

# Growing the Family of God

Telling the Story

Serving the Community

Nurturing Believers

---

Coffee with Jim . . .

During worship on May 23, Pastor Jay and I took a few minutes in worship to remind you of our church's rich history of ministry in Pontiac. At the same time, we laid out for you our vision for ministry going forward. In unveiling the vision, we reiterated the tagline that we recently adopted for the church: For such a time as this . . .

The tagline is supported by four points of emphasis: Telling the Story, Nurturing Disciples, Serving the Community, Committed to Prayer. The center of the logo is praying hands and the words of our commitment are surrounded by and supported by constant prayer.

When we outlined our vision one of the central points was a vision of bringing ten new young families into the church by year's end. This vision clearly includes children and young people. It may appear to be an extravagant vision. But then vision is always meant to extend beyond our grasp. Vision is motivated and empowered by God.

The Old Testament prophet Habakkuk was instructed: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come it will not delay. (Habakkuk 2:2-3). We need to take note that although the vision may not be accomplished on our timeline, it is promised.

You are encouraged to share in the process of realizing vision. Recall, the fourth point mentioned is committed to prayer. Each Wednesday at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm the sanctuary will be open for times of prayer. This will be directed prayer. That means that you will be provided with topics on which to focus your prayer. There will be a leader at each prayer meeting who will provide process and direction for your prayer time.

At each of the appointed times of 10:30am and 7:00pm you will be provided a list of items for which you will be asked to pray. Prayer will be directed towards the vision of the church. This is not the time to bring concerns for health and healing. There is an abundance of opportunities for those important concerns. These times of prayer are intended to focus on God's vision for our church.

(cont. page 2)

## From the Pastor (cont.)

It is important to agree together in prayer to accomplish God's vision for our church. Jesus declared, For, where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. (Matthew 18:20). On Wednesdays we will commit to pray together for the mission and ministry of this church. We will put aside other concerns for a brief thirty minutes and focus our petitions to Almighty God for the ministry of First Baptist Church in Pontiac.

Billy Graham once commented, "Sometimes I'm asked to list the most important steps in preparing for an evangelistic mission, and my reply is always the same: Prayer, prayer, prayer."

Jesus promised, If, in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. (John 14:14). Church in the name of Christ it is time to ask. Ask boldly. Ask clearly. Ask in agreement for God to fulfill the vision God has for this church.

Prayer. Prayer. Prayer. Wednesdays 10:30am. 7:00pm.

*Jim*

## Board of Ministries

The Board of Ministries met on Thursday, June 10th at 7:00 pm.

**Diaconate:** Sharon Colclasure has tendered her resignation.

**Youth Ministries:** Meetings will be held once per month until school resumes in the fall.  
**Fellowship:** The food pantry served 33 families with a total of 67 individuals in the month of May.

**Senior Pastor:** The parking lot is in need of repair. Based on research, the best option is to remove and replace the existing parking lot. H.J. Eppel has submitted a bid at \$108,890 for the work that needs to be done. Motion was made to move forward. Eric will check into financing options.

The Board of Ministries will not meet during the month of July.



# BACKYARD BIBLE SCHOOL

## It's Time for VBS 2021!!!

July 26th - July 30th • 10:00 am - 12:00 noon



We're already excited and making plans for our 2021 Vacation Bible School program! This year, we'll be using the Backyard Bible School program. The program utilizes a 'wordless book' that uses color coded pages to help children walk through the plan of salvation with Jesus. Children ages five years through fifth grade are welcome to attend! **Register your kids on-line at our website: [www.fbcpontiac.org](http://www.fbcpontiac.org) or by picking up a registration form in the Narthex!**

### VBS Donations Needed

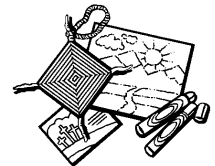
Meanwhile, we are asking our church family to help us make this year's VBS a resounding success. To fully prepare, we will need donations of the following items:

#### SNACKS

Black Oreos  
Red Jell-O cups  
White popcorn  
Goldfish crackers  
Plastic utensils  
Napkins

Red foam sheets  
Washable markers  
White and black card stock  
Chenille stems  
Pompoms  
Tacky glue  
Jumbo craft sticks  
1.5in masking tape  
1/4" adhesive wiggle eyes  
Gold sticker paper

Jewel stickers  
Pony beads: black, red,  
white, gold, green  
Suede leather lace



#### CRAFTS

1" black pompoms

If you can donate any of these items or need more information, please contact Barb Tholen.

## Visit Us on the Web!

As we slowly transition back into a more normal schedule of activities, please remember to visit our website ([fbcpontiac.org](http://fbcpontiac.org)) and social media pages for the latest scheduling and covid related information. While there, you also have the opportunity to watch recent worship services, check the church activity calendar, or browse our picture gallery and see just what we've been up to lately here at FBC!



