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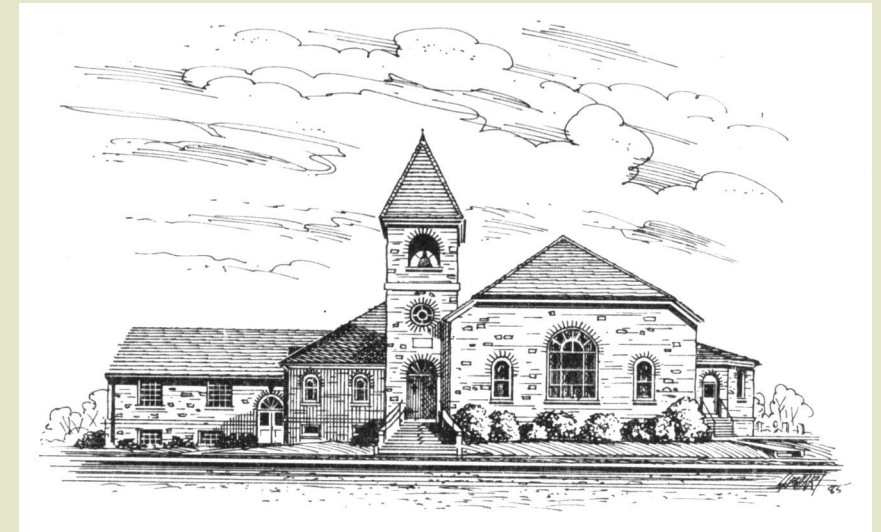
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Our Mission... "to birth and develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ who are characterized by faith, hope and love."

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:3-6).

With ten months to go before retirement I'm starting to experience some of the "lasts" of my time at First Baptist. In June I participated in my last Oldmans School graduation ceremony and my last Penns Grove High School Baccalaureate Service. This summer also marked my last Vacation Bible School.

Now I must admit, this fact brought mixed feelings. Part of me shouted, “YaHoooo!” Each summer I go through the same ritual. Prior to VBS I try to psyche myself up for the five day challenge. Then VBS begins and I start to appreciate the level of planning that went into the previous few months by dedicated volunteers. This year was special because we partnered with Second Baptist Church to bring VBS to the community. It was such a blessing to see members of both congregations come together for the common cause of spreading the gospel.

VBS starts to become much less of a challenge and something to survive—and more of a joy and privilege for me to be part of when I see the level of cooperation and dedication among our volunteers. I see the sacrifices of busy, tired adults who want the children to meet and trust in Jesus. I see the decorations and hear the music. I meet the kids in my group and start getting to know them. By Friday, I thank God for the blessing of experiencing VBS one last time!

It takes a lot of planning and it takes a village to present a quality VBS program to the community. Believe me, ours was a quality program! So I want to thank Jaclyn Minguez and the members of the Children & Youth Discipleship Team for their hard work. I want to thank every single member and friend of both congregations who played a part in making VBS 2019 happen. Thank you for your time and energy. Thanks you for your willingness to work together and keep the focus on the big picture—introducing children to Jesus Christ. Thank you for your love of the Lord and your willingness to serve Him. ***Thank you for your “partnership in the gospel!”***

VBS was just another reminder of how blessed I feel to be the pastor of this church. I think it’s because the endeavor takes so many people coming together, dedicated to the common goal of bringing people closer to Christ. But my feelings of blessing go beyond VBS. Each time I sit in a ministry team meeting or a meeting of the Leadership Community I am blessed to be with people who make sacrifices to serve and honor the Lord by lending their gifts to bless others and spread the gospel. I feel a level of caring to do things the right way and produce quality results—and not just check off items on a to-do list.

I am thankful for others who may not be official members of a ministry team, but look for opportunities to use their spiritual gifts in ministry. They see a need and jump in to meet it, often without ever being asked. They often work behind the scenes without anyone noticing. The result is—people are blessed and lives are changed. If you fall into this group, I’m ***so thankful for your ministry!***

CEDARS OF LEBANON

There has been \$11,630.00 pledged as of 6/16/2019

Those with pledges have given \$11,265.00

Others (no pledges) have given \$4,790.00

Total received as of 6/16/2019 is \$16,055.00

We really do appreciate all who have given to help children attend Camp Lebanon. There will be no reports in July and August, but please don’t forget that we will be accepting donations and pledges all year round till the end of 2020 for this campaign.

Thank you so very much. Don’t forget to earmark the contribution for CEDARS OF LEBANON to make sure that it is applied to the right account.

Kingdom On Wheels

“If you love what you do, you’re going to talk about it,” says Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz. “I love Jesus ... so I’m going to talk about [him]. But I’m not going to force [Christianity] down your throat, either.” That’s why the pro athlete tries to show his faith by “how I live and what I’m about.”

Wentz started the foundation AO1 (Audience of One) to make a tangible impact beyond the gridiron. With a local church, he sponsors Thy Kingdom Crumb, a food truck that offers free meals to people in the community. The motto painted on the mobile restaurant sums up the message Wentz wants to share with his neighbors: “It’s on us ... ‘cause he loves you!”



