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July 2017

SEARCHLIGHT

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From the Shepherd's Heart

Happy birthday America! As we celebrate Independence Day, we are reminded to be thankful to God for our nation and its key freedoms allowing us to worship and share the Gospel. Dr. Jedidiah Morse was not only a prominent Christian minister but is also a fine educator known as the Father of American Geography. In an election sermon in 1799 he said,

“To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation, either through unbelief or the corruption of its doctrine, or the neglect of its institutions; in the same proportion will the people of that nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom, and approximate the miseries of complete despotism.”

His warning rings true today, as we have seen the decline of our nation follow the path of the decline of the church. Let us hope and pray for a return to God, first on behalf of the church which needs revival so badly. Then, let us pray for the spiritual awakening that must occur if our nation is to survive.

Join us this Sunday, July 2, for a patriotic service of worship as we recognize the foundation upon which our nation was created. Everyone attending worship will receive a booklet copy of the Constitution of the United States. The document that still stands after 200+ years as a model for our nation was created by a group of leaders who bathed themselves and our nation in prayer.

LEADERS, don't forget to register for our Church Leadership Planning Retreat. We will meet on Saturday, August 12, at White Oak Conference Center from 9 until 4. Along with special training for deacons and strategic committees, we will plan our calendar for 2017-18 and deal with key organizational issues for the new church year.

Thank you to all our VBS workers who made this year's school a great success. We had a great time looking up at the stars and our Creator through Bible study, music, crafts, food and fellowship. We are already evaluating and getting excited about next year!

And, thank you to our new church bookkeeper, Cora Mullinax. She has started with a bang, getting some much needed work done in our office. A great deal of work is progressing as she and Susan are getting some things in order that are going to make us better stewards of all the blessings God had provided First Baptist. Although the



Summer Choir Schedule

For the summer the choir will practice one Wednesday each month. Practices are scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th and August 16th at 7:30 p.m.

On the Wednesdays when the choir is practicing Donnie Smith will be preparing supper at 5:30 p.m. Please make your reservations on the Welcome Form in the bulletin for these suppers.



Those who have officially joined our church since the first of the year are Liz Adams, Tammy and Greg Farish, and Brodie Price. We welcome you all and look forward to working with you in the ministries of First Baptist Church!

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average worshiper on Sunday will not see evidence of this hard work immediately, I can assure you that we are moving mountains with a number of positive changes that will improve our church ministry for the future. And, thank you to our Finance, Personnel and Grounds/facilities committees, who have worked extra hard to get us over several key hurdles this spring.

Looking forward to a great summer in Christ!

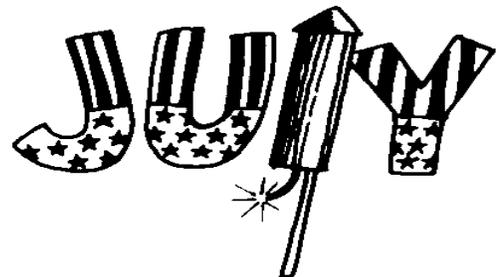
Pastor Craig Bailey

Opportunities for Ministry, Worship and Study:

- 1 **SummerSalt.** June 5-9 and July 3-7, 2017. White Oak Conference Center. High energy camp experience for youth. Cost is \$250. Chaperone needed for every 7 campers of the same sex. For more info go to summersalt.org.
- 2 **Kidsalt.** June 10-13 and July 17-20, 2017. White Oak Conference Center. High energy camp experience for 3rd through 5th graders. Cost \$189 per student. One chaperone needed per 5 students. For more info go to kidsaltcamp.org
- 3 **Children's Music Mini Camp.** July 11-13, 2017, White Oak Conference Center. For students completing grades K-5 — 2. Cost is \$110.00 for campers and chaperones (before May 15) , after May 15 cost is \$120.00 for campers and chaperones. For more information go to www.scbaptist.org/worship and click on Worship Calendar event.
- 4 **Cleveland Vision and Mission Journey.** August 21-23, 2017. Purpose of the trip is for SC churches to form partnerships with Cleveland church planters. Cost is for air travel to Cleveland and some meals. NAMB will cover lodging and some meals. Contact S C Baptist Convention for application (803-227-6064 or sandybezzak@scbaptist.org). To register go to www.inamb.net/send-cities/cleveland, under "Catch the Vision Tours" click on August 21-23, then "register".
- 5 **Southeast Asia Vision and Mission Journey.** September 14-25, 2017. To give participants hands on experiences in unreached areas with IMB personnel and national leaders. Cost: \$2,000 to \$2200. Must have passport. Application deadline is July 14. To request and application or more info contact Missions Mobilization Team at 803-227-6064 or sandybezzak@scbaptist.org.
- 6 **Fall Jubilee 2017.** September 18-20, 2017. Gatlinburg Convention Center Gatlinburg, TN. Leaders include: Colingsworth Family, Phil & Kay Robertson, Johnny Hunt, Goodman Revival, Will Graham, Greater Vision, Steve Green, Primitive Quartet, Allison Speer, Dennis Swanburg. Cost \$129-\$179 for conference and 2 nights lodging or \$99 for conference only. For more info Call 800-616-8863 or jubileeconferences.com.
- 7 **Mully. October 3-5, 2017.** This movie is about Charles Mully who worked his way from abject poverty to great wealth then gave it up to serve God. For more info go to wmu@wmu.org.
- 8 **Taiwan Vision and Mission Journey.** October 20-30, 2017. Will involve greeting Chinese tourists who go to Taiwan to welcome them and give them a New Testament. Need to be physically active. Cost: \$1300-\$1500 which includes lodging, meals, and transpor-

