



First Family

August 2020



The Dog Days of Summer

- *It's doggone hot now, but one day it'll be the Dog Days of Winter!*

As a child, I remember hearing a family member mention the “dog days of summer.” There was no explanation. It was just a reference to those hot days in early August. So I assumed they were called the “dog days” because we were all as hot as a panting dog, or that it was “doggone hot” outside, or something like that.

The Dog Days of Summer this year are July 22 through August 22. But why do we really call them the Dog Days?

It's because during this period the constellation “Canis Major,” which means the Big Dog, comes leaping over the horizon. (And you thought “The Big Dog” was Bubba, the motorcycle riding good-ole-boy down the street!)

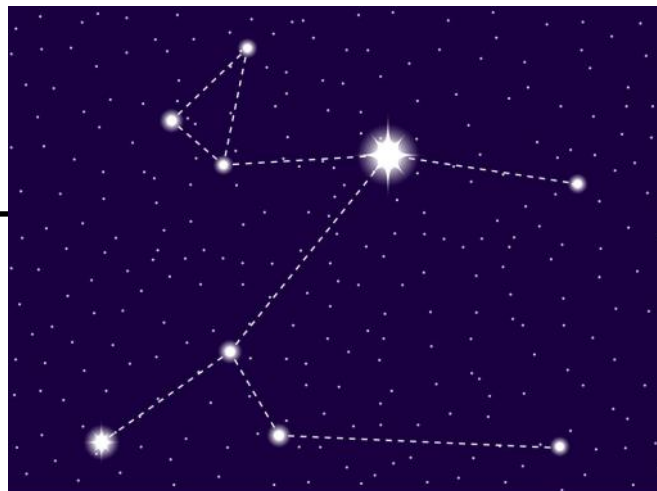
What's interesting is that starts of the “dog days” changes over

time. The position of the constellations on a given date shifts a tiny bit each year, so given enough time, Canis Major will appear in the winter instead of the summer.

So the “dog days” could be in December... when we're dog tired from all that Christmas shopping!

And before I “nerd” you into sleep with all this astronomy, let me get to the point:

Even the Universe around us is changing. We see rapid change around us in technology, culture, politics, education, relationships, and our bodies... as children grow like weeds and we mature adults make more doctor visits. But even the things around us that appear to be constant are also shifting.



It's no wonder that people are filled with stress, anxiety, anger, fear... there is nothing constant, unchanging, and always dependable... except for our God.

Hebrews 13:8 says “Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” The standards of God, the truth of God, the love of God is always the same. Isaiah 40:8 says, “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.”

In a constantly changing world, there is only one solid unchanging reality — God's character, His love, His truth, and His standards remain the same!

Worship

Re:Start — Meet the Grandkids!

This month we finish up our time with Abram/Abraham and move through his dysfunctional family tree. We'll be noticing how God's blessings come, not because we're "good" but because God loves us.



And in all of this, Genesis—the book of new beginnings—calls us to trust and follow the God who knows what's coming, the God who empowers and oversees our new beginnings. So here's what's coming up this month...

July 26 — Re:Start

The Disaster of DIY Faith // Genesis 16:1-16

August 2 — Jacob Capps preaches

August 9 — Re:Start

LOL // Genesis 18:9-15, 21:1-7

August 16 — Re:Start

The Gift or the Giver? // Genesis 22:1-19

August 23 — Re:Start

Stop Grabbing What's Already Yours // Genesis 28:10-22

August 30 — Re:Start

A Dose of Your Own Medicine // Genesis 29:15-30

September 6 — Re:Start

The Pain of Competing for Love // Genesis 29:31-35

Prayer Requests



Remember in Prayer:

Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Gloria Andrews, Thomas Bennett, Bennie Bloodworth, Scot Bloodworth, Tyler Bowman, Barbara Bradshaw, Linda Brinkley, Clayton Brock, Gary Brown, Andrea Casteen, Rachel Dillard, Jenell Ezzell, Carol H. Fields, Michael Fields, Gerald Hanchey, Herbert Hodge, Amy Smith Johnson, Mary B. Johnson, Melvin Johnson, Robert Johnson, Doug Kennedy, Hill Lanier, Maxine Lien, Liz Mantooth's Grandfather, Steve Mills, Skylar Parker, Charlie Register, Geraldine Register, Devon Rich, John Stallings, Melinda Stampe, Rebecca Stout, Sharon Teachey, Stephen Thompson, Penny Tucker, Chris Watkins, Dale Watkins.

