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Summer. Just the word brings a great deal into view. The memories of summers gone past and the family times shared pop up. The current thoughts and ideas of things to do and plans to make come into view. The heat...there's always the heat that we think about. Rain, lack of or overabundance of marks each summer. Beaches, lakes, theme parks, rivers, camping, road trips, these all find their way into our thinking about summer. And they should.

We are only gifted with just so much time. I get it. We all so much want to make the most of the time we have. We are called to "invest" in our family and "make memories". As a husband first and a daddy to my children secondly, I get it. That is a right decision. That weekend away and those road trips are joys of family that once gone, can't be replaced.

Another right decision that I would remind all of us dad's about is this; "**You never stop being the spiritual head of your family.**" In June, July, and August, you are still the spiritual leader. God is still at work during summer vacation. I was so encouraged this last Sunday to see so many family units in church for Father's Day. Another joy through this summer is the number of guest's that are here going to church on Sunday even though they are away from their hometown visiting family and friends in our area. Hebrews 10:23-25 tells us, *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."*

Our confession of our faith is both an internal possession and external evidence. How we prioritize our time is one of the external pieces of evidence of the depth of our confession internally. Is God's people a priority? Is the corporate sharing of God's Word a necessity? Those are questions we are answering when we plan. And we need to be the spiritual leaders God has called us to be and plan God into every month of the year as a priority for self and for those that come after. A meme I recently saw simply said, "church should be our excuse for why we miss other things". But in reality, other things are usually our excuse for why we miss church.

I've never been a guilt pastor and I am not aiming to be so here. My only desire is to remind us all of the priority. I don't want any of us to miss out on what God is doing. God is still at work. Every person that attended "Show Me the Father" walked away with a blessing of God's work among us. Father's day itself opened eyes to the quick failure that could impact generations and cultures through one event of selfishness. Each week, I've seen the work of the Father and so desire all to gain from what God is doing.

Yes, God wants you to make the most of every day, week, and month. But being a spiritual leader is at the top of God's redemptive plan for you. Just be careful that in the making of memories, you're also leading in the making of future followers of Christ. The two are not mutually exclusive and we don't have to sacrifice one for the other if we see the importance of both in the right order. Lead well.

Pastor Leroy



Save Us From Ourselves

It was the same day in another time - I felt your pain and you felt mine
And all that we tried and all of our tricks - Still couldn't help what couldn't be fixed
Who's gonna save us from ourselves this time?

Demonstrations, appropriations, more frustrations, tugging at your sleeve
Peace and love still has the power, don't wait until your final hour to believe
I said, with all that we've tried and all of our tricks
Still could not help what couldn't be fixed
Can anyone save us from ourselves this time?

One nation, indivisible, heads in the sand 'cause we weren't invisible
Say your prayers, we could all use a miracle now
To save us from ourselves

(Lyrics from the Song "Save Us From Ourselves" by the Band Styx, 2021)

In 2002, the 9th U.S. The Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the citing of the Pledge of Allegiance in public school was unconstitutional because the phrase "*One nation under God*" is an "*endorsement of religion*." Judge Alfred Goodwin wrote, "*The pledge sends a message to non-religious students that they are outsiders*." If this ruling stood then it would have been unconstitutional for children in nine states to pledge their allegiance to the flag of the United States. Fortunately, on March 12, 2010 they upheld the constitutionality of the phrase. I have NEVER witnessed this nation so united against a judicial ruling. Whenever the Senate votes 99-0 on anything it is time to take notice. The House also followed suit in a unanimous vote. In spite of this national uproar there is one question that has not been asked. Is Justice Goodwin in some strange and perverted way prophetic in stating that we are not "*a nation under God*"? What will it take for our nation to return to our Christian principles? What will God use to restore our spiritual heritage and awaken believers who have slumbered through years of the systematic removal of the presence of God from our nation's foundation? **Psalm 33:12** states, "***Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance.***"

