

# the FIRST BAPTIST family

*"Connected to Jesus to connect others to Him"*

AUGUST 2022

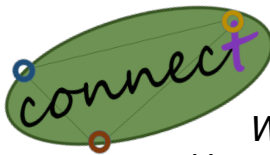
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Join us as we kick off another year of ministry with celebration at Rotary Park. There will be games, food, and lots of fun! We have enjoyed being able to meet people in the community the past couple of years and get outside the church doors.



We will be at **Rotary Park from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Wednesday, September 7th.**  
We hope to see you there and bring a friend too!



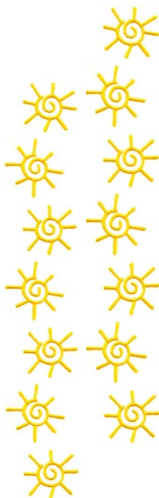
With the school year approaching quickly it is time for another year of Connect. This children's program is open to any kid from preschool age through 5th grade.

We have been learning all about the Heart of God and how we can reflect God's heart in our everyday lives.



Our first day will be **Wednesday, September 14th 6:00 - 7:30 pm.**

There is always space for more students and volunteers so we hope to see you there!



## Jesus Freaks Summer

June 26th: Pool Day

July 3rd: Service Day

July 18th - 23rd: 6th-8th Camp

July 25th-30th: 9th-12th Camp

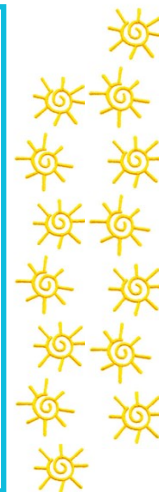
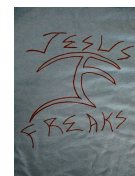
August 7th - End of Summer Party

September 4th: Planning Meeting (returning members only)

September 7th - Fall Kick Off

September 11th - First Jesus Freaks!

Make sure you have given your email to Eric to stay up to date with any changes: [evogel670@gmail.com](mailto:evogel670@gmail.com)



***Pastor Jim Harper, Interim Senior Pastor***  
**Externally Focused**

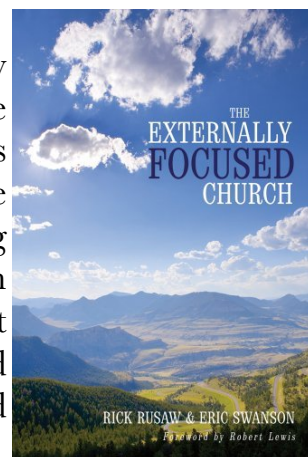
International students event a wonderful success!

On Saturday July 23 about 17 international students from Knox College joined several of our church members for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship. We want to thank the Flater family for hosting this great event and providing delicious hamburgers and brats. I also want to thank all of our church members who came and brought food and interacted with the international students.



The atmosphere that evening was positive and filled with joy as we got to know our international students on a more personal level. Some students even volunteered to come back and work for Jim and Stephanie on their farm. We hope to have a follow up event in September. God was blessing us at this wonderful bridge building event to our local college students.

Our church is attempting to be more externally focused during my ministry time. Our leadership team is reading a book entitled ‘The Externally Focused Church’, and this outreach to Knox students is an outgrowth of that book. As summer turns into autumn we hope to have more events like this and to also partner with existing ministries and service organizations here in Galesburg. Our church has so much love to share and we need to be very intentional about sharing that love with Galesburg and Knox County. I’m excited about the possibilities as we all move forward together and build bridges of God’s love to Galesburg and beyond.



*Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:4-7*



## Pastor Eric Coming Alongside

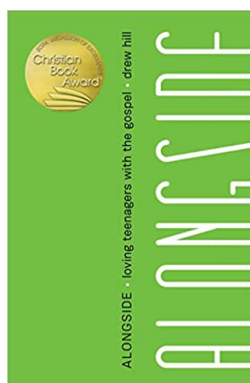
Oftentimes, churches get in the danger of "programming to death." Want to reach the youth? Make a program. Want to evangelize? Make a program. Want to help people who are lacking certain basic needs? Well, you get the idea.

