



Church Family,

**"Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!"**

**Psalm 34:8 (ESV)**

Psalm 34, written by David under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, contains a remarkable invitation. David does not simply encourage us to know the Lord, study the Lord, or even see the Lord—he invites us to **taste** the Lord. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus used similar language. He invited people to come to Him and drink. He called them to feast upon Him. These invitations remind us that God desires more than intellectual knowledge; He desires that we personally experience His goodness and grace.

Taste is something that cannot be fully explained—it must be experienced. In the same way, the goodness of God is not merely something we read about or discuss; it is something we encounter personally through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

This past week, our students and student leaders had the wonderful opportunity to spend time in God's Word at FUGE Camp in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. What a joy it was to hear Hayden share that six students came to saving faith in Christ during the week! By God's marvelous grace, they have begun a journey whereby they have and will continue to experience His goodness firsthand. They have tasted, they have seen, and they now know personally that the Lord is good.

What a reason to rejoice! Please continue to pray for each of our students as they return home, that the Lord would continue to strengthen them, deepen their faith, and help them grow in their walk with Christ. Most of all, let us pause together as a church family to praise God for the transforming work of His saving grace through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we look toward this coming Sunday, please also remember Hayden in your prayers as he prepares to preach God's Word. Pray that the Lord will give him wisdom, clarity, and boldness as he proclaims the gospel, and that God will use both His messenger and His message to encourage and strengthen our church as we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we all continue to "taste and see that the LORD is good," finding our refuge, joy, and satisfaction in Him alone.

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## On the 250th Anniversary of the United States and the Baptist Contribution to Religious Liberty

WHEREAS, The United States of America was founded on July 4, 1776, with the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, which recognized the fundamental truth that all people are created equal

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and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, thus establishing a new nation committed to ordered liberty and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, The American founders understood these rights are given by God and secured by government and further comprehended the importance of Christianity to the framing and flourishing of the new republic (Romans 13:1-7); and

WHEREAS, The freedoms enshrined in the US Constitution and Bill of Rights—particularly the freedom of religion and the freedom of speech—have enabled the free and open proclamation of the gospel at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Baptist leaders such as Isaac Backus, John Leland, and others played a vital role in advocating for religious liberty, contributing to the development and eventual adoption of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guarantees the free exercise of religion and prohibits the establishment of a state church; and

WHEREAS, Baptists have historically affirmed that religious liberty is not merely a political principle (such as a “wall of separation”) but a biblical conviction rooted in the teaching that every individual is accountable to God and must be free to respond to Him without coercion from the state (Matthew 22:21; Acts 4:19-20, 17:26-27; Romans 14:12); and

WHEREAS, 2026 will mark the semiquincentennial (250<sup>th</sup> anniversary) of the founding of the United States, a historic milestone to remember and reflect upon God’s providential blessings and sovereign hand throughout the nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the many challenges and shortcomings in our national history, including sins such as slavery, racism, abortion, injustice, and sexual immorality, and affirm the continuing need for national repentance, reconciliation, and revival through the transforming power of the gospel; and

WHEREAS, Despite its failures the United States increasingly realized the promise of its founding by ending slavery and segregation at home and defending freedom from the 20<sup>th</sup> century totalitarian threats of fascism and communism abroad; and

WHEREAS, Scripture exhorts believers to honor governing authorities, to seek the welfare of the cities and nations in which they dwell, and to pray for kings and all who are in authority (Jeremiah 29:7; Romans 13:1; 1 Timothy 2:1-2); and

WHEREAS, The semi quincentennial provides an opportunity for Southern Baptists to express gratitude to God for His blessings, to renew our commitment to faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to stand for truth, righteousness, and justice in the public square; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, June 9-10, 2026, give thanks to Almighty God for his providential hand in the founding and sustaining of the United States of America over the past 250 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge Southern Baptists and all faithful Christians to pray for spiritual revival across the nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we honor the legacy of Baptist forebears who courageously contended for religious liberty and helped secure the freedoms enshrined in the First Amendment; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our historic Baptist commitment to religious liberty for all people, recognizing it as a God-given right grounded in the dignity of every human being made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27-28); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon Southern Baptists to steward these freedoms by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, living as faithful citizens of both the kingdom of God and the United States, and engaging the public square with both courage and civility; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon Southern Baptists to pursue national renewal through biblically informed civic engagement, including advocating for just laws that are rooted in God's natural law and consistent with the witness of holy Scripture, and electing public officials who will do the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge our churches to pray for national, state, and local leaders, that we may live peaceful and godly lives (1 Timothy 2:2); and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves anew to the Great Commission, recognizing that the ultimate hope for America and all nations is in the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, whose kingdom will never end.

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### **Our Summer Wednesday Gatherings**

**Wednesday, July 8 | 6:00 – 8:00PM**

#### **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.

In Christ,

**Bro. Todd**

# Music Ministry

No updates this week.

Worship Choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:15pm.

**Stuart**

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# Student Ministry

Camp was great! It was exactly what our student ministry needed. Jesus was proclaimed and the gospel was made clear. Jesus saved 6 of our students and I look forward to a baptism Sunday in the coming weeks. Pray for our students this week, for many are on the "mountain tops" of their faith, but the evil one will attempt to confuse and divide.

## Upcoming Dates:

- July 1 – No Wednesday Night Church
- July 8 – Churchwide Pool Party | 6:00–8:00 PM @ Benton City Pool
- July 13–17 – Kids Church Camp
- July 15 – No Wednesday Night Church
- July 22 – Pavilion Night: *Watermelon & the Word* | 6:00 PM
- July 27 – Kingsway Skating (Christian Music Night) – Youth Ministry Event
- July 29 – No Wednesday Night Church

In Christ,

**Hayden Jaco**

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# Children's Ministry

Last week was such an awesome week at Fuge camp with the youth. The weather was perfect and God touched many lives. There were some great conversations with the youth and adults too. Be in prayer for those who made decisions. As I always tell kids when they decide to give their lives to Christ - it is the most important decision one will ever make, but it is the first step. Pray for Godly influences to be placed beside them to help in their new walk.