Proverbs 14:34 says, "***Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.***" America was founded by men and women who acknowledged God's supreme rule over our lives. They were looking for HIS Righteousness to exalt this nation! They weren't perfect. They weren't all fundamentalist Christians, but they all acknowledged that God was the supreme ruler over man and over government. Let's take a moment and reflect again on the Declaration of Independence that was signed on July 4, 1776. Most of you are familiar with the prologue that says, "*We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights that among them are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*" As you read the Declaration of Independence, you discover what follows the prologue are about 15 or 16 charges against King George of Britain, but as they come to the final, the closing, the therefore, they make two more references to God: "*We therefore, the representatives of the United States of America in general congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our intentions.*" They said, "*We're appealing to you, England, declaring our independence, but we're also appealing mainly to the Supreme Judge of the World, God himself.*" And then, the very last line of the Declaration of Independence is this: "*...and for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence.*" Divine means God. God's protection and providence, we mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor, no matter the cost.

In the painting of the first Continental Congress, the story is that they were discussing and debating about how the Declaration of Independence would be written. And finally, Ben Franklin stood and said, "*Gentlemen, if it is true that not one single petal from any flower falls to the ground without escaping God's attention, will the distress of this nation go unheeded? Let us therefore determine to seek His face.*" At that suggestion 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence all went to their knees as one man and began to pray and seek the wisdom of God. Wouldn't it be wonderful today if our congress would go to their knees in prayer, and wouldn't it be wonderful if every other court (including our Supreme Court) would just get on their knees like our forefathers did and say, "*Almighty God, what do you want for this nation?*" Many Bible scholars believe our nation is at the point of no return of destruction. That could be, for prophetic signs are becoming a reality each day. But 2nd Chronicles 7:14 states, "***If My people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.***" Say your prayers, we could all use a miracle now; to save us from ourselves!

"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:28)

Bro. Andrew

Earlean on Vacation

June 27 - July 4th

**Office Closed
Monday, July 4th****Deacons Meeting
Sunday, July 10th 8:30 am****Staff Meeting
Tuesday, July 12th 4:15 pm****Earlean out of the Office
July 13th & 14th****Joint WMU/Brotherhood Celebration
Monday, July 18th 6:00 pm
Union Grove Baptist Church****Executive Committee Meeting**Thursday, July 21st 6:30 pm
Tucker Baptist Assoc. OfficeSaturday, July 23rd
8:00 am until**“Church Wide Clean and
Spruce Up Day”**Sunday School classes, please
refresh and declutter your rooms this summer
for the new church year.If anyone has shelves they would like to do-
nate that plastic containers will fit on for the
supply room, please let church office know.**DEACON ELECTION**

Sunday, July 24th AM service

Friday, July 29th

Show Our Teacher's AppreciationIf you would like to go with us to hand
out refreshments/gifts.**School Teacher Appreciation
Sunday, July 31st AM service****2022 FBC MISSIONS TRIP****WHEN: July 9-16**Tucker Association will be there on Sat July 9
FBC Youth will be leaving Pelham @ 12:30 July 10
Work projects will begin on Mon morning July 11
Join us for the whole week or just part of the week!**Where:** Hiawasse, Ga area**Why:** To help with various ministries in the area**Who with:** Tucker Baptist Association**What to do:** Serving Various ministries in that area!
construction projects - Yard work
Park Outreach
Ministry Thrift store organization**What's required:** 1. \$100 / Adult \$50 / Student
2. Be willing to have a gospel conversation
with people
3. Be willing to do some physical work as
needed**What is needed:** Bible, pen and notebook,
pillow and linens,
work clothes,
swimsuit (one piece or cover up for ladies,
loose fitting shorts for guys),
good closed toe shoes for working and hiking**Meals are included except the travel****Questions:** Harold Smith 229-221-1565**Sign Up:** <https://rb.gy/0hzvce>