tation. Application deadline is August 1st. For application and info contact the Missions Mobilization Team at 803-227-6064 or sandybezzak@scbaptist.org.

- 9 **Celebrators Conference.** October 16-19, 2017. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. Leaders include: David Jeremiah, Mark Lowry, Stan Whitmire, Annie Moses Band, Phil Waldrep, Greater Vision, Veritas, Max Lucado, Charles Billingsley (worship leader). Cost; \$125 for conference only, \$199-\$499 for conference and 3 nights lodging. October 23-26, 2017. Smoky Mountain Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. Leaders include: Rick Webb Family, Mike Whitson, Aaron Wilburn, Stan Whitmire, Allison Speer, Mylon Hayes Family , Dennis Swanburg. For more info call 1-800-374-1550 or on line at celebrators.org.
- 10 **Reaching the Nations in North America Conference.** October 27-28, 2017. Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forrest, NC. Conference for church planting and evangelism. For more info contact Shirley Sells at 800-395-5102, Ext 5571 or ssells@ncbaptist.org.
- 11 **S C Baptist Convention Annual Meeting.** November 7th. Shandon Baptist Church. The theme will be "Unite". During the afternoon volunteers will do prayerwalking, acts of kindness and other evangelistic activities to support existing or new ministries. If you want to become involved contact Cathy Locklear, 803-252-0116.
- 12 **Hearts on Fire Student Conference.** November 17-18, 2017, LeConte Event Center, Pigeon Forge, TN. A conference to challenge middle school, high school and college age young people t a dynamic walk and commitment in Christ. Speakers: Ed Newton, Algernon Tennyson. In concert: Toby Mac and Crowder. Worship with: Hearts on Fire Band and Roger Williams & the Amuq. Registration is \$35 before October 20th, then \$45 (meals and lodging extra). For info and registration go to www.heartsonfireministries.org or 865-776-2629.



God's People Praying

July 2017

365 Days of Prayer

July Birthdays

- 1 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Marion Baptist Association.
- 2 Pray for the music camps and their concerts.
- 3 Thank God for America and the freedoms we enjoy which people in so many other countries do not have.
- 4 Pray for America that we will not move away from the Christian principles it was founded on.
- 5 Pray for those families which are struggling through the devastation of divorce.
- 6 Pray for those people whose minds are alert but who are isolated because their physical bodies are totally incapacitated.
- 7 Pray for those participating in SBC camps and conferences that they will grow spiritually.
- 8 Pray for immigrants and refugees who have settled in South Carolina and pray that we will find ways to minister to them.
- 9 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Moriah Baptist Association.
- 10 Ask God to help you seek out and get rid of any hypocrisy in your life.
- 11 Pray that God would awaken Christians to action to stem the tide of escalating violence in our society.
- 12 Ask God to help you avoid thinking that you have all the answers and are always right.
- 13 Pray for those new parents who watch anxiously at the crib of their newborn baby who is fighting for life in a neonatal intensive care unit.
- 14 Ask God to help you find how you should use your God given gifts and talents for His Kingdom.
- 15 Pray for faithful church members who are now homebound and missing the weekly Christian fellowship they enjoyed for so long.
- 16 Pray for newly retired pastors who may find themselves at a loss without a pulpit on Sunday mornings.
- 17 Thank God for all the blessings you enjoy through your five physical senses.
- 18 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the North Greenville Baptist Association.
- 19 [Pray for the fellowship between First Baptist and St. Marks Baptist](#) during our joint service this evening.
- 20 Pray for those people who have long watched a loved one suffer and decline. Ask that God will give them the strength and grace to let go when He calls that loved one home.
- 21 As you see a need, or hear one expressed today, immediately offer a silent prayer of intercession.
- 22 Pray for a greater understanding among the people of God that humility and gentleness are not the same as weakness, but in fact are so much greater.