Pray for the 2nd week of camp which is less than two weeks away. The elementary age camp will be July 13-17. We have 33 campers attending that camp in Linden, TN.

Join us next Wednesday, July 8, for a pool party at Benton City pool. We will grill hamburgers and have a great time together.

Have a great week!

**Margaret Siress**

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# Business Information

Budget Offering 6/28/2026	\$10,855.20
Given to date	\$356,752.87
Budget needs to date	\$357,899.50
Designated Offering	\$1,254.00
Building Fund This Year	\$1,880.00
Lottie Moon	\$5,438.00
Annie Armstrong	\$1,450.00
Raymond James/Endow. Fund	\$75,635.78

ATTENDANCE	
6/28/26	195

# Upcoming News & Events



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**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

# Church Highlights



*Diaper Raffle*

BRING A PACK OF DIAPERS  
IN ANY SIZE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO  
WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE

RSVP via text or call  
to katie 2707035823



*Proud parents are Hayden & Jessica Jaco*



*She's ready to pop!*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER  
HONORING MOM-TO-BE

*Jessica Jaco*

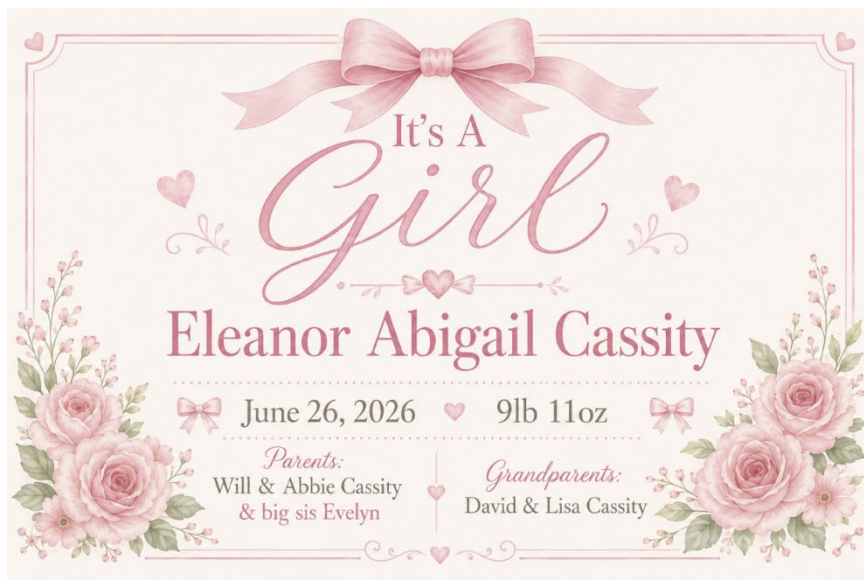
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FROM 12-3

*First Baptist Church*

910 MAIN STREET  
BENTON, KY

*Registry on Amazon and Target*



It's A  
*Girl*

*Eleanor Abigail Cassity*

June 26, 2026    ♥    9lb 11oz

Parents:  
Will & Abbie Cassity  
& big sis Evelyn

Grandparents:  
David & Lisa Cassity

# Prayer Request

## **Church Family**

Karen Brown  
Kia Crouse  
Doug Galyen  
Margie Greer  
Kathy Harrison  
\*Joan Hillen  
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

# Sympathy

*Our Deepest sympathy to Allison Hooks and Sarah Robertson  
in the passing of Sarah's father and Allison's grandfather,  
Charles "Donnie" Robertson.*

# Volunteer Schedules

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Nursery</u></b></p> <p><b>6/28</b> – Kim Sharp, Dana Marsteller Mya Acord</p> <p><b>7/5</b> – To be updated</p> <p><b>7/12</b> – To be updated</p> <p><b>7/19</b> – To be updated</p> <p><b>7/26</b> - To be updated</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Welcome Center</u></b></p> <p><b>6/28</b> – Johnny Collins, Greg Carter</p> <p><b>7/5</b> – Brian Doss, David Maddox</p> <p><b>7/12</b> – Clayton Crouse, Kevin Jackson</p> <p><b>7/19</b> – To be updated</p> <p><b>7/26</b> – Bud Langlois, Gary Allen</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Audio – Video</u></b></p> <p><b>6/28</b> – Joe Jackson, Keagan Owens</p> <p><b>7/5</b> – Jeff Siress, Keagan Owens</p> <p><b>7/12</b> – Joe Jackson, Miranda Mathis</p> <p><b>7/19</b> – Billy &amp; Terri Thorpe</p> <p><b>7/26</b> – Grant &amp; Devan Willoughby</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Camera Room</u></b></p> <p><b>6/28</b> – Clayton Crouse</p> <p><b>7/5</b> - Paul &amp; Karen McKean</p> <p><b>7/12</b> - Andy Lepisto</p> <p><b>7/19</b> – Dave Puckett</p> <p><b>7/26</b> – Gary Allen</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offertory Prayer</u></b></p> <p><b>6/28</b> - David Parker</p> <p><b>7/5</b> – Mike Donohoo</p> <p><b>7/12</b> – David Cassity</p> <p><b>7/19</b> – Austin Beck</p> <p><b>7/26</b> – Brian Doss</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wednesday Evening</u></b></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.

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

[members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com)

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## 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>	

Birthdays in **RED**