

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## When We Meet:

### Sundays

9:15a Sunday School  
10:30a Worship

### Wednesdays

6:00p Prayer Meeting  
AWANA  
Youth Study

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### MISSION

### STATEMENT

To make disciples of  
all people by sharing  
the Good News of  
Jesus, starting in  
Ferriday.

# The VOICE

JULY 2020

## FROM OUR PASTOR

The blood remained fresh on the snow outside Boston's Custom House on the morning of March 6, 1770. Hours earlier, rising tensions between British troops and colonists had exploded into violence when a band of Redcoats opened fire on a crowd that had pelted them with not just taunts, but ice, oyster shells and broken glass. Although the soldiers claimed to have acted in self-defense, patriot propaganda referred to the incident as the Boston Massacre. Eight British soldiers and their officer in charge, Captain Thomas Preston, faced charges for murdering five colonists. Not far from the Custom House, a 34-year-old Boston attorney sat in his office and made a difficult decision. Although a devout patriot, John Adams agreed to risk his family's livelihood and defend the British soldiers and their commander in a Boston courtroom. At stake was not just the fate of nine men, but the relationship between the motherland and her colonies on the eve of American Revolution.

One of my favorite "Forefather's of Liberty" has always been John Adams. Historically, he has never been considered a "charismatic" or "flamboyant" individual, but rather a commonsense man with a love for his country and the rule of law. He could have very easily been swayed by the court of public opinion and catered to the mob but, his devotion to the principle that everyone deserves a fair trial was put into action. He defended those who had few, if anyone willing to come to their defense.

Ultimately, John Adams not only successfully defended these frightened soldiers far from home, but they were also acquitted of all the charges.

Let us never forget that Someone else came to our defense when we were guilty of the vilest of crimes. "While we were sinners Christ died for us." Jesus himself became the propitiation for all our sins. That is a fancy way to say that He paid the price that we could not pay. On the cross, He paid the penalty by the shedding of His innocent blood so that we may forever forgiven and redeemed. "For (God) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV Jesus did not become a sinner, but rather he paid the price and we have been declared innocent.

As you celebrate Independence Day this month, never forget the GREATEST day of Independence, the day that you were set free from your sins and forgiven. And if you have never asked The LORD Jesus to be your Savior, I pray that today would be the day of salvation.

In HIS Love,  
Bro. Thomas



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



COLLECTING IN JULY  
SUNGLASSES  
PLASTIC CUPS

## FROM OUR YOUTH PASTOR

### HELLO FROM FBC FERRIDAY,

What a joy to have FBC open on Sunday and Wednesday's for meeting together. We have been meeting on Sunday morning's, but have now met 3 Wednesday nights with 13-14 teenagers and 4 adults spending about 95 minutes together eating, playing games and getting into God's Word. I am so excited to finally meet teens and some parents face to face each week. Being introduced to your new youth ministry through online zoom meetings the month of May and half of June was less than ideal. Yet, just so glad we can meet together now. I look forward each week planning to bring fresh Sunday School lessons for the guys and creative Summer fun and studies on Wednesday night, all the while still getting to know everyone. All teenagers completed 6<sup>th</sup> grades through early college are invited to come join us on Sunday Morning's at 9:15 a.m. and on Wednesday's at 5:30 p.m. We always have a snack supper and will be church-wide potluck on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Great night of creative games to bond us together as we study how to be a unified youth group through trusting God, & trusting each other. Keep praying for these 2 major ministries to students each week.

We had a wonderful graduate recognition for our 3 seniors on June 14. It was a blessing to honor Ryan Lance, Haleigh White and Jimmy Wilkinson II. The church presented them with an amazing Bible and Wayne Roberts did a great job on the whole senior slide show which made it special for the graduates, family and the whole church. Let's keep praying for these seniors as they begin a different part of their life journey and that God will be the one who leads them daily.

