



Church Family,

At the time of writing this week's article, we are in the midst of a wonderful week of sharing Jesus through Vacation Bible School here at FBC Benton. What a joy and privilege it is to invest in the lives of our children and teach them about the love of Christ.

Our theme verse this week is John 8:12:

*"Jesus spoke to them again: 'I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.'"* (CSB)

Please join us in praying for our children this week. Pray that the truth of God's Word will be treasured, planted deeply, and bear lasting fruit in their hearts. Pray that they will come to understand more fully who Jesus is and what He has done for them. Most importantly, pray that the Holy Spirit would open their eyes to see Christ—the Light of the World—and that, in God's perfect timing, they would place their faith and trust in Him, receiving the Light of Life and no longer walking in darkness.

We were also blessed this past Sunday not only to worship together but to witness God continuing to grow our church family. Please join me in warmly welcoming **Hunter Jaco** to the fellowship of FBC Benton. We thank God for His continued work among us and look forward to serving the Lord together.

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### Trusting God in Every Step

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."*

— Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV)

Our relationship with God is not meant to be casual. In fact, there should be nothing casual about our walk with Him.

Although Proverbs 3:5–6 is one of the most familiar passages in Scripture, we often view it primarily as a source of comfort during seasons of confusion or uncertainty. While it certainly provides guidance during difficult times, its application extends far beyond moments of crisis.

Notice the language of the passage: we are instructed to trust God with **all** our heart and acknowledge Him in **all** our ways. The call is one of complete surrender and continual dependence. God does not ask for a portion of our lives; He desires every part of them.

Too often, we treat these verses like a spiritual remedy that we pull off the shelf only when life becomes difficult. Yet Solomon's instruction is not limited to moments of uncertainty. We need God's wisdom, guidance, and direction every day—not just when we find ourselves at a crossroads.

One writer noted that acknowledging God is far more than giving Him a casual nod of recognition. Rather, it means knowing Him personally and intentionally seeking to know Him more deeply each day. A simple paraphrase of verse 6 might read:

*"In everything you do, seek to know God more and more, and He will faithfully guide your path."*

May we be a people who trust Him fully, seek Him continually, and follow Him faithfully in every area of life.

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### **Wednesday Evening Summer Schedule**

I hope you enjoyed our Wednesday evening gathering last week as much as I did. A special word of thanks goes to everyone who helped make our **Praise at the Pavilion** evening such a wonderful success. Whether you made homemade ice cream, helped with setup and cleanup, grilled hot dogs, arranged sound equipment, or led us in worship through music, your service was a blessing. Thank you for helping create such a meaningful time of fellowship and encouragement.

#### **Wednesday, June 17 | 7:00 PM**

##### **Outdoor Movie Night at the Pavilion**

- Popcorn and drinks provided
- Featuring *David* — an animated musical from Angel Studios featuring Phil Wickham as the voice of David

Please note that we will begin at **7:00 PM** that evening.

### **Upcoming Summer Wednesday Gatherings**

#### **Wednesday, July 8**

- Pool Party & Hamburgers for All Ages
- H.H. Lovett Park

#### **Wednesday, July 22 | 6:00 PM**

- Watermelon & the Word
  - Pavilion Gathering
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### **Prayer Is the Work of the Church**

#### **Prayer Room Ministry**

##### **Sundays | 8:00–8:15 AM | Prayer Room**

Begin each Lord's Day by joining us in prayer as we seek God's presence, power, and blessing upon our worship services.

##### **Ongoing Prayer Opportunity**

Intercessors are invited to pray during our worship service each Sunday from **10:15–11:15 AM** in the Prayer Room.

A sign-up sheet is available for those who would like to participate in this important ministry.

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### **A Personal Word of Thanks**

Lastly, I simply want to say **thank you** to the church family of FBC Benton from the entire Henson family.

June 9, 2026

This Sunday marks a significant milestone for Kelly and me. It has been one full year since God brought us to serve alongside you here at First Baptist Church of Benton. To describe this past year as a whirlwind would probably be an understatement, but it has been a joyful and grace-filled journey.

Your love, encouragement, friendship, and support have made our transition not only smooth but truly enjoyable. We are deeply grateful for the way you have welcomed and embraced our family.

Over the past twelve months, we have experienced many "firsts" together, and by God's grace we look forward to many more in the years ahead. It is a tremendous joy and privilege to labor alongside you in the kingdom work God has entrusted to us.

Thank you for allowing us to be part of your church family. We thank God for each of you and look forward with anticipation to all that He has in store for FBC Benton.

In Christ,

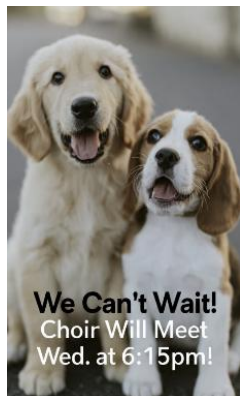
**Bro. Todd**

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## Music Ministry

Come join us! We are always looking for singers who love the Lord and enjoy lifting up their hearts and voices in worship through song!! Choir *will* rehearse this Wednesday, 6:15pm.

*"Sing the praises of the Lord, you His faithful people; praise His holy name!"* Psalm 30:4



**We Can't Wait!**  
Choir Will Meet  
Wed. at 6:15pm!

**Stuart**

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# Student Ministry

Vacation Bible School is underway! Our youth are volunteering, and it is great to see them lead and have fun with the children in our community. Please pray for our youth and that the salvation of Jesus Christ will be made known this week!