Our Members Birthdays in the Month of July

- 1 Dianne Fenn
- 2 Kelli Wilson
- 3 Donnie Palmer
- 5 Erica Hilliard
- 10 Suzanne Anderson
- 10 Karen Moltz
- 12 Debbie Hurst
- 16 Stephanie Davis
- 22 Charles James
- 25 Tasha Wall
- 25 Debra Winters
- 26 Pryor Connell
- 28 Matthew Hilliard
- 28 Shirley Humphries



**Look Who's Having
a Birthday!**

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed on Friday

Activate The Prayer Chain



Tina Sellers 294-8443
Helen Schmidt 294-2818
Earlean Shiver 294-8073

Deacons of the Month July

Donald Bishop Jimmy Godwin
977-3482 221-1547

Deacons of the Month August

Duane Bentley Will Norman
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Prayer List

MEMBERS

Don Bodin	medical
Jean Bodin	medical
Larry Frosteg	medical
Shirley Humphries	recovering surgery
Glenda Rich	medical
Sue Strickland	medical
Bill Walton	surgery June 27
Annie Lee Wells	medical/Camilla hosp.
David Wells	medical

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Merrick 2 yrs old (Murphy)	brain cancer
Al Adams (Godwin)	medical
Britain Brown	needs kidney transplant
David Burt (Smith)	cancer/spiritual
Allen Creech	cancer
Monica Goodman	cancer
Randy Harris	cancer
Gary Hurst (Butler)	foot
Bob & Donna Jarvis (Monday)	son's drug addiction
Jeannie Mellow (Lock)	medical
Jean Murphy (Monday)	medical
John Murphy (Monday)	medical
Anthony Petty (Monday)	cancer
Brooke Pollock	medical
Emily Pollock (Fenn)	needs kidney transplant
Les Pollock	cancer
Lynda Pollock	car accident
Gene Sanders	medical
Dorothy Sizemore	bone cancer
James Sizemore	medical
Randy Sizemore (Strickland)	leukemia/ home
Candace Trimble (Monday)	medical
David Trimble (Monday)	medical
Eddie Wilson	needs liver transplant
Anetta Williams	medical
Renae Wynn	recovering liver transplant

Our World City of Pelham City of Camilla Our Schools
Spiritual needs in our community Pregnancy Center

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Marcelene Drawdy, Parkway
Eunice Hatcher, Parkway #403
Arvilla Jean, Parkway #409
Imogene Jones, Parkway
Libby Moats, Legacy Tville
Joyce Walton, Southern Pines
Buddy Campbell, Magnolia Manor
Carol Whigham, The Atria, Atlanta

Sunday School Teacher/Workers Meeting with Lunch

for you & your family

Sunday, July 31st

immediately following the AM service

Happy 4th of July

First Baptist Church - Pelham

SUNDAY

9:15 am	Morning Mingle - Breakfast
9:40 am	Children's Sunday School Opening Rally
9:45 am	Adult & Teen Sunday School Classes meet
10:00 am	Children's Sunday School Classes meet
11:00 am	Morning Worship Service and on Facebook @First Baptist Church Pelham

Monday

6:00 - 7:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study will resume in September
6:00 pm	Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

12:00 Noon	Men's Lunch/Bible Study <i>Call church office to order lunch</i>
7:00 pm	Men's Prison Ministry

Wednesday

5:00—5:30 pm	Kid's Choir
5:00—6:00 pm	Supper
6:00—7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
6:00—7:30 pm	Children "Answers in Genesis"
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Youth Meeting
7:30 pm	Choir

Masks are at each entrance. Facility will be cleaned and sterilized weekly.

Breakfast Teams

Muffins, Danish for

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

DURING June & July will resume in August
with new rotation schedule

July Nursery Schedule

July 3:	Kristy & Wesley Palmer, Olivia
July 10:	Katie & JT Thompson, Lucy
July 17:	Andrea Feagin, Jayden, Barbara Feagin
July 24:	Lori Williams, Lydia, Karen Moltz
July 31:	Melea & Duane Bentley, Lynn Aldridge

Memory Verse for the Month

A fool vents all his mind:
but a wise man quietly holds it back.
Proverbs 29:11

