



Church Family,

Oh, how I love to worship the Lord—especially here at FBC Benton!

This past Sunday, we once again began our time of worship by witnessing a new brother in Christ follow the Lord in believer's baptism. God is so good! What a blessing it is to see Him save the lost, set people free from sin and self, and accomplish what only He can do. Church, I pray we never take these moments for granted, but instead continually give all praise and glory back to our great God.

On Sunday evening, we held our quarterly business meeting. I thoroughly enjoyed the time of food and fellowship as we gathered together before the meeting. During our time together, I was overjoyed by the church's unanimous decision to ordain Hayden Jaco into the gospel ministry. Hayden has been such a blessing to our church, and it is evident that God has both called and equipped him as he faithfully serves in our student ministry. We are planning Hayden's ordination service for later this fall, and I encourage you to continue praying for Hayden, our students, and the entire student ministry.

During the meeting, I also shared some exciting news regarding the next steps in our church's mission efforts. On September 14–16, I will be leading a missions vision trip to Arizona, where we will meet with Dr. Eric Gibbs of Live Love Ministries. FBC Benton already partners with Live Love Ministries through our monthly missions giving, and this trip will allow us to prayerfully explore how God may use future mission teams from our church to serve alongside their ministry in sharing the gospel. Our hope is to send our first mission team in 2027. Please join me in praying for wisdom, discernment, and God's direction as we prepare for this vision trip.

Also during the ministerial staff reports, Margaret Siress shared that, after much prayer, she believes the Lord is leading her to embrace a new ministry opportunity. For the past 20 years, Margaret and Jeff have faithfully loved, encouraged, supported, and discipled the children of FBC Benton. Their ministry has made an immeasurable impact on countless lives, and we are deeply grateful for their faithful service.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to read Margaret's letter to the church, which was sent in a special email on Monday afternoon. In the coming days, you will also receive additional information regarding a special celebration honoring Margaret and Jeff, which is planned for Sunday, August 23.

Please continue to pray for Margaret, Jeff, their family, and our entire church family during this season of transition. While it is certainly a time filled with many emotions, we can rest confidently in the goodness of God, knowing He has already prepared the path ahead for each of us.

Back-to-School Sunday

This Sunday, we will take time during our worship service to recognize and pray for our students, teachers, administrators, staff members, and all who serve in our local school systems as they begin a new school year.

For those who are students or work within the school system, Back-to-School shirts are available for pickup either before or immediately following the Sunday School hour in the Activities Building.

Child Evangelism Fellowship – 5-Day Club

As I write this newsletter, our Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) 5-Day Club is taking place at the FBC Pavilion. I am so thankful for the adult and student leaders who have come to Benton to share the love of Christ and disciple our children. Many of the student leaders have traveled from Bowling Green, Kentucky, to serve this week. What a wonderful testimony of young people who are already living in obedience to the Great Commission!

I am also grateful for Rick and Shirleen Pilcher, our local CEF volunteer missionaries, as well as our church staff who have been serving alongside the ministry throughout the week.

Please continue praying for everyone involved, and especially that many children will come to know Christ as Lord and Savior.

Join Us in Prayer

Sunday Prayer Gathering

Sundays • 8:00–8:15 a.m. • Prayer Room

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

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Sundays • 10:15–11:15 a.m. • Prayer Room

Each Sunday, faithful intercessors gather to pray throughout our worship service. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, a sign-up sheet is available in the Prayer Room.

In Christ,

Bro. Todd

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Music Ministry

August is Adult Choir Enrollment Month. Come Lift Your Voice!

Do you love to sing? Do you feel most at peace when surrounded by music in worship? Our Music Ministry is inviting new singers to join us for the Fall season.

You don't need to be a trained vocalist..... You just need a joyful heart and a willingness to serve. Whether you've sung in choir for years or you mostly sing from the pew, there is a place for you!

This Fall we have beautiful new anthems planned. They'll be a mix of new favorites and traditional hymns.... as we prepare for Thanksgiving, and the Advent and Christmas season. Now is a wonderful time to join us!