To Pastors, Churches, Community Leaders and Friends:

We greet you in the majestic name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is with great delight that we, the 5th Anniversary Celebration Committee of Second Baptist Church, Pedricktown invite you to our upcoming revival services and a banquet honoring Pastor Kevin M. Peterson and Lady Stephanie Peterson for 5 years of outstanding ministry to Second Baptist church of Pedricktown, NJ.

We will be honoring Pastor and Lady Peterson as follows:

Saturday, August 3, 2019

Luncheon honoring Lady Peterson @ 12:00 PM. Speaker will be Sister Estelle Hendricks from First Baptist Church, Pleasantville, NJ.

Thursday, August 8, 2019 – Friday, August 9, 2019

Pre-Anniversary Revival – Pastor Jonathan Everett from Rock of Ages and Greater Philadelphia Churches in Louisiana will be the revivalist. Revival time: 7:00 PM Nightly (Praise and Worship @ 6:45 PM)

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Anniversary Banquet @ 5:00 PM. Pastor Collins A. Days, Sr. Second Baptist Church, Atlantic City, NJ will bring the message. Honorary Banquet to be held at the Edward W. Dorn Community Center. Tickets are \$60 per person.

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Culmination of Anniversary – Worship Service @11:15 AM (Praise and Worship at @11:00 AM). Pastor Adrian Dowell, Shiloh Baptist Church, Salem, Virginia will bring the message.

To each and every one of you I say along with Paul, *I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus* (Philippians 1:3-6).

Your partner in the gospel,
Pastor Merrit

GOD’S SERVANTS August

Greeters:

4th Marjorie Drabold
11th Claire Kohler
18th OPEN
25th Marjorie Drabold
If you would like to serve as a greeter, please contact Charlotte Carty at (856) 299-3815.

Nursery/Toddler Room Volunteers:

4th Connie Clark & Esther Jackson
11th Barbara Jo Perry & Missy Perry
18th JoAnne Taylor & Nancy Kohler
25th Eleanor Clemente & John Cobin
Please report to the nursery/toddler rooms by 9:30 a.m. If you are unable to volunteer on your scheduled week, please arrange for a substitute and let the church office know by Thursday morning of that week.

Scheduled Scripture Readers:

4th Lisa Rudderow
11th Kelley Piel
18th Eleanor Clemente
25th Dede Marsango
If you wish to have your name added to our reader’s list, please contact Michele Wallin at (856) 299-2123.

Junior Church Volunteers:

4th Jaclyn Minguez
11th Laura Brickner
18th Beth & Amelia Biermann
25th Patty Ferrell & Connie Clark
If you feel led to help with Junior Church or the nursery, please contact Jaclyn Minguez at (609) 202-8491.



PULPIT COMMITTEE PRIMER

The Leadership Community will sponsor an informal meeting for those who may be interested in serving on the Pulpit Committee on Sunday, August 25th, 2019 following morning worship. Members of the Church who have served on previous pulpit committees will share their experiences. If you are interested in knowing more about service to the Church as a member of the Pulpit Committee, please attend.

John D. Jordan, Moderator

A Month of Sundays

“August is like the Sunday of summer,” an online meme proclaims. But that means different things to different people.

If you see Sunday as the end of a week — a chance to sleep in, do “nothing,” relax and play — then August might be your downtime at the end of a busy summer. If Sunday feels heavy because the onslaught of the workweek is approaching, then August may carry the dread of falling leaves and falling temperatures.

But if you view Sunday as a fresh start to the week, then August, with a new school year and new church programming around the corner, can be exciting. And if you honor Sunday as the Sabbath, indeed “August is like the Sunday of summer.” God invites us to enjoy these holy days and give thanks to him, the Creator of all seasons. - Heidi Mann

Volunteers Needed

Meals on Wheels of Salem County is always looking for volunteers for a couple of hours a month to deliver `meals to people who cannot leave their homes. A brief training class is required and many routes are available. If you would like to help out please call Teresa Christoff at 856-935-3663.

2019 Overland White Cross Request

This year our Overland White Cross Request is for Puerto Rico. Due to the high cost for postage in mailing the specific items there, the Mission Team has decided to send gift cards to purchase the needed items.

The Mission Team has posted the specific Christmas gifts, household items, and clothing items requested with a suggested dollar amount next to each item. If you would like to participate with this vital mission, please write your name next to the item on the list located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Instead of actually purchasing the item, place your donation in an envelope marked White Cross along with your name and the dollar amount written on your envelope. Claire and Nancy will be available in the narthex each Sunday in July and early August to receive your donation.

DONATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH AUGUST 18TH.

As always the Mission Team THANKS YOU for your generous support of FBC’s mission endeavors.

Vacation Notice– Pastor Merrit will be on Vacation beginning Monday August 26th through Sunday September 1st. During that time please call Tina Nipe (856-299-7015) with any pastoral care needs.

Save the Date: Our annual church picnic will take place Sunday, September 8th at the Carneys Point Recreation Complex. Worship begins at 11am with the picnic to follow. Please mark your calendar and invite some friends!