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The Network



The Weekly Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Paris, Tennessee

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DISCIPLESHIP

groups

Adult, Student & Children's D Groups

Sundays at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, August 6

FALL KICKOFF

Children's Choirs, The LOFT, Equipping Center Preview

Children's choirs will be meet on the North Property behind the Sanctuary
Featuring: Water Slide • Dunk Tank • Snow Cones



It is hard to believe the time for a new school year has arrived. The summers always go by so quickly, and now a new year of learning and activities begins this week. I encourage you to pray for all the students, administrators, teachers, staff members and parents as they transition in the coming weeks. We pray that God will watch over them, protect them and draw them into a deeper personal relationship with Himself.

The beginning of August also marks the return of our full fall programming. This Sunday is our Promotion Sunday when children and students move to their new Sunday School classes, which begin at 9 a.m. each Sunday. What an exciting day! We will also continue our regular schedule for worship each Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. and our D groups and discipleship opportunities for all ages on Sunday evenings at 6 o'clock.

On Wednesday evenings, we continue to offer a weekly meal in Orr Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. Please contact the church office to update your reservations so we can accurately plan enough food for everyone. We will also resume our children's choirs, student worship in the Loft (3rd floor) and equipping centers for adults which all begin at 5:45 and end at 6:45 each week.

There are two upcoming events I hope you will also place on your calendar. Our next Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is scheduled for Saturday, August 23. We will need volunteers to arrive at 7 a.m. that day to help unload, sort, package and distribute the food we will receive. Also, our Life Action Refuel Conference is scheduled for September 7-10. Please begin praying now for Steve Canfield and the team as they prepare to lead us that week. Ask the Lord to prepare your heart to receive the messages we need to hear.

We concluded our series from Hebrews last Sunday, and so this week I will begin a short four-part series titled "New Beginnings." This series will focus on conversations Jesus had with four different individuals in the Gospel of John who experienced change in their lives because of their encounter with Jesus. This week, we will consider Jesus's conversation with Nicodemus in John 3:1-21. I hope to see you this week!

In Christ,
Bro. Trent



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Submission deadline for
the next issue is
Monday, August 4, 2025

Greeters needed

We are in the process of expanding our welcoming team for Sunday mornings. We plan to create five teams of five individuals/couples. The only requirement for becoming a member of this team is to possess a welcoming smile! If you would be interested in serving in this way, please contact the church office or tell a member of the church staff.



See Ms. Angela if you are interested in helping in the nursery/preschool area during the morning worship service.

Change for CEF Pencil Pouches

During the month of August, the Northwest Tennessee chapter of the Child Evangelism Fellowship ministry will be supporting the local Good News Clubs with change for pencil pouches. Pouches are located in the CLC and Welcome Center. If you would like to participate, fill your pouch with change and/or paper money and return it to the church by August 31.



LLL Meeting

Monday, August 18

11 a.m. • Orr Hall

Program:

Loral Owens

Silver Sneakers

This Week At First Baptist

SATURDAY, August 2

8:00 Men's Breakfast-Orr Hall

SUNDAY, August 3

Sunday School Promotion Day

8:00 Prayer Time
9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Morning Worship
6:00 Adult, Student & Children's Discipleship Groups

WEDNESDAY, August 6

5:00 Family Night Meal
5:45 Adult Equipping Center
Preview & Bible Study;
Kickoff Events for Children's
Choirs & Students (The LOFT)
7:00 Adult Choir Practice &
Orchestra Rehearsal

SUNDAY, August 10

8:00 Prayer Time
9:00 Sunday School
10:15 Morning Worship
5:00 Deacons Meeting
6:00 Adult, Student & Children's Discipleship Groups

MONDAY, August 11

5:00 Budget Planning/Finance
Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 13

5:00 Family Night Meal
5:45 Adult Equipping Centers;
Children's Choirs;
Students (The LOFT)
7:00 Adult Choir Practice

A banner for the 2nd Harvest Food Distribution. It features a collage of images: a bowl of fruit, a box of celery, and a sign for the Second Harvest Food Bank. The text "2nd Harvest" is in large, bold, red letters. Below it, "FOOD DISTRIBUTION" is in large, bold, white letters on a green background. At the bottom, "Saturday, August 23" and "Brewer St. Parking Lot" are in large, bold, red letters.

Be in Prayer for ...



refuel conference

Sunday, Sept. 7 - Wednesday, Sept. 10

Welcome to Our Church



For Baptism

Maddy Watson

First Baptist Church



313 N Poplar Street
Paris, Tennessee 38242
*One Block North
of the Court Square*

Sunday School

9 a.m.

Morning Worship

10:15 a.m.



Sunday, August 3

Sermon:

New Beginnings: Nicodemus

John 3:1-21

Dr. Trent Bullock



OCC Items for August

School Supplies

*(Pencils, Sharpeners, Crayons,
Erasers, Pens, Scissors)*

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

July 27, 2025

Worship Attendance 400
Sunday School Attendance .. 326
Budget Required \$28,603.60
Budget Received \$19,075.22
Other Designated \$7,917.67
Total \$26,992.89

GIFTS RECEIVED: Norma Houston,
Phillip & Nancy Wells, John & Mary
Berryman, Barbara Erickson, John &
Susan Van Auker, George & Carolyn
Smith, Norma J. Thompson in memory of
Clint Barrett; Brenda Stigall in memory of
Debbie Stigall; Peggy Pritchard honoring
Jane Overton, Vicky Sinclair.



August 6

Chicken Strips
French Fries
Green Salad
Roll/Dessert

**Same menu for all*

Church Volunteers for August 3

Bus Ministry

Driver

Chris Townsend

Children's Ministry

Babies

Nancy Wells

1-year-olds

Lindsay Craig

2 & 3-year-olds

LuAnne Taylor

Media Ministry

Sound

Barry Flood

Pro Presenter

Tripp Anderson

Media Room

Michael Denman

Philip Todd

Evan Twilbeck

Deacon Greeters

Matt Hayes, Aaron Herman, Randall Jones, Scott Nanney, Lance Smith, Roger Veazey

Security/Usher Ministry

Security

Jamie James

Michael Miller

Bob Moultrie

Randy Peale

Bo Sinclair

Offertory Prayer

Ed Brazelton

Ushers

Kerry Bell

Dave Crawford

Robert Head

Aaron Herman

Brian Horton

Jamie James

Parker James

Reece Veazey

Roger Veazey

Bible Reading Plan

Week 31 (July 28-August 1)

Day 1 - 2 Samuel 5; 2 Corinthians 8
Day 2 - 2 Samuel 6; 2 Corinthians 9
Day 3 - 2 Samuel 7; 2 Corinthians 10
Day 4 - 2 Samuel 9; 2 Corinthians 11
Day 5 - 2 Samuel 11; 2 Corinthians 12

Week 32 (August 4-8)

Day 1 - 2 Samuel 12; 2 Corinthians 13
Day 2 - 2 Samuel 24; Romans 1
Day 3 - 1 Kings 2; Romans 2
Day 4 - 1 Kings 3; Romans 3
Day 5 - 1 Kings 6; Romans 4