- 2 Max Baughman
- 3 Steven Bishop
- 6 Alex Kelly
- 8 Nicholas Knotts
- 12 Robert Byrd, Karen Silvia
- 15 Donna Powers
- 20 Gina Pendergrass
- 21 Breka Gunn, Martha Mazingo
- 24 Gavin Douglas, Julie Locklair
- 25 Mary Yongue
- 26 Wanda Marthers
- 27 Andrea Lyles
- 28 Dawn Douglas
- 29 Liz Adams
- 31 Austin Knox



- 23 Pray for those who have answered God's call to vocational evangelism and who rely entirely on His providence for their livelihood.
- 24 Pray for Anderson University, its faculty, staff, students, and witness.
- 25 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the North Spartan Baptist Association.
- 26 [Pray for our Youth](#) as they travel to Georgia for their summer mission trip. May they grow in their spiritual walk as they serve others in Jesus name.
- 27 Pray that husbands will understand that God is to be the Supreme Head of each family.
- 28 Ask God to give you a servant's heart.
- 29 Pray for the Caring Hands ministry and those who are being served.
- 30 Pray for our military chaplains.
- 31 Celebrate the many decisions to accept Christ, to re-dedicate lives to Christ, and to answer specific calls to Christian service that were made at various camps and Vacation Bible Schools this summer. Ask God to bring into the life of each one who made such a decision influences and guidance which will help them to grow in Christ and follow through on that commitment.

YOU HAVE MAIL!

We have a new mail delivery system for staff, committees and organizations in the church. The blue box in the foyer has mail slots for the Pastor, Secretary, Bookkeeper, Music Minister, Treasurer, Children's Ministry, Church Clerk, Deacons, Finance Committee, Grounds & Facilities, Host-ess committee, Personnel, Sunday School, WMU, and Youth. Mail for other groups may be placed on top of the box.

If you have reimbursement forms that need signatures please put them in the proper mail slot for the committee chairman and the finance chairman to sign. Do not turn them in to the office until you have all signatures.

Group leaders, committee chairmen, and staff please remember to check you mail slot when you come to church.

Youth on Mission

The youth group are going on their 4th mission trip, leaving Wednesday afternoon July 27th and returning Monday, July 31st. They will be at Epworth by the Sea in Saint Simons Island, GA.

Mission activities will include:

Leading and assisting in activities and sharing music and games at Magnolia Manor long term care facility.

Working with Faithworks Inner City Ministry in Brunswick.

Attending the Gathering Place Student Worship Event Sunday night at Epworth.

Keep them in your prayers as they travel and spread the love of Christ as they minister to others on their trip.

For more info contact Brad Caulder at 718-2310 or bcaulder@gmail.com.

Welcome

We Welcome Cora Mullinax to our church staff. She will be serving as a consultant/bookkeeper. She comes to us after retiring from working with the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Beginning July 1st she will be doing our bookkeeping. If you have any financial questions please feel free to call her on her cell phone 803-718-0671 or email her at fbcwinnacct@gmail.com.

Some positive changes are coming your way to our financial systems.

New Office Hours

Beginning the first of July the church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

KIDS OPEN GYM

COME HAVE A BLAST AT OPEN GYM!

On the first and third Wednesdays, July 5 and 19, there will be an Open Gym for children in the Family Life Center. This will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. The children may arrive or leave as your schedule allows.

Make sure the children are dressed for active play. Open Gym will consist of free play and age appropriate structured games.

Special Called Business Meeting

June 25, 2017

The following motions were made and approved.

From the Personnel Committee:

Sunday School Superintendent 2017-2018
Helen Branham

Asst. Sunday School Superintendent 2017-18
Nancy Smith

Addition to Counting Committee
Jon Wade Weatherford

From the Finance Committee:

New wording to describe, clarify, and comply with IRS rules was made for these existing Designated accounts— Cemetery Fund, Building Fund, Missions Offerings, Mission Trip Fund, Youth Fund, and J B Hegler Benevolent Fund.

The Bus Fund and Nativity Fund were dissolved and money was added to the General Budget.

The Organ replacement Fund and Building Fund (not in savings) were dissolved and money added to Nehemiah Fund.

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Address Service Request

Our Church Staff

Pastor Dr. Craig Bailey
Minister of Youth Brad Caulder
Chairman of Deacons Mike Robinson
Worship Pastor Donnie Smith
Organist Robby Lynn Wade
Sunday School Director Nancy Smith
Secretary Susan Creasy
Consultant/Bookkeeper Cora Mullinax

Our Church Services

Sunday	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:30 PM	Youth
	7:30 PM	Young Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Prayer/Bible Study

The Searchlight

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Mission Outreach

Our church mission outreach for July is the Connie Maxwell Children's Home. We will be accepting monetary donations to help the home purchase back-to-clothing for the children.

Connie Maxwell Children's Home is named after Dr. & Mrs. J. C. Maxwell's daughter who died in 1892. They donated several hundred acres of land in Greenwood, SC for the founding of an orphanage in memory of their daughter. There are campuses of Connie Maxwell homes in Mauldin, Orangeburg, Florence, and Chesterfield as well as the original campus in Greenwood.

Since 1892 Connie Maxwell Children's Home has provided a home for over 16,000 children who were orphaned, abandoned, neglected or abused.

Do not forget our ongoing support of the **Fairfield Community Food Bank**. Bring your Treet and ketchup or other non perishable food items and place them in the collection box

BOOK-MARKS

Come by your Church Library Sunday morning and find a book for your leisure reading or Bible study. We have books for all ages, preschool through adult..

We are located in room 108 near the preschool Sunday School rooms.

