, etc.)

ANY liquid (i.e. bubbles, home-made slime, etc.)

ANY gambling-related items (i.e. play money, dice, etc.)

ANY breakable items (porcelain dolls, glass figurines, etc.)

Have any Concerns or Questions please feel free to contact Talia Martinez at 304-761-8255, Jordan Williams at 304-531-9076, or Trudy Casto at 509-254-3308!

Hot Dog Sale For



**We will be having an OCC Hotdog Fundraiser
to raise money for
OCC shipping and box stuffing,
on June 29th right after church!**

**If anyone is willing to donate items for this fundraiser-
hotdogs, buns, etc., we would gladly accept them!**



See:

**Talia Martinez
Jordan Williams
Trudy Casto**

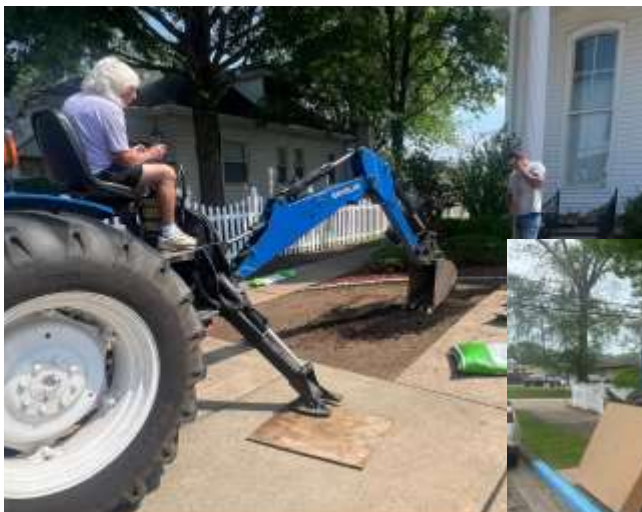
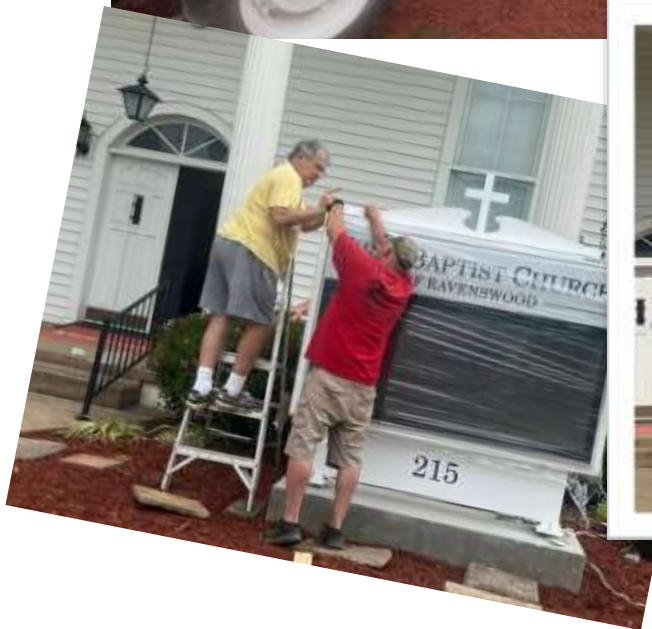
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Fun Season Ends



