

First Baptist News

a family of faith



The summer is in full swing at First Baptist. We had a great Vacation Bible School for our children and Friends of Jesus. Our youth have been on a Music/Hiking trip, led Camp Puzzle Piece and at the time I write this, our children are at Passport Camp. In a couple of weeks the youth will venture to Louisiana for M-Fuge and our children will have Art and Music Camps. Doug and Erin keep busy schedules during the summer and I just try to remember from day to day where they are and what activity they are working on.

The ECM and church offices are closed on the 4th so we can be with our families on Independence Day. Sandra and I do not usually make big plans for the 4th of July. This year, Megan and I are meeting my parents for lunch while Sandra has to work! Later in the day, we will watch the Independence Day celebration in Washington D. C. We enjoy the patriotic music and the salute to the men and women who serve our country.

I can't help but wonder what our founding fathers and mothers would think of how Americans celebrate freedom these days. We honor their sacrifice with parades, picnics and fireworks and there is nothing wrong with these traditions, but doesn't sacrifice deserve more from us? I am all for a nice parade, but aren't there meaningful ways to live our gratitude and strengthen our nation at the same time? I am hearing the news of a "Salute to America" parade in Washington D.C. this year that will include tanks, planes and a variety of military weaponry. I am sure it will be an impressive event, but if we really want to celebrate our freedom, we will honor the teachers, first responders, social workers, coaches, counselors and volunteers who quietly give of themselves to safeguard and grow the goodness of our nation. Furthermore, if we want to make America a better place to live, we will find ways to help our neighbors who struggle to life well.

I hope you have a great Independence Day weekend with your family and come Sunday, exercise your first amendment right and join us for worship!

Peace,
David

Art Mini Camp

July 16-19

9:30 am-12:00 pm

This half-day camp combines art and faith to provide a creative camp experience. For children who have completed K-3rd grade; \$15 per child.



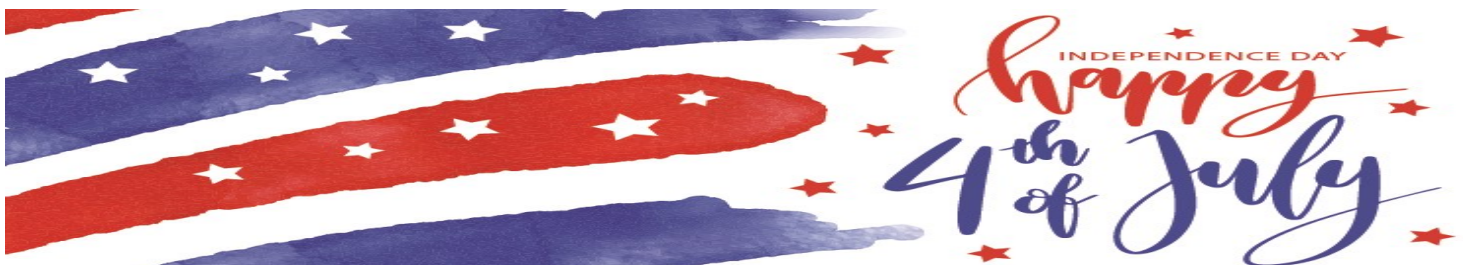
Music Day Camp

July 29-August 2,

9:00 am-3:00 pm

Join us for a week full of crafts, games, field trips, and lots and lots of music! Children will learn the musical *Rescue in the Night* and present it at a closing concert on August 2 at 5:00 pm. For children who have completed 1st-6th grade; \$55 per child.

Register for Art Mini-Camp and/or Music Day Camp at www.fbclumbertonnc.org or in the church office.



Preparing for Sunday . . .

“A New Song in My Mouth”

Psalm 40:1-10

The writer of Psalm 40 is full of good news. The Lord heard his cry, lifted him up from the desolate pit and set his feet on solid ground. Times have been tough, but the psalmist is secure and sure and says the Lord has put *A New Song in My Mouth*. Now that he is “reoriented,” the psalmist tries to “sing” the blessings the Lord has given him but he knows they are too numerous to count. There is, however, something he can and must do. He must tell others what the Lord has done. The psalmist knows that “when we receive God’s aid, the “thank you note” that God desires is that we tell others where they, too, can find God.”



Our kids are having a blast at Passportkids this week! We’re learning how to be Fearless: stay awake, stand firm, be brave, love always.

This Week . . .

Sunday, July 7

8:45 a.m. **Worship**

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. **Worship**

Monday, July 8

9:30 a.m. **Staff Meeting**

Tuesday, July 9

7:00 a.m. **Men’s Prayer Group**

Wednesday, July 10

5:15 p.m. **Family Night Supper**

6:00 p.m. **Family Night At Prayer**

For the Record

Budgeted 2019.....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2019).....	\$13,461.54
Received June 30, 2019.....	\$6,272.00
Need to date.....	\$350,000.00
Received to date.....	\$298,883.61
Over (Under) Budget.....	(\$51,116.39)

Person of the Week

Ida Bell Hardin
1309 MacArthur St.
Lumberton, NC 28358

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our special person of the week!



Attention Senior Adults:

August 13—The Barn Dinner Theater,
Greensboro

“Savannah Sipping Society”

\$70 per person. Limited space available. Pay in the church office to reserve your spot.

- ◆ In January 1969, the Robeson Planetarium opened its doors.
- ◆ In July 1969, Apollo 11 Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon.

You are cordially invited to celebrate these historic events with Bill McArthur, Robeson County native and retired astronaut.



- ◆ July 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. (Meet & Greet at 6:00 p.m.)
- ◆ Robeson Community College A.D. Lewis Auditorium
- ◆ Admission is free.
- ◆ Funded in part by the generosity of the North Carolina Space Grant.

Servants this Sunday, July 7, 2019

ETC—8:45 a.m.—Alyssa Weibe

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Entrance Greeters

Children’s Building — Jimmy & Billie Dail

Walnut Street—Dianne & Layton Britt

6th Street — Dean Kinlaw

Senior Entrance — Jim Driscoll

Welcoming Committee—Becky & Tony Thompson, Billie Dail

Security Monitor—Tony Thompson

Sound—Ross Driscoll

Video—Greg Gibson