Sympathy to the families of:

Livinie Louise (Bond) Baker, and Lacey Tanner

Baptized/New Members :

6/28/2020-

Emelie Acosta, Allie Higgins, & Evan Dixon.

Marriage:

8/29/2020-Hope (Cooper) & Jacob Capps

Senior Adults

Amish Country Trip, Oct. 19-21

Our Senior Adult Ministries is headed off to Pennsylvania Amish country Monday through Wednesday, October 19-21, 2020. Although we will see some fun and interesting sites, the main objective of this trip is to see Queen Esther at the **Sight and Sound Theater**. This trip promises to be filled with lots of fun and laughter!



If you would like to go with us, all you need to do is drop off or mail your \$75 deposit to the church office. The total cost for FBC members/regular attenders is \$390 and for non-members is \$410. Final payments are due this month and must be **paid by Friday, August 21 @ noon** when the office closes for the day. There's still space left for this amazing and fun time! But don't wait too late! Sign up today!

Music Ministry

Chancel Choir

This month! The month of August! After 6 months, we will FINALLY resume choir practices. I have heard from so many of our members how much they have missed singing in choir. I am eager to be with everyone and singing again. Instead of meeting in the choir room, we will meet in the fellowship hall to enable us to spread out some.

If you have been thinking about joining the choir, we would love to have you join us on Wednesday, August 26 @ 7:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Let me know you're coming so that I can get a folder prepared for you. I look forward to seeing you there!

Ripley's Aquarium & Paula Deen's Restaurant Trip, August 11

On Tuesday, August 11, we will board the van @ 9:00 a.m. to head to Myrtle Beach to have a delicious lunch at Paula Deen's restaurant and to visit the Ripley's Aquarium, located adjacent to each other at Broadway at the Beach.



At Paula Deen's, you and your tablemates will be able to choose 2 meats (southern fried chicken, chicken fried pork chops, and fried catfish, to name a few) and 4 sides to be served family style at your table. After stuffing yourself with this feast, you will choose from 3 delicious desserts! Everybody gets to choose one!



After we are adequately stuffed, we will waddle next door to the aquarium where we will see penguins, sharks, rays, and so much more! To get the group rate at the aquarium, we will need at least 12 people to sign up. The \$60 cost covers your lunch, aquarium ticket, and your travel on a comfortable rental van.

So come by the church office, make your reservation, and pay the \$60 fee by Friday July, 24 @ noon when the office closes. And ask a friend to join us! You know there is someone who needs the laughter and love we share on these fun trips together!

Beach Retreat



OCC Shoeboxes

From donkeys, elephants, and camels to motorcycles, trucks, and canoes Operation Christmas Child will do whatever it takes to transport shoebox gifts to the ends of the earth.



It is hard to believe that there are only two months left. Our items for this month are pencils and a pencil sharpener. You can drop them off in the clear plastic container at the OCC table. **The deadline for shoeboxes is Friday, November 20th.** Don't forget your \$9 donation with your shoebox.

Don't forget our OCC Church project opportunities!

1. **Soda bottle tops** > Instead of throwing your soda bottle tops away---why not donate them to OCC. We will be collecting tops off Pepsi, Sprite, Coke, and any other bottle until August. We are going to use them to make markers for tic-tac-toe games. You can place your bottle tops in the container on the OCC table.
2. **DIY pencil cases** > These pencil cases are made from fuzzy socks. A no-sew craft, all you need is a zipper and a hot glue gun. The video is called, "Easy DIY NO-SEW Fluffy Pencil Case or Make Up Bag!!" The link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hzd5As3XZuQ>

If you have any questions please ask Maggie or Marie Casteen. Thank you.



Party for Jacob

Farewell Party for Jacob Capps



Everyone is invited to a farewell party and cookout for Jacob Capps on **Sunday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m.** Please RSVP by Sunday, August 9. You can call the church office at 910-285-2534, or use the tear-off strip on the bulletin and write, "Cookout for Jacob" and your name and how many are attending.

Just for Laughs:

A husband was in the hospital after an accident. As his wife sat by his bed, he turned to her and said, "Honey, you've been right by my side in every difficult situation. When my business went under and I went broke, you were right there beside me. When I got food poisoning on vacation and was so sick, you were right there with me. When my car caught on fire and burned completely up, you were right there the whole time. And now this—I fell off a ladder, broke my leg, and here you are right by my side."