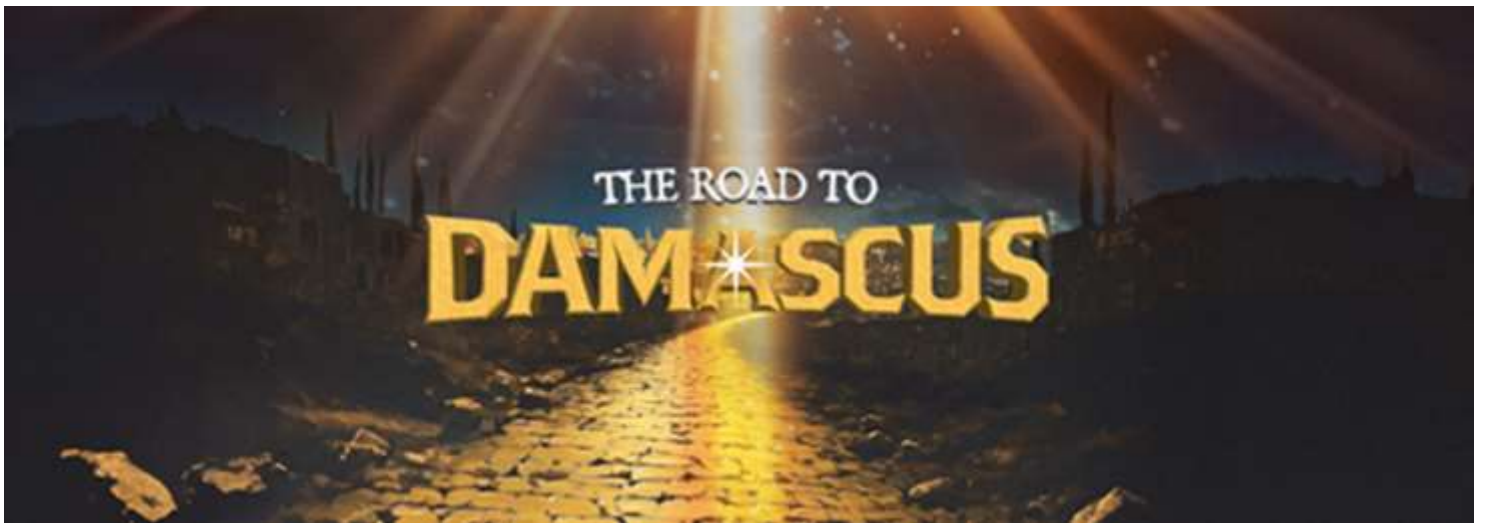
God's Cadets

New Look for the Lord's Message



National Day of Prayer





September 13 at 1:00

Lunch at the Dutch Valley Restaurant 11:00

Cost \$50 (includes meal and show)

Contact Kristi King 816-522-1957

(Seating is limited. Sign up today!)

Volunteers are needed for
CommUnity Kitchen.

Please sign up outside the side office door.



“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:40

We Remembered



Veterans Gary Balser, Richard Massey, and Glen Stevens

Focus on Sunday School:



Father Knows Best

We all have heard the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32.

What can we learn about our Heavenly Father from that story?

He is a good provider and will give us not only everything we need but the desires of our hearts too.

He is saddened by our sins but still loves us enough to let us make our own choices.

Even when we are not around, He looks for us and cares for us.

He forgives our sins when we tell Him we are sorry.

Our Heavenly Father truly loves us and is waiting for us to come to Him.

COME TODAY TO JESUS

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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

June Calendar

Jun 1 VBS meeting
Jun 2 Red Cross Blood Drive; Trustee Meeting
Jun 6-8 Younger Midler Camp Cowen
Jun 7 ABWM Conference
Jun 8 Deaconess Meeting
Jun 8-14 Junior High 1 Camp Cowen
Jun 9 BOCE
Jun 12 Men's Fellowship
Jun 15 Father's Day
Jun 15-21 Junior 1 Camp Cowen
Jun 17 Financial Committee
Jun 22 CIRCLE; VBS begins
Jun 22-28 High School 1 Camp Cowen
Jun 29-July 5 Junior 2 Camp Cowen
Jun 24 Deacons Meeting
Jun 25 Anchor Articles Due
Jun 29 OCC Hot Dog Sale
* Game Day weekly 1:00-3:00 (not on holidays) (check bulletins for day of week)

June Birthdays



Jacob Graham 6/1
Bryan Crow 6/1
Jim McCauley 6/7
Danny Dzierzanski 6/8
Benjamin Crow 6/14
Aaron Wagoner 6/17
Beckett Wyant 6/19
Stephen Thompson 6/20
Pauline Walker 6/29

**If your birthday is missing,
please let Susan know.**

**Bible Book of the Month
June
Genesis**



CommUnity Kitchen

June 7 Adult Sunday School
June 14 Terry & Mike Bird
June 21 Need Volunteers
June 28 Need Volunteers

Help is Needed!

**Please consider
CommUnity Kitchen
as your Ministry.**

Sign up today!

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.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Zack Brown	2 CW & Mary Caldwell	3 Patti Calvert	4 Bill & Trudy Casto	5 Grant & Cari Chapman, Oliver	6 Shawn & Tanya Cole	7 Brent & Sandy Confer
8 Jamison Cooper, Dalilah	9 Deshone Cooper	10 Beverly Conley	11 Bryan & Andrea Crow	12 Benjamin Crow	13 Dave & Carol Crow	14 Charity Cummins
15 Elisabeth Cummins	16 Mike & Renee DeLong	17 Bryan & Andrea Donahue, Xavier, Violet, Finley	18 Danny & Sherry Dzierzanski	19 Ellen Emerson	20 Rodney & Sheila Eskins	21 Annabelle Flesher
22 Jeff & Venisa Flesher	23 Nathanael & Kaylin Flesher	24 Jim & Kathy Frazier	25 Ginny Gandee	26 Mark & Susan Gerstell	27 Mike & Angela Graham, Alli, Cara	28 Jacob Graham
29 Zack Graham	30 Shonda Harmon, Walker, Aker					

