

Communiqué

JULY 2021

Our Mission:

As a fellowship of Christ's followers, our mission is to journey through life with the inclusive Christ and embrace ALL with God's transforming love

Ten years ago this month I was ordained into ministry by Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, AR. July 10, 2011 was a sacred night that is etched into the depths of my being. During the ordination service, some of my mentors spoke, such as Dr. Matt Cook, Dr. Dennis Wiles, Charlie Fuller, and JV McKinney. The congregation and I sang hymns together, prayed for and with one another, and broke bread and drank wine in remembrance of Christ's great love.

There was another aspect of the service, though, that continues to carry me, even ten years later. After the time when the congregation laid hands on me and whispered words of blessings over me, each person was invited to sign their name on one of two documents: an ordination certificate or a formal sheet of paper. Each of the Deacons who was part of the Ordination Council was invited to sign the ordination certificate and everyone else in the service was invited to sign the formal paper. This was a change in ordination liturgy at Second Baptist. Previously, only the Deacon Chair and the Senior Pastor signed their names on a sheet of paper and it was only on the Ordination Certificate. But the way I looked at it, everyone in that church was ordaining me into ministry and I desired each person to have a chance to sign their name. This way, in the future, I could flip through those pages and recall the support of each person.

And that's exactly what I do, especially when I am in the midst of a hard day or a tough season of ministry. I see the handwritten signatures of Mary Ann McKinney, Chris Ellis, Betsy Young, Jon & Ann Poteet, Katie Walden, Janice & Larry Cheatham, Stan Wilson, Kevin Heifner, DeSean Jarrett, Bruce Carter, Dale and Jimmy Carter, Randy Cain, Gayle Maloch, Beverly and David McCollum, Ray Higgins....so many more names. So many more faces. So many hands and spirits of support. Some of them have died since that night. Some of them are now leaders in the church. Yet, individually and collectively, each of them has played a valuable role in who I am today as both a minister and follower of Christ.

As my formal ministry has taken various forms, from Younger Adult Pastor, to Chaplaincy, to Senior Pastor, I regularly go back to the people who were there that ordination night and in their continual blessing and encouragement, I keep pressing forward in the goodness of Christ's continual unfolding.

I wonder, if you had a list of names of the people who have whispered a type of blessing into your life, specifically to embrace and embody the deep love of Christ, whose signatures would you see on that list? Whose faces appear when you need a bit of encouragement? Who from your past has influenced you to follow Christ more deeply?

This month, as I give thanks for 10 years of ordained ministry in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I also give thanks for the good people of Second Baptist, Little Rock, and the support they offer me. Without them, I would not be here with you...and I so deeply love you. Thanks be to God for them. Thanks be to God for you. Thanks be to God for this good, sacred, and holy work.

Thoughts from
Pastor David



HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

WHAT TO DO

HEAT STROKE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High body temperature (103°F or higher) • Hot, red, dry, or damp skin • Fast, strong pulse • Headache • Dizziness • Nausea • Confusion • Losing consciousness (passing out) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency • Move the person to a cooler place • Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath • Do not give the person anything to drink |
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HEAT EXHAUSTION

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy sweating • Cold, pale, and clammy skin • Fast, weak pulse • Nausea or vomiting • Muscle cramps • Tiredness or weakness • Dizziness • Headache • Fainting (passing out) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to a cool place • Loosen your clothes • Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath • Sip water <p>Get medical help right away if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are throwing up • Your symptoms get worse • Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour |
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HEAT CRAMPS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy sweating during intense exercise • Muscle pain or spasms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop physical activity and move to a cool place • Drink water or a sports drink • Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity <p>Get medical help right away if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cramps last longer than 1 hour • You're on a low-sodium diet • You have heart problems |
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SUNBURN

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painful, red, and warm skin • Blisters on the skin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals • Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath • Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas • Do not break blisters |
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HEAT RASH

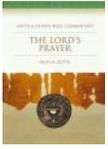
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay in a cool, dry place • Keep the rash dry • Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash |
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JULY LIBRARY NEWS

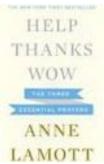
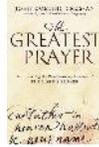
GREAT BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING.....