He was quiet for just a moment, then finished, "I'm beginning to think you are really back luck."

Sally came home from school with a blue ribbon that said, "First Place." Her mother asked, "Sweetheart, how did you win that prize?"

She answered, "I had the best answer in our science class."

Her mother asked, "What was the question?"

Sally said, "The teacher asked 'How many legs does a giraffe have, and I said three.'"

Mom said in confusion, "But a giraffe has four legs!"

Sally said, "I suppose so, but my answer was the closest of anybody in the class."

Sunday Sermons

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710 AM & 100.5 FM



First Baptist Church Sunday Sermons are broadcast

www.1005kixfm.com

every Sunday on our local radio station KIX-FM 100.5 at 11:00 a.m. (Previous week's message).

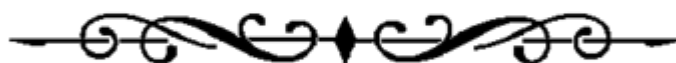
Thank You

Thank You :

First Baptist Family-

Thank you so much for your visits, texts, calls and prayers during the loss of our husband and Daddy. Your kindness means more than you know.

-The R.L. Pickett Family



Thank You :

Pastor Al & FBC Family-

Thank you for your prayers and care. Thank you as well for sending the DVD of worship from FBC! It was seen by Central Prison Church on June 29. May God continue to pour out blessings on you all.

In Christ,

-Dale Stone

Thank You:

Philip & Shannon Barber for making it possible for our Dads to enjoy a "Main Street Sunset Slush-Classic Italian Ice" treat on Father's Day!



Church Office

Mon.-Thurs.: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 (Closed for Lunch: 12:00-1:00 p.m.)
Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



On the Record

Attendance

Life Groups - 10:00 a.m. (Did Not Meet)

6-28	7-5	7-12	7-19
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Worship - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

6-28	7-5	7-12	7-19
119	68	103	93

Budget and Receipts

2020 Budget	\$433,490.00
Offering Receipts To Date 7-20-2020	\$235,161.33



Sept. Newsletter Submission Deadline: Aug. 15, 2020
 Please email articles to office.fbcw@gmail.com
 Please make articles brief!

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August Birthdays

- 2 LaRue Faircloth
- 2 Susan Bradshaw
- 2 Georgia Eakins-Cavanaugh
- 3 Frank Brinkley
- 4 Keith Bulla
- 7 A. C. Kenan
- 9 Dee Thompson
- 10 Ashley Jones
- 10 Richard Hendrickson
- 14 Kelly Stone
- 15 A. J. Elias
- 15 Bill Ross
- 16 Dorothy Williams
- 17 A. C. Rivenbark
- 18 Charlie Wood
- 19 Betty Rivenbark
- 19 Janet Pope
- 19 Lynna Chauncey
- 19 Penny Ross



- 20 Bobby Blanton
- 21 Andrew Hargrove
- 21 Darrell Tucker
- 21 Joyce Hudson
- 24 Levi Knowles
- 25 Sue Marshburn
- 25 London Rivenbark
- 26 Oralia Judge
- 27 Elsie Lane
- 27 Paula Herring
- 28 Herman Sikes
- 30 Tina Stalnaker
- 31 Hope Rich
- 31 Chloe Rivenbark



First Baptist Events

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1	
2 9:00 am-Life Café 10:30 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	3 6:00 pm-CrossFit	4 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	5 10:30 am-Bible Study	6	7	8	
9 <i>Dee's Birthday!</i> 9:00 am-Life Café 10:30 am-Worship 12:15 pm-Deacon's Mtg. 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	10 6:00 pm-CrossFit	11 9:00 am-SAM Aquarium & Paula Deen's Trip 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	12 10:30 am-Bible Study	13 	14	15 Newsletter Deadline	
16 9:00 am-Life Café 10:30 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Farewell Party for Jacob	17 6:00 pm-CrossFit	18 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	19 10:30 am-Bible Study	20	21 Deadline to pay for Amish Trip	22	
23 <i>Jacob's Last Sunday</i> 9:00 am-Life Café 10:30 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	24 6:00 pm-CrossFit	25 2:00 pm-Staff Meeting 5:45 pm-Worship Band	26 10:30 am-Bible Study 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir	27	28	29 <i>Jacob & Hope's Wedding Day!</i>	
30 9:00 am-Life Café 10:30 am-Worship 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	31 6:00 pm-CrossFit						