Who: Adults and youth (ages 16+) of all voice parts. Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. If you're not sure what part you sing, we'll help you find it.

When: Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 5th. We rehearse weekly on Wednesday evenings at 6:15-7:30pm in the Choir Room.

If you have questions, give me a call or text. Now is the perfect time to join!

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6

Stuart

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Student Ministry

More baptisms are coming this Sunday! Come worship the King with us as we celebrate what God is doing in the lives of these students. Please be praying for these students and their families as they continue to grow in their faith.

Beginning August 12 at 5:15 PM, I will be leading a New Christian Discipleship Class for our new believers. The goal of this class is to help them build a strong biblical foundation and grow in their walk with Christ. All students in 6th-12th grade are invited to attend in the "Upper Room".

Upcoming Dates:

- July 29 – No Wednesday Night Church
- August 5 – No Wednesday Night Church
- August 12 – Fall Wednesday Night Student Ministry Begins | 6:15 PM

In Christ,

Hayden Jaco

Director of Students

First Baptist Church Benton

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Children's Ministry

Thank you to all who have reached out to me. The words, tears, and hugs (!), have meant so much to me. Please pray for Jeff and me as we seek God's direction. We will be praying for FBC. This church means so much to us and it always will. I had no idea what God had in store twenty-three years ago when we first walked in the doors and everyone welcomed us with open arms. I know He will do that again!

We will have children's activities on Wednesday, August 12 and August 19. I will let you know next week what those will be. We love you and are so thankful.

Have a great week!

Margaret Siress

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Business Information

Budget Offering 7/26/2026	\$11,444.94
Given to date	\$410,228.69
Budget needs to date	\$412,960.96
Designated Offering	\$1,079.00
Building Fund This Year	\$2,100.00
Lottie Moon	\$6,327.00
Annie Armstrong	\$1,685.00
Raymond James/Endow. Fund	\$76,218.09

ATTENDANCE

7/26/26	198
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Monitors for Wednesday evening bible study starting back on Aug 12th at 6:15pm
- Welcome Center during the Sunday School and Worship hours.

This will be a once every three-month rotation

Please contact **Coye McCurry 270-703-0276** or **Mark Harrison 270- 206-8763** for these positions.

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- Audio & Video positions – once every 4 – 5 weeks. No experience needed. Short training session.

**Please contact church office for these positions. 270-527-7575**

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

# Upcoming News & Events



# Prayer Request

## **Church Family**

Karen Brown  
Kia Crouse  
Doug Galyen  
Margie Greer  
Kathy Harrison  
Joan Hillen  
Roy & Joetta Jones  
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  
Alecia Powell  
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