## Upcoming Dates:

- June 8–11 – Vacation Bible School
- June 10 – No Wednesday Night Church
- June 17 – Movie Night at the Pavilion (All Church Event)
- June 22–27 – FUGE Camp
- June 24 – No Wednesday Night Church

In Christ,

**Hayden Jaco**

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# Children's Ministry

We had a great first day of Vacation Bible School! Thank you to Tessa & Kaitlin, and ALL our awesome volunteers. We can't do it without you! Please be in prayer for all the kids and volunteers this week as we learn that Jesus is the Light of the World!

Don't forget Outdoor Movie night next Wednesday night. We will be showing David. There will be popcorn and snow cones!

Have a great week!

**Margaret Siress**

# Business Information

BUDGET OFFERING WILL BE UPDATED NEXT WEEK.

ATTENDANCE	
6/7/26	190

# Upcoming News & Events



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup>  
9 - NOON



# Welcome New Member

HUNTER JACO  
3355 Wadesboro Rd S.  
Benton, Ky 42025

## Prayer Request

### **Church Family**

Karen Brown  
Kia Crouse  
Doug Galyen  
Margie Greer  
Kathy Harrison  
Roy Jones  
Teddy & Barbara Kinsey  
Cheryl McCuiston  
Tommy & Brooks Meyer  
Gloria Neal  
Dennis Pierce  
Ronnie Powell  
Tristen Prange  
Ann Riley  
Edna Riley  
Wendy Rose  
Dale Southerd  
Barb Travis

\* Indicates new prayer request

### **Friends & Family**

Ed & Jane Alton  
Anthony Cain  
Debbie Dowdy  
Veronica Galloway  
Shelby Hega  
Tony Hercula  
Keith Johnson  
Aaron Peters  
Sandra Rowley  
Dorothy Ryba  
Dennis Southerd  
Jane Willie  
Eddy Wild

### **Deaf Ministry**

*(Patty Sanders' son & family)*  
Kevin & Jessica Cartwright  
& Family  
15213 W 121<sup>st</sup> Terrace  
Olathe, KS 66062

### **IMB Missionaries, SE Asia**

*(Martha Lewis's  
granddaughter & husband)*  
Trevor & Maggie Grant  
3806 Monument Ave  
Richmond, VA 23230

### **North American Mission Board**

*(Kaitlin Penn's brother &  
family)*  
Eric & Brittany Gibbs  
767 N Castledale Ave  
Casa Grande, AZ 85194

### **Prayer Request**

If you have a prayer request that you would like added to the newsletter, please call the church office at 270-527-7575



# Volunteer Schedules

## **Nursery**

**6/7** – Elizabeth Garrett (SS), Dara Smith, Mary Jo Sprouse (SS), Karen McKean (worship)  
**6/14** – Dara Smith (SS), Amy Northcott (worship), Kathy McCurry, Lori McGregor  
**6/21** – Kia Crouse, Patsy Doom (SS), Wendy Rose (worship), Mary Jo Sprouse (SS), Heather Yates (worship)  
**6/28** – Kim Sharp, Dana Marsteller

## **Welcome Center**

**6/7** – Grant Willoughby, Jason Trammell  
**6/14** – Mike Donohoo, Austin Beck  
**6/21** – Josh Owens, David Cassity  
**6/28** – Johnny Collins, Greg Carter

## **Audio – Video**

**6/7** – Paul Kornbacher, Chase Duncan  
**6/14** – Billy & Terri Thorpe  
**6/21** – Grant & Devan Willoughby  
**6/28** – Joe Jackson, Keagan Owens

## **Camera Room**

**6/7** – Tim & Heather Yates  
**6/14** – Dara Smith  
**6/21** – Dan Maxberry  
**6/28** – Clayton Crouse

## **Offertory Prayer**

**6/7** – Josh Owens  
**6/14** – Kevin Jackson  
**6/21** – (Father’s Day) Andy Miller  
**6/28** – David Parker

## **Wednesday Evening**

**6/3** – David Maddox  
**6/10** – Johnny Collins  
**6/17** – Mark Harrison  
**6/24** – David Puckett

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <i>Daniel &amp; Dara Smith</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Mya Acord</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Andy &amp; Susan Sedlock Josh &amp; Tessa Powell</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Gary &amp; Karen Brown Vicki Tynes Neely Morgan</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Travis &amp; Melissa Stom Betty Bouland</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Austin Sorrells</i>
<b>7</b> <i>Tess Moore</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Carroll &amp; Bonnie Evans</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Dale Southerd George &amp; Libby Locker</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Will &amp; Kelly Locker</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Lance Warmath</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Owen Lepisto</i>
<b>14</b> <b>Flag Day</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Lavana Holland Susan Williams</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Sutton Penn</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Emma Locker Jared &amp; Megan Robinson</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Josh &amp; Janine Owens</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Kaecie Kornbacher Grayson Watkins Jacob Stallons Riley &amp; Shayna Johnson John &amp; Abby Putney</i>
<b>21</b> <b>Father's Day</b> <i>Rodney Hairgrove David &amp; Lisa Cassity</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Dan Oldham Keagan Owens Cole Riley Hayden &amp; Jessica Jaco</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Ken Riley</i>	<b>24</b> <i>George Patterson Scott &amp; Teresa English</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Andrea Anderson</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Tammy Willie</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Clayton &amp; Kia Crouse Clint &amp; Sherry Adams</i>
<b>28</b> <i>Austin &amp; Morgan Beck</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Jaxon Gipson</i>	<b>30</b>				

Birthdays in **RED**