The Practice of Daily prayer:



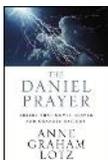
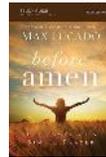
The Lord's Prayer by Nujay Gupta
a commentary from Smyth Helwys.

The Greatest Prayer
by John Crossan....the author explains the
revolutionary meaning of the Lord's Prayer.



Help. Thanks. Wow. By Anne LaMott
.....LaMott writes about three prayers and
explains what they mean to her and how
they have helped her. Her humor, wisdom
and spiritual insights are reflected in the
book.

Before Amen: The power of a Simple
Prayer by Max Lucado.....This book will
give you some tools for experiencing the
power of prayer and will encourage you to
make prayer a way of life.



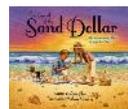
The Daniel Prayer by Anne Graham
Lotz.....based on the ninth chapter of
Daniel, this book will help you to pray for
yourself, your family, the church, the
community and the nation.

PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS.....

Visit the church library with your child, browse the
shelves in the children's section, choose and
check out a book. Enjoy reading together!

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
by Eric Carle

The Legend of the Sand Dollar by Chris
Auer



The Oak Inside the Acorn by Max Lucado



Have You Filled Your Bucket Today by
Carol McCloud



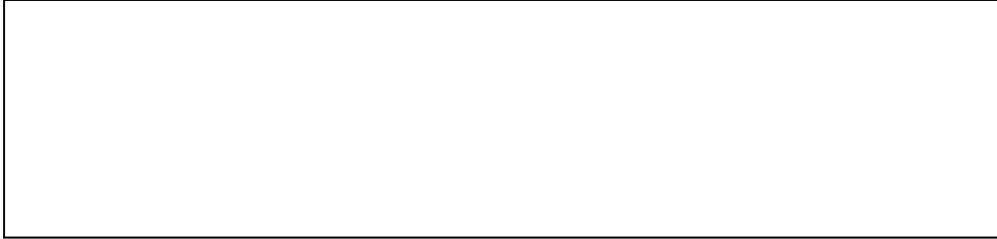
July Birthdays

- 7/02 Terry Brown
- 7/03 Bruce Tolbert
- 7/04 Rick Andrews
- 7/05 Sharmon Dougherty
- 7/10 Turner Shipman
- 7/11 Art McCollom, Caleb Rhoads
- 7/12 Kim Burk
- 7/16 David McDaniel
- 7/18 John Musgrave
- 7/19 Bill Vaught
- 7/21 Sheri Mistele
- 7/28 John Kroner
- 7/29 Alyssa Roark
- 7/31 Carol Bartmess

Be sure and send Happy Birthday
greetings to this month's birthday
friends. A card, text, or a phone call
mean so much!



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BAPTIST CHURCH



2021 Heartland Camp at Holmeswood July 26-30, 2021 (Monday-Friday)

9:00 am – 4:00 pm (early and late care available)

Current K-6th Graders (must have completed any grade K - 6th by June 1)

Imagine five full days of fun, friendship-making, learning about God's love and the Bible, playing lots of games, a water slide, skits, crafts and mission projects. Well, it's all happening July 26-30 at Holmeswood, and we welcome campers (& their friends) to participate in camp! Cost is \$60 per camper, and this includes lunch, snacks and all activities; scholarships are available, too. Note: Because the health and safety of our campers, families and volunteers are our top priorities in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will have policies and procedures that reflect this.

Find out more about this awesome week here:

<https://holmeswoodfam.org/heartland/>

And if you are interested in volunteering for camp, go to the registration link:

[HTTPS://WWW.HEARTLANDCAMPS.ORG/HOLMESWOOD](https://www.heartlandcamps.org/holmeswood)

Hope to see you there!