



## Church Family,

Oh my, how quickly time seems to pass! It is hard to believe that one year has already come and gone—one year as your pastor, one year as fellow members of this church family, and one year of laboring together in the work of the Lord. What a joy and privilege it has been for Kelly and me to serve alongside you here at FBC Benton.

By the gracious providence of God, He brought us to Benton for this season of ministry, and we are deeply thankful. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, encouragement, prayers, and welcoming spirit. You have made us feel loved and at home, and we thank God for each of you. It is our prayer that the Lord will grant us many more years together as we seek to glorify Him and make disciples.

The backdrops have been taken down. The streamers, decorations, props, and sounds of Vacation Bible School have all been packed away for another year. Yet while VBS has ended, Jesus—the Light of the World—remains! The truth of His Word has been proclaimed, planted, and treasured in the hearts of children, students, leaders, and volunteers alike.

We praise God for the wonderful week He gave us and for the opportunity to share the gospel. Our theme verse reminded us of the hope found only in Christ:

*“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’”*

— John 8:12 (ESV)

VBS may be over, but the prayers continue. Please keep praying for every child and family who heard the gospel. Ask God, in His mercy and grace, to continue working in their hearts and drawing them to faith in Christ. We rejoice that the seed of God's Word has been sown and trust Him for the harvest.

This Sunday, we will take a brief pause from our study through Esther and turn our attention to one of the most familiar and beloved passages in Scripture: Luke 15:11–32, the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Luke 15 contains three parables that Jesus told in response to a single complaint:

1. The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3–7)
2. The Lost Coin (Luke 15:8–10)
3. The Lost Son (Luke 15:11–32)

The setting is found in Luke 15:1–2:

*“All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him. And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’”* (CSB)

The religious leaders could not understand why Jesus spent time with sinners. In response, Jesus told these three stories, each emphasizing the same glorious truth: God delights in seeking and saving the lost. At the heart of the parable of the prodigal son is the overwhelming love, grace, mercy, and compassion of our Heavenly Father.

As we gather on Father's Day, we will thank God for the influence of faithful earthly fathers, but even more importantly, we will celebrate the immeasurable love of our Heavenly Father.

*“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*  
— Romans 5:8 (NASB)

I encourage you to read Luke 15:11–32 this week and come prepared to worship, rejoice, and give thanks for the Father's great love toward sinners like us.

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## **Outdoor Movie Night**

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

Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun as we gather for an outdoor movie night.

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

**Please note:** The event will begin at **7:00 PM**.

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## **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

## 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.

In Christ,

**Bro. Todd**

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Yesterday, the Worship Choir sang the old gospel song favorite, “Heaven’s Jubilee!” It shares a joyfully theological message! A biblical hope of resurrection, reunion and reign; that Christ will return, the dead in Christ will rise, and sorrow and death will be no more!

When we sing, “Glory, Hallelujah!” we are rehearsing Revelation 19, joining the great multitude that cries, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God!”

Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 to encourage one another with the promise of the Lord’s return! That’s the message and hope we have in Christ!

#### Heaven’s Jubilee!

Some glad morning, we shall see Jesus in the air  
 Coming after you and me, joy is ours to share.  
 What rejoicing there will be, when the saints shall rise  
 Headed for that jubilee, yonder in the skies!

Oh, what singing, Oh what shouting,  
 On that happy morning when we all shall rise!  
 Oh what glory, Hallelujah!  
 When we meet our blessed Savior in the skies!  
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**Stuart**

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# Student Ministry

Our student ministry is leaving for camp this coming Monday! Please be praying for our safe travels, but most importantly, that our students will grow in their love for Christ.

I also hope to see the whole church come out to the pavilion tomorrow for Movie Night @ 7:00 PM!

## Upcoming Dates:

- 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

Last week was such a great week with the boys and girls and all the volunteers at Vacation Bible School. Thank you to all who helped in so many ways! A huge thank you to our youth who helped too. We couldn't do it without all our volunteers. Please continue to pray for those who heard the gospel last week!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the movie night this Wednesday night!

Be in prayer for both weeks of camp. I will be going with Hayden to Fuge camps with the youth next week, and our kids will be going to CentriKid July 13-17. Please be in prayer for all the campers and speakers and worship leaders during both weeks.

Have a great week!

