



Church Family,

What a wonderful day of worship we experienced together this past Sunday as we focused on **The Father's love** in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Even in the midst of the younger son's rebellion and the older son's resentment, the father's love, compassion, and forgiveness never wavered. What a beautiful picture of our Heavenly Father and His steadfast love toward us!

This coming Sunday, we will resume our series through the book of Esther as we turn our attention to **Esther chapter 4**. Once again, we will be reminded of God's providential hand as we consider how He had placed Esther exactly where she needed to be— *"for such a time as this."* I encourage you to spend time reading Esther 4 this week as we prepare our hearts for worship and the study of God's Word together.

As I write this article, our students and student leaders are arriving on campus and preparing to depart for Lifeway Camp at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Please make it a priority to faithfully lift this group before the Lord throughout the week.

Pray for safe travel and protection. Pray for meaningful fellowship and Christ-centered friendships. Pray for spiritual growth as students deepen in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray especially for those who may not yet have a personal relationship with Christ, that God would draw them to Himself and open their hearts to the gospel.

Pray also for the camp pastors, worship leaders, counselors, and student leaders. Ask God to strengthen them physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Pray that He would give them wisdom, encouragement, and opportunities to speak truth into the lives of students. May the Lord use every conversation, every worship service, and every Bible study to point hearts to Jesus. Let us be a church that prays faithfully and expectantly.

Contentment

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul writes in Philippians 4:11:

"I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I find myself." (CSB)

Contentment is a virtue that does not come naturally. In our human nature, we often pursue comfort, security, and satisfaction in circumstances, possessions, or achievements. Yet Scripture teaches us that true contentment is found in Christ alone.

Paul's words reveal three important truths about contentment:

1. Contentment Must Be Learned

Contentment is not automatic. Our hearts naturally focus on what we lack rather than what God has provided. As we grow in our relationship with Christ, however, we begin to desire what He desires and trust His provision for our lives. Contentment grows as we learn to rest in His wisdom and goodness.

2. Contentment Recognizes Circumstances but Does Not Depend on Them

Contentment does not ignore reality. Content believers experience both joyful seasons and difficult ones. Paul ministered in palaces and prisons, enjoyed abundance and endured hardship. Yet his joy remained anchored in Christ rather than in his circumstances. Contentment enables us to see every situation as an opportunity for God's purposes and glory.

3. Contentment Produces Generosity

Paul wanted his readers to understand that he was not seeking sympathy or attempting to manipulate them. Instead, he was sharing a truth that had transformed his life. A content heart is a generous heart. When we trust God to meet our needs, we are freed to serve others, give sacrificially, and rejoice in God's provision.

As we reflect upon God's providential work in our lives, can we look back on both the joyful and difficult seasons and see how He has used them for His glory? Can we view our circumstances as opportunities to share the gospel and demonstrate our faith in Christ? May we learn, by His grace, to be content in the Lord—always.

Adapted from: Life in Action – 365 Days of Discovering True Life Through Abiding in Christ

Our 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,

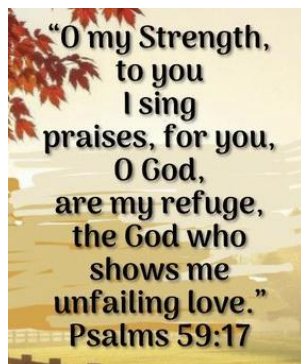
Bro. Todd

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Music Ministry

So thankful that Benton FBC is a singing church! God has blessed the church with a wonderful choir and band. We are always looking for new singers! Come help us sing praises to the Lord!!

Worship Choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:15pm.



Stuart

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Student Ministry

Our student ministry will be at FUGE camp this week! Please be praying for our safe travels, but most importantly, that our students will grow in their love for Christ.

Upcoming Dates:

- June 22–27 – FUGE Camp
- June 24 – No Wednesday Night Church

In Christ,

Hayden Jaco

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Children's Ministry

Be in prayer for both weeks of camp. I will be going with Hayden to Fuge camp with the youth this 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 6/21/2026	\$12,307.34
Given to date	\$345,897.67
Budget needs to date	\$344,134.13
Designated Offering	\$110.00
Building Fund This Year	\$1,870.00
Lottie Moon	\$5,174.00
Annie Armstrong	\$1,445.00
Raymond James/Endow. Fund	\$75,635.78

ATTENDANCE	
6/21/26	188

Upcoming News & Events



OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 2ND

Prayer Request

<p><u>Church Family</u></p> <p>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</p> <p>* Indicates new prayer request</p>	<p><u>Friends & Family</u></p> <p>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</p>	<p><u>Deaf Ministry</u> <i>(Patty Sanders' son & family)</i> Kevin & Jessica Cartwright & Family 15213 W 121st Terrace Olathe, KS 66062</p> <p><u>IMB Missionaries, SE Asia</u> <i>(Martha Lewis's granddaughter & husband)</i> Trevor & Maggie Grant 3806 Monument Ave Richmond, VA 23230</p> <p><u>North American Mission Board</u> <i>(Kaitlin Penn's brother & family)</i> Eric & Brittany Gibbs 767 N Castledale Ave Casa Grande, AZ 85194</p>
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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;"><u>Nursery</u></p> <p>6/28 – Kim Sharp, Dana Marsteller Mya Acord</p> <p>7/5 – To be updated</p> <p>7/12 – To be updated</p> <p>7/19 – To be updated</p> <p>7/26 - To be updated</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Welcome Center</u></p> <p>6/28 – Johnny Collins, Greg Carter</p> <p>7/5 – Brian Doss, David Maddox</p> <p>7/12 – Clayton Crouse, Kevin Jackson</p> <p>7/19 – To be updated</p> <p>7/26 – Bud Langlois, Gary Allen</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Audio – Video</u></p> <p>6/28 – Joe Jackson, Keagan Owens</p> <p>7/5 – Jeff Siress, Keagan Owens</p> <p>7/12 – Joe Jackson, Miranda Mathis</p> <p>7/19 – Billy & Terri Thorpe</p> <p>7/26 – Grant & Devan Willoughby</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Camera Room</u></p> <p>6/28 – Clayton Crouse</p> <p>7/5 - Paul & Karen McKean</p> <p>7/12 - Andy Lepisto</p> <p>7/19 – Dave Puckett</p> <p>7/26 – Gary Allen</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Offertory Prayer</u></p> <p>6/28 - David Parker</p> <p>7/5 – To be updated</p> <p>7/12 – Mike Donohoo</p> <p>7/19 – David Cassity</p> <p>7/26 – Austin Beck</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday Evening</u></p> <p>No classes during summer break</p>



We would like to encourage members and non-members, to log in to the church directory and make any updates to your profile. The directory is a great way to get acquainted with our church family.

members.InstantChurchDirectory.com

Call the church office with any questions. 270-527-7575

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

June 2026

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

Birthdays in **RED**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 2026

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

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