Don't get me wrong, programs are often a great resource for the church to use. They are a great way to group similar people together and impact a lot of people at the same time. But they also have the tendency to "professionalize" church activities. If they don't happen by the expert or if they don't happen during the program, then sometimes they are not viewed as church.

This has the damaging effect of convincing people that they are limited on how they reach people with the Gospel. The tremendous reality is that we can encounter people with the Gospel in our everyday lives. It does not need to be limited to Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights. Every encounter is a moment to encounter Jesus.

It may be intimidating to think about doing that in regular moments. That feeling is perfectly normal. It is something that needs to be trained and honed. A fantastic resource that I encountered through seminary is the book *Alongside: Loving Teenagers with the Gospel*.

While it is a book specifically for parents and youth leaders, many of the examples and practical application can be used in any context. They are all short chapters of only 2-4 pages and I cannot recommend this book enough. All it teaches is how to come alongside people with the Gospel.



# CARE

Concerned **A**bout **R**eaching **E**veryone

*...Connecting people on a regular basis in a small group with an equipped leader to facilitate developing maturity in Christ, and community among the members of the group and the church as a whole.*

### Sundays

9:30 AM - Sunday Morning Prayer The Library  
6:00 PM - Evening Prayer Gathering The LOFT

### Wednesdays

6:30 PM-"Cast of Characters" Judson Room

### Thursdays

7:00 PM - Bible Study - 1 John Call for location

## Here is the schedule of D6 Fusion Magazine topics for the month:

### AUGUST 2022

**7th - Before & After** - Ephesians 2:1-221

**14th - Under the Spirit's Control** -  
Ephesians 5:1-21

**21st - Family Life God's Way** -  
Ephesians 5:21-6:4

**28th - Equipped for Battle** -  
Ephesians 6:10-20

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# MISSION MOMENTS...

***“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43:19***



One of our global servants once commented that the worst thing about living in a warm climate near the equator is that people do not have a concept of “winter.” There is no season when freezing temperatures and snowy roads keep you indoors more, and darker days sap your energy. Just as we might annually experience the “death” of winter followed by the new life that buds in the spring, the biblical pattern shows many of God’s servants in seasons of “death” before seasons of “life.” After triumphing over the prophets of Baal, Elijah flees to Horeb and sleeps for days. It is not until after Elijah has ceased all activity that the LORD speaks to him about what lies ahead. Jonah spends days in complete darkness in the belly of a fish before he finally follows God’s directive to go to Nineveh. In poetic

foreshadowing of his own death and resurrection, Jesus states, “I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds” (John 12:24).

Friends, these past couple of years have felt like a season of death and waiting. In most parts of the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has not resolved, and International Ministry’s global servants are up close and personal with many desperate needs heightened by the pandemic. At the Fundación Proyecto de Esperanza in Bolivia, Global Servants J.D. and Rhonda Reed watched as two of their ministry partners nearly died from COVID and no hospitals had available beds. As the team prayed, God miraculously provided the supply of oxygen and volunteer medical care needed to save their lives.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a broken water pump at a mission hospital meant no one could access water unless they carried it, six gallons at a time, two miles uphill from a spring. Global Servant Wayne Niles and a team were able to install a solar-powered pump. People came from everywhere to receive water during the dry season when it hadn’t rained for months.

The biblical pattern tells us that the season of death gives way to a season of life. Did you know that we are currently responding to more than forty individuals and couples who have expressed a desire to serve cross-culturally? And, friends, we are looking for more! These are sprouts of God-given new beginnings coming up like crocuses in the spring. Many are responding to the invitation to become disciples of Jesus Christ in spite of their circumstances and others are becoming followers of Christ because of their circumstances.

September, will you take part in the new life God is creating by giving to the World Mission Offering? How might God be calling you to participate in what the Holy Spirit is doing around the world? For two centuries, God’s mission through IM has been dependent on God’s faithful people working together to respond to God’s call.

***We will be receiving this great offering on Sunday, September 4th.  
Thank you for prayerfully considering your giving for 2022.***



# Stewardship

***God can do great things through one person or a group that is devoted to Him.***

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life.