**Margaret Siress**

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# Business Information

Budget Offering 6/7 & 14/2026	\$33,430.96
Given to date	\$333,590.33
Budget needs to date	\$330,368.77
Designated Offering	\$3,385.00
Building Fund This Year	\$1,860.00
Lottie Moon	\$5,124.00
Annie Armstrong	\$1,440.00
Raymond James/Endow. Fund	\$73,635.78

ATTENDANCE	
6/14/26	195

# Upcoming News & Events



Happy  
**FATHER'S**  
Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>

# Prayer Request

## **Church Family**

Karen Brown  
Kia Crouse  
Doug Galyen  
Margie Greer  
Kathy Harrison  
Roy & Joetta 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  
Amanda Crittendon  
Debbie Dowdy  
Veronica Galloway  
Shelby Hega  
Tony Hercula  
Keith Johnson  
George & Jane Kickhofel  
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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Nursery</u></b></p> <p><b>6/7</b> – Elizabeth Garrett (SS), Dara Smith, Mary Jo Sprouse (SS), Karen McKean (worship)</p> <p><b>6/14</b> – Dara Smith (SS), Amy Northcott (worship), Kathy McCurry, Lori McGregor</p> <p><b>6/21</b> – Kia Crouse, Patsy Doom (SS), Wendy Rose (worship), Mary Jo Sprouse (SS), Heather Yates (worship)</p> <p><b>6/28</b> – Kim Sharp, Dana Marsteller</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Welcome Center</u></b></p> <p><b>6/7</b> – Grant Willoughby, Jason Trammell</p> <p><b>6/14</b> – Mike Donohoo, Austin Beck</p> <p><b>6/21</b> – Josh Owens, David Cassity</p> <p><b>6/28</b> – Johnny Collins, Greg Carter</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Audio – Video</u></b></p> <p><b>6/7</b> – Paul Kornbacher, Chase Duncan</p> <p><b>6/14</b> – Billy &amp; Terri Thorpe</p> <p><b>6/21</b> – Grant &amp; Devan Willoughby</p> <p><b>6/28</b> – Joe Jackson, Keagan Owens</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Camera Room</u></b></p> <p><b>6/7</b> – Tim &amp; Heather Yates</p> <p><b>6/14</b> – Dara Smith</p> <p><b>6/21</b> – Dan Maxberry</p> <p><b>6/28</b> – Clayton Crouse</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offertory Prayer</u></b></p> <p><b>6/7</b> – Josh Owens</p> <p><b>6/14</b> – Kevin Jackson</p> <p><b>6/21</b> – (Father’s Day) Andy Miller</p> <p><b>6/28</b> – David Parker</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wednesday Evening</u></b></p> <p><b>6/3</b> – David Maddox</p> <p><b>6/10</b> – Johnny Collins</p> <p><b>6/17</b> – Mark Harrison</p> <p><b>6/24</b> – David Puckett</p>

# 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> Flag Day	<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> Father's Day <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

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## July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <i>Miranda Mathis Chase Hill Bro. Todd Henson</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Linda Tolbert Abby Putney</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> <i>Teresa English</i>
<b>5</b> <i>Kevin &amp; Tammy Willie</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Ted &amp; Barbara Kinsey Mark &amp; Kim Peel</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Sherri Riley</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Debbie Beck Lily Bowers</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Paul Robinson Dara Smith Donnie Young</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Saylor Bryant</i>
<b>12</b> <i>Maryde Fullington Betty Patterson Mark Allen Megan Robinson Hunter Jaco</i>	<b>13</b> <i>David Maddox</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Mary Jo Sprouse</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Paxton Gipson Payton Gipson</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Hope Cartwright Sheila Crowley Vicki Wynn Judy York Brian &amp; Darla Doss</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Grayson Jackson</i>
<b>19</b> <i>Edna Riley Owen Mathis Kevin Jackson Mark Peel Jarrett &amp; Stacey Malone</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Darcy Locker Doug Wynn</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Joe Dodd Kelsey Sallee</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Gary Travis</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Dale &amp; Judy Southerd</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Ann Riley Jon Noles Kaitlin Penn</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Carolyn Borders Dixie Mecke</i>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Debbie Heuer Finley Owens</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Coye McCurry</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Steve Mathis Jim &amp; Karen Postma Jody &amp; Wendy Rose</i>	

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