*Lu*

- 2 Connie Grider  
3 Steve and Lisa McBride  
5 Dorley and Brenda Dodd  
6 Sue Schell  
7 Jackson Crawford  
7 Janet Halford  
9 Daniel Flessner  
10 Mark and Amy Levin  
10 Lisa McBride  
13 Hayley Walters  
14 Scott and Cindy Knight  
15 Louise Gray  
15 Owen Wolfe  
16 Ronald and Gayle McBeath  
16 Ryan Miller  
17 Andrea Goldsmith  
19 Jim and Marian Dixon  
20 Caden Ferguson  
21 Steve and Sarah Walters  
24 Eileen Hughes  
26 Raceyn Miller  
26 Janice Staley  
26 Terry and Carol Stanton  
26 Bill and Phylis Bowman  
27 Dale Newsome  
29 Janice Letsos  
31 Clyde Francis  
31 Kate Hoover  
31 Sharon Matteson  
31 Jay and Lisa Hurd



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>4 Independence Day</b> 10:00 am Worship	<b>5 Church Office Closed</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>11</b> 10:00 am Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm Healing Hearts
<b>18</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>25</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>

ly



Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 10:00 am Story Time	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 am ROMEO Club 9:00 am Ruth Circle 10:30 am Prayer Meeting 1:00 pm Esther Circle 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting		<b>8</b> 10:00 am Story Time	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 am ROMEO Club 10:30 am Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting		<b>15</b> 10:00 am Story Time	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 am ROMEO Club 10:30 am Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting		<b>22</b> 10:00 am Story Time	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 am ROMEO Club 10:30 am Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting		<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Vacation Bible School</b> <b>10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON</b>				

# Family Fun Day!!

Live Entertainment • Children's Games •  
Food Vendors • Inflatables



**Saturday, August 21st**  
**11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**This event is open to the community so invite  
your friends and family to join us for a day of  
fun and entertainment!**



## Little Friends Story Time

At the Little Free Library

Every Thursday beginning July 1st.

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Story time will take place at the church pavilion. Children must be accompanied by an adult and there will be a 'make and take' activity following the story.

For more information contact Karen Meister at [dkmeister10@hotmail.com](mailto:dkmeister10@hotmail.com). Use the subject "story time".



## Pavilion Usage

Want to plan a small outdoor get together at our pavilion? You can now do that!

Some things to keep in mind:

- Our pavilion will be available for reservations Monday - Saturday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sundays from 11:30 am - 7:30 pm.
- No smoking or alcohol of any kind allowed
- Pavilion may be reserved for up to four hours
- No grills, fire pits, or fires of any type allowed
- Reservations must be made at least two weeks prior to your planned event.
- A \$50 deposit is required to reserve the pavilion. \$25 will be refunded following your event, provided that the grounds are left clean with trash disposed of properly. There is no rental charge for church members or those actively associated with the church.

For more information or to request a reservation date, please contact the church office or Harlin Dean.



### Prayer Chain Number

815.419.4454

If you wish to receive prayer chain calls, please contact the church office at 815.842.4321 and request that your name and number be added to the list.



## On-Line Giving



With on-line giving, it's easier than ever to tithe or make donations to special fundraising campaigns like this month's One Great Hour of Sharing offering! .

To make an on-line donation, simply visit our website [www.fbcpontiac.org](http://www.fbcpontiac.org) and follow the donation link near the top of the page. Our on-line giving is powered through PayPal and allows you to use an existing PayPal account or any debit or credit card you'd like. You'll have the opportunity to leave specific notes about your donation and you'll receive a donation receipt in your e-mail!

## Newsletter Deadline

All articles for inclusion the September edition of our church newsletter must be submitted to the church office no later than Friday, August 20th. You may submit your articles by phone (842.4321), fax (844.6943), by e-mail ([Rhonda@fbcpontiac.org](mailto:Rhonda@fbcpontiac.org)) or by leaving them in the black box outside the church office door.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
515 N. LADD STREET  
PONTIAC, IL 61764







- 5 Mike Toon
- 6 JoAnn Bockman
- 9 Becky Easton
- 9 Deb Golliday
- 10 Debbie Dowdy
- 10 Bob and Debbie Dowdy
- 10 Brittany Bohm
- 11 Kim Ruther
- 11 Solomon Battleson
- 12 Joe and Pam Lind
- 13 Alex Boase
- 15 Judy Judd
- 16 Eva Schiff
- 16 Carol Stanton
- 17 Pam Lind
- 17 Hadleih Mitchey
- 24 Joy Henderson
- 24 Carol Jones
- 24 Jaime Wykes
- 24 Michelle Bohm
- 26 Christy Stanton
- 26 Mike and Carol Toon
- 29 Marilyn Gould



# August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 10:30 am Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	5 10:00 am Story Time	6	7 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
8 9:00 am SMC 10:00 am Worship	9	10	11 9:00 am Ruth Circle 9:00 am ROMEO Club 10:30 am Prayer Meeting 1:00 pm Esther Circle 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	12 10:00 am Story Time 7:00 pm Board of Ministries	13	14 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
15 9:00 am SMC 10:00 am Worship	16	17	18 9:00 am ROMEO Club 10:30 am Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	19 10:00 am Story Time	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
22 9:00 am SMC 10:00 am Worship	23	24	25 9:00 am ROMEO Club 10:30 am Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	26 10:00 am Story Time	27	28 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
29 9:00 am SMC 10:00 am Worship	30	31				