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The First Family

"To be found faithful as God's People."

JULY 2021

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Grateful for all God is doing . . .

We are grateful to the Lord for the privilege we had in serving the people of Soldotna/Kenai, Alaska, in partnership with Alaska Missions the week of June 11-18. Our task was leading a sports camp that consisted of archery, basketball, and baseball. The ministry to over 140 children ranging in age from 5-15 also included a daily group Bible study and faith stations that reemphasized the study. We know of at least 15 participants that made professions of faith with the hope that many others followed through with their parents and their local church.

We are also grateful for the good work on the local front as we participate in the Gospel to Every Home emphasis. Thirty-five streets representing 500 homes have been visited and we rejoice in two professions of faith so far. You are encouraged to join us on Monday or Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. or Saturday at 10:30 a.m. to go out soul-winning.

The Faith to Stand Event gave us an opportunity to interact with our community friends and treat them to a bag of popcorn, cotton candy, and the wonderful news of hope found in Christ through our church gospel tract. This event then spilled over into the Community Fairgrounds Worship Service.

Our annual Blessings Offering for Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Oneida Baptist Institute, Sunrise Children's Service, and Avenues for Women received on June 27 and July 4 will be divided between the four ministries. This is a great help and encouragement to these ministries.

A group of ten girls enjoyed a great time at G.A. Camp where they enjoyed times of fun, learning about missions, and hearing a clear presentation of the gospel. A few of our boys attended the R.A. overnight camp.

Our church celebrates a historic day on Sunday, July 18. First Baptist Owenton was founded in 1829 and had a good start but the Civil War and a conflict with Cambelism caused her to cease for a few years. A reconstituting of our church took place in 1867 and she has not ceased in her service since that time till now. Though our church has been steady as she goes for 154 years, we know that her roots go back to over 192 years.

It is exciting to announce that we will offer a Sports Camp for basketball and volleyball. The basketball camp will be July 19 and 20 (Monday/Tuesday), for ages 6-12 and the volleyball camp will be July 21 and 22 (Wednesday/Thursday), for ages 9-14. The camps will run from 1-4pm in the FLC. You can register for both camps or just one camp online, fill out a form and turn in to a staff member, or call the church office. Registration will close after we reach fifty participants. The campers will enjoy learning the fundamentals of the sport and the fundamentals of our faith, enjoy fun games and competitions, snacks, and small group sessions.

Last of all, pray for our children attending camp at Crossings the dates of July 23-26.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

BLESSINGS OFFERING

June 27 and July 4

This offering supports: Avenues for Women, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Sunrise Children's Service, and Oneida Baptist Institute.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS — PASTOR

WESLEY HADDEN — FAMILY MINISTER

CHUCK HARRIS — WORSHIP & MEDIA PASTOR

SUSAN STOWE — MINISTRY ASSISTANT

SPORTS CAMP 2021

July 19-22

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Basketball Camp-19th and 20th (Mon/Tue)
Ages 6-12

Volleyball Camp- 21st and 22nd (Wed/Thu)
Ages 9-14

We will have a limit of 50 participants per camp. Please register online. Participants can choose both sports or just one sport, but there is an age stipulation for both sports.

The camps will include fun games, teaching the fundamentals of the sport and our faith, small groups, snack time, and competitions.

Volunteers will be needed to guide training stations, help with games, snack time, and general watch care of participants.



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

I pray this summer is treating you well. I know summer camp this past month was a blast for the youth. Thank you for praying for the youth while they were at camp; they got to hear the gospel proclaimed to them daily. Out of all the youth there 19 students made a first-time decision to follow Christ as savior. Praise the Lord, we have a wonderful Savior who is constantly working to bring sinners to himself. Thank you all who provided funds for the staffers; they all were very grateful for all the snacks. It may not have seemed like a lot, but it was a huge gift for them. On another note, kids camp will be at the end of this month, so begin to pray for them as they hear the gospel daily.

There's a book called *The Valley of Vision*. I highly recommend it. There's one prayer in it that has become mine for the summer, and I hope it can become yours too.

“Let Angels sing for sinners repenting, prodigals restored, backsliders reclaimed, Satan's captives released, blind eyes opened, broken hearts bound up, the despondent cheered, the self-righteous stripped, the formalist driven from a refuge of lies, the ignorant enlightened, and Saints built up in their holy faith.

I ask great things of a great God.”

May we ask great things of a great God also and ask him with boldness.