# Volunteer Schedules

| <u>Welcome Center</u>                     |                                 | <u>Camera Room</u>              | <u>Audio – Video</u>                |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 7/26 – Bud Langlois, Gary Allen           |                                 | 7/26 – Gary Allen               | 7/26 – Grant & Devan Willoughby     |
| 8/2 – Danny Owens,<br>Ricky Marsteller    |                                 | 8/2 – Bud Langlois              | 8/2 – <b>TBD</b> & Chase Duncan     |
| 8/9 – Eric Penn, Mark Heuer               |                                 | 8/9 – Allen Gildersleeve        | 8/9 – Jeff Siress & Keagan Owens    |
| 8/16 – Josh Powel, <b>TBD</b>             |                                 | 8/16 – Kevin Jackson            | 8/16 – Joe Jackson & Miranda Mathis |
| 8/23 – David Puckett, Ron Welch           |                                 | 8/23 – Mike Donohoo             | 8/23 – Billy & Terri Thorpe         |
| 8/30 – Gabe Bryant, Tim Yates             |                                 | 8/30 – Brenda Langlois          | 8/30 – Grant & Devan Willoughby     |
|                                           |                                 | <u><b>Offertory Prayer</b></u>  | <u><b>Wednesday Evening</b></u>     |
|                                           |                                 | 7/26 – Brian Doss               | 8/12 – David Puckett                |
|                                           |                                 | 8/2 – Greg Carter               | 8/19 – Ricky Marsteller             |
|                                           |                                 | 8/9 – Josh Powell               | 8/26 – Clayton Crouse               |
|                                           |                                 | 8/16 – Josh Owens               |                                     |
|                                           |                                 | 8/23 – Andy Miller              |                                     |
|                                           |                                 | 8/30 – Kevin Jackson            |                                     |
| <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>                      | <b>WORSHIP ONLY</b>             | <b>S S &amp; WORSHIP</b>        | <b>S S &amp; WORSHIP</b>            |
| 7/26 Kim Sharp                            | Wendy Rose                      | Jessica Jaco<br>Dana Marsteller | Mya Acord                           |
| 8/2 Elizabeth Garrett<br>Deanna Trammell  | Tammy Willie<br>Mary Jo Sprouse | Kathy McCurry                   | Janice Miller                       |
| 8/9 Rita Hawes<br>Patsy Doom              | Amy Northcott<br>Heather Yates  | Dara Smith                      | Stacey Malone                       |
| 8/16 Vicki Wynn<br>Vicki Tynes            | Wendy Rose<br>Kia Crouse        | Jessica Jaco                    | Lori McGregor                       |
| 8/23 Dara Smith                           | Karen Postma<br>Karen McKean    | Devan Willoughby                | Megan Robinson                      |
| 8/30 Elizabeth Garrett<br>Deanna Trammell | Mary Jo Sprouse                 | Dana Marstellar                 | Janice Miller                       |

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## July 2026

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

Birthdays in **RED**

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| August 2026                                |                                                                          |                                                 |                                                                          |                                                        |                                                                                                   |                                                        |
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| Sun                                        | Mon                                                                      | Tue                                             | Wed                                                                      | Thu                                                    | Fri                                                                                               | Sat                                                    |
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| 2<br>Joe Jackson<br>Jarrett Malone         | 3<br>Breanna Carmine                                                     | 4                                               | 5<br>Holly Moore                                                         | 6<br>Irma McClain<br>Brent Lanier                      | 7<br>Brian Alexander<br>Danny Maxberry<br>Eric Penn<br>Tamie Hodges<br>Clifford &<br>Sherrie Penn | 8                                                      |
| 9<br>Marisa Smith<br>Jessica<br>Cartwright | 10<br>Tammy Anderson<br>Eleanor Pogue                                    | 11<br>Richard McLeod<br>Todd & Amy<br>Northcott | 12<br>Becky Auten<br>Hayden Jaco<br>Clark Pullen                         | 13<br>Susan<br>Sedlock<br>Mark &<br>Debbie Heuer       | 14<br>Debra Edwards<br>Sarah<br>Robertson                                                         | 15                                                     |
| 16                                         | 17<br>Todd & Kelly<br>Henson                                             | 18<br>David Record                              | 19<br>Steve & Cynthia<br>Cary                                            | 20                                                     | 21<br>Judy Southerd<br>Ken Toby                                                                   | 22<br>Carolyn<br>Donohoo<br>Danny & Lockie<br>Maxberry |
| 23<br>Brooks Tynes<br>Tessa Powell         | 24<br>Cathy Maddox<br>Steven Bowers                                      | 25<br>Danny Owens                               | 26<br>Savannah<br>Hairgrove<br>Karen McLeod<br>Pam Rye<br>Karsyn Warmath | 27<br>Tommy<br>Sedlock<br>Mike &<br>Carolyn<br>Donohoo | 28<br>Nate Moore<br>Annie Malone                                                                  | 29<br>Natalie<br>Thurmond                              |
| 30<br>Erin Mathis                          | 31<br>Tommy Meyer<br>Cheryl McCuiston<br>Dusty Korbacher<br>Jill Spencer | ANNIVERSARIES IN RED                            |                                                                          |                                                        |                                                                                                   |                                                        |