With Covid-19 restrictions being less and more younger teens and adults getting out, we are seeing the usual family exits this month on what we call vacations. These fun family times are extra special this summer as we experienced such a long lock down, never experienced by any of us, keeping everyone cooped up. As many of our teens and parents will be gone the whole month of July and part of early August, we will work to plan an event or two, outside of Sunday's and Wednesday's when we get into August. It is harder to do that this month with so many of you being gone. When you are not gone, we look forward to each of you coming to FBC Ferriday for fun and worshipping our Lord and Savior through various ways. I am grateful to the parental help I have already experienced here at FB and look forward to more of you ministering alongside me. This generation truly needs discipleship and help leading them to the importance of sharing their faith with their friends daily. Please pray for our teens, parents, and myself each day as we seek to do God's Will and plan and wait patiently for His daily guidance in our lives.

Pslam 46:1 (NKV) "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. May we constantly be reminded in a fast paced, changing world, culture and circumstances that our God is in control and is the refuge for His children. Stay prayed up, reading His Word and trusting in Him with all your heart, mind and soul. Glad to be a part of Kingdom building at this church.

Because of Jesus, Bro. Dan

## FROM OUR MUSIC MINISTER

In defense of music, hear my heart.

All my life, music has been an integral part of not only my daily routine, but certainly my worship experiences. I absolutely love the preached Word of God and the years I spent on the road for work I listened to sermon after sermon as I drove. It taught me, pruned me, encouraged me, and strengthened me. But music, music pierced me. There were crevices in my life that God pierced with sound waves, that the spoken word has not touched. I believe with all my heart that God is more interested in WHY we do what we do than what we do. Music are short testimonies of those whys. Avere sang a song for us Sunday that was the Why for the author who composed it. But we are not all so different that his testimony cannot strike a chord in our life as well. I am convinced that God loves music because it's our simple testimony and it is profound. I connect with songs I didn't write, as do we all.

Our music ministry seeks no more than to share those testimonies with our church body in a way that we see ourselves in their testimony. Now that the restrictions are lifted and we can assemble again, we will once again rehearse each Wednesday evening at 7. I really don't care if you are a good singer. I really do care if you have a song in your heart that needs to be sung.

We would love for you to join us. Children, youth, adults, seniors...anybody! You are all welcome.

Love you all,

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### Deacon Team of the Week

July 5 - July 11	Joe Webber 601-334-1492 or 318-757-4855 Mark Welch 318-452-7999
July 12 - July 18	Dallas Batey 318-623-4730 Roy Lance 318-201-0540
July 19 - July 25	Bill Colvin 601-870-9681 or 318-757-7309 Wayne Roberts 318-437-7072
July 26 - Aug 2	Bill Beasley 601-807-5237 or 318-757-4307 Robbie Hargis 318-719-8881



### FINANCES AS OF MAY 2020

<b>Spent YTD:</b>	<b>\$67,902</b>
<b>Budget Giving YTD:</b>	<b>\$124,845</b>

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**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

Friday, July 3rd - Office Closed  
Wednesday, July 8th - 5:30p Potluck Fellowship Supper  
6p - Prayer Service/Children/Youth  
Wednesday, July 8th-Wednesday, Aug. 5th - 5:30-7p VBS  
Thursday, July 9th - 12 noon WMU (note new time)  
Sunday, July 12th - 8a Men's Prayer Breakfast

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

July 2 -	Lauren Edwards	July 16 -	Sammy Rogers
July 3 -	Odessa Freeman	July 19 -	Benton Ater
	Abbey Lance		Anna Claire Jackson
July 5 -	H. L. Irvin	July 22 -	Gene Wilson
July 7 -	Jefferey Lewis		Charles Wood
July 8 -	Linous Lance	July 24 -	Mika White
	Luke Lance	July 25 -	Sara Bennett
July 11 -	Debra Moak	July 26 -	Robert Dodd
	Dee Horton	July 27 -	Wayne Roberts
July 14 -	John Burnham	July 28 -	Gus Mccarthy
July 15 -	Bonnie Bonnette		