In grace,

Wesley

MEMORIALS

Glenda Allnutt Greg and Suzanne Peak, Ronnie and Joy Roberts, Donna McDonald, Todd and Lesa Marston, Donald and Betty Bishop, John and Peggy Davis, Bernie and Judy Poe, Linda Allnutt, Dave and Susan Stowe

Darlene Osborne Ronnie and Joy Roberts



MUSIC AND MEDIA

Welcome to July, church family! It's so nice to finally start getting back to doing our different ministries in the church!

First and foremost, I want to thank you, church family, for your constant prayers while our mission team was serving in Alaska. Our team served for one week in the Kenai Peninsula area, specifically in the town of Soldatna with Alaska Missions. This ministry has a desire to reach those in Alaska about Christ through sports camps, Salmon Frenzies, and the Iditarod dog sled race; the director, Brenda Crim, has a passion to see the people in Alaska saved, the Gospel presented in the right way, and to see local leaders/pastors in the native towns taught how to use the scriptures, preach/teach those scriptures correctly, and then be sent out to proclaim the truth with love.

Our team of 19 taught a sports camps for kids ages 5-15. We taught basketball, baseball, and archery to the over 140 kids as well as taught them about the Gospel. Every day we had a word that connected back to Christ and salvation. It was a great opportunity to connect with a former NAMB missionary and to gather ideas for our own sports camps that we want to start at First Baptist. Be on the lookout for more information about our FBC Sports Camps this month!

So many great things are happening in our church, and I'm excited to see what July has in store for us! God bless you, Church Family!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

John 15:12 tells us, “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” Our First Baptist Church community fulfilled this command and demonstrated love for us through welcoming Anna into the community and continuing to be a supporting family for Clark. We thank you all for such a gorgeous wedding shower complete with lovely table settings, delicious food, and wonderful people. We were overwhelmed by the array of wedding gifts and the love shown by our community. Thank you all for celebrating this joyous time in our lives!

In His Name,
Clark and Anna

HAVE A NEED? CALL!

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502-484-2430

BRO. BRAD:
901-651-1157

WELCOME

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 10:30 a.m. Outreach
4 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Service 10:00-10:45 a.m. Sunday School NO Evening Services	5 6:30 p.m. Outreach Association Executive Board Meeting	6 6:30 p.m. Outreach	7 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	8	9	10 10:30 a.m. Outreach
11 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting	12 6:30 p.m. Outreach	13 6:30 p.m. Outreach	14 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 5:30 p.m. Trustees 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service/Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	15	16	17 10:30 a.m. Outreach
18 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service	19 6:30 p.m. Outreach	20 6:30 p.m. Outreach	21 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	22	23	24 10:30 a.m. Outreach
SUMMER CAMP		SPORTS CAMP			CHILDREN'S	
25 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:30 p.m. Evening Service	26 6:30 p.m. Outreach	27 6:30 p.m. Outreach Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.	28 10:00 a.m. Manna in the Morning 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	29	30	31 10:30 a.m. Outreach

JULY VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY VOLUNTEER

7/4: Heidi Williams and Heather Cumberland
7/11: Becky Shryock and Bethany Cumberland
7/18: Ronnie and Carol Wooten
7/25: Danny and Denise Humphries
8/1: Andi and Jared Fitzgerald

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

7/4: Alli Gill and Ross Ford
7/11: Blair and Jonathan Baldwin
7/18: Kendall and Danny O'Toole
7/25: Alli Gill and Ross Ford



7/1

Ella Hanson
Piper Walker

7/4

Jonah O'Banion
Billie Smith

7/6

Donette Gaines
Greg Stack
Katy Stewart

7/7

Carol Perkins
Shelby Power
Shirley Traylor
Sawyer Williams

7/9

Duane Smith
Jessica Williams

7/11

Victoria Cammack
Sarah Gregory
Mary Rose

7/12

Shelli Hedger
David Mears

7/16

Rodney Wagner

7/17

Susan Ertan

7/18

Wesley Hadden
Lola Marlette

7/19

Dora Bice

7/20

T. J. Wesselman

7/22

Grant McMillen

Julie Riddle

7/23

Jett Johns

7/24

Ryanne Howard
Madison Humphries
Franklin Jay Smith

7/25

Danny Humphries

7/26

Nash Croley
Vincent Henley

7/27

Cathy Hanson
Mason Marlette

7/28

Evelyn Williams

7/30

Sarah Cobb
Laura Hollingsworth
Barry Perkins

7/31

Josh Cobb
Victoria Smith
Robert Traylor

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