*2 Chronicles 16:9* The eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show his great power in helping them. <sup>TLB</sup>

*1 Samuel 14:6-13* “Let’s go across to see those pagans,” Jonathan said to his armor bearer. “The LORD will help us, for nothing can hinder the LORD. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!” ...So they climbed up using both hands and feet, and the Philistines fell back as Jonathan and his armor bearer killed them right and left. <sup>NLT</sup>

*Judges 7:7* The LORD said to Gideon, “With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the (120,000) Midianites into your hands.”

*2 Chronicles 14:9-12* Zerah marched out against (God’s people) with a vast army...Then Asa called to the LORD his God and said, “LORD, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, O LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. O LORD, you are our God; do not let man prevail against you.”...(and) The LORD struck down the Cushites.

*Zechariah 4:6* “Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the LORD Almighty.

*1 Samuel 17:45-47* David shouted (to Goliath), “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD Almighty, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head...And everyone will know that the LORD does not need weapons to rescue his people. It is his battle, not ours. The LORD will give you to us!” <sup>NLT</sup>

*Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.*

## First Sunday Donation



The first Sunday of each month we receive items for the Galesburg Rescue Mission & Women’s Shelter. Their needs each month are slightly different but usually are in need of bathroom tissue, napkins, dish soap, laundry soap and assorted canned goods. You may bring your items to any of the sanctuary entrances and there is a basket for your items to be placed. This is a tangible way to show God’s love and the love of His church to our community.

## Thank You Notes

### Galesburg Rescue Mission &

Women's Shelter- This letter is to send you our appreciation for you monetary donation as well as needed paper products and hygiene items. This donation will help keep those that are hopeless and helpless to find shelter, food, and a God that can do the best restoration job in the world. There are some that don't have the luxury to lay down in a comfortable, safe environment. Thank the Lord we can use the donations that you have provided for this very act of service. We offer our gratitude to you!



**All Boards Meeting**  
**Monday, August 8th**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Luster Fellowship Hall**



**Sunday Morning Prayer**  
**9:30 AM - In the Library**

**Sunday Evening Prayer**  
**5:00 PM - Judson Room**



Name	Day
<b>AUGUST</b>	
Haley Stevenson	2
Lynne Stevenson	3
Ken Goad	13
Brandon Delgado	16
Heather Olson	22
Tyler Green	26
Caretta Knox Van Ruler	28
Teresa Baxter	29

If your birthday is not listed, we may not have your information in the office.



**Please join us**  
**Sunday, August 14**

We would like to get new pictures of the outside of the building to capture all the changes & updates we have made. So, the photographer Kent Kriegshauser is coming back!! We will also be taking pictures of our congregation outside.

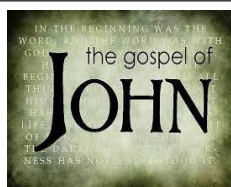
Join us to join in!!

**KPCK** KNOX  
PRAIRIE  
COMMUNITY  
KITCHEN

**August Dates:**  
**11th & 25th**

**Curbside pick-up**  
**5-6PM**

**Tompkins St. side**



"Cast of Characters in the Gospel of John" Bible Study in the Judson Room  
Wednesdays at 6:30pm, lead by Pastor Dorothy.

*Journey with us through the Gospel of John as various characters encounter Jesus.*

These encounters make us ask the question: where do I stand with Jesus? John's gospel is unique compared to the other gospels, writing it as an aged apostle, after years of contemplation and experience, revealing what Jesus meant when he was teaching all those years ago. John's states that "these things are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah and have life in his name." (John 30:32) The study is designed as stand-alone sessions so drop in any time you can, the more the better! We look forward to encountering Jesus with you!



# August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 ■ 9:00 AM Praise Team ■ 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Prayer ■ 10:00 AM Worship ■ 6:00 PM Evening Prayer Gathering	1 ■ 1:30 PM Staff Meeting	2 	3 ■ 6:30 PM Cast of Characters ■ 7:00 PM Bible Study – 1 John	4 	5 	6 Transfiguration
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## Our vision

Putting first things first-

**L**earning to love **God** more  
**O**pening our doors to everyone  
**V**aluing community with **God**  
 and each other  
**E**quipping our members to serve



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