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**Free For All**  
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# The Bridge

July 1, 2018

## Summertime at First Baptist Church

I think everybody loves summer; picnics, vacations, time at the lake and enjoying family outings. I know I like summer even though I'm not a big fan of the high heat.

One of the things that happens in church life during the summer is that a lot of things slow down a bit as we take a breather and think about all the things that are coming in the fall.

I had a couple tell me this past Sunday that they were so thankful that we had started the Live Streaming of our services. They said even though they were out of town for two Sundays they were still able to "go to church" at First Baptist via Live Stream. They did not want to miss out on church services.

This is one reason we want to purchase our own equipment for our media department. I am so thankful to Ken Fugate for the use of all his equipment but it's time we had our own. The new equipment is so user friendly. If Ken needs to be gone on a Sunday we are going to miss a whole service; no live stream, no DVD to send to the TV station for our local broadcast and no DVD's to give to people who want a copy of the service. We will be having nothing on YouTube or on our church APP. So, it is critical that we get the equipment as soon as possible.

We have \$11,000 in the fund but we need another \$7,000 to complete the project. I ask that you consider giving to this as an outreach ministry of our church. I had a man come up to me this past Sunday and say that he had been watching us on TV for months but he wanted to come and be a part of our church and see our services "live." I'm sure there are many others who take advantage of our media ministry on a weekly basis. So, let's keep giving so this ministry can continue to do the work God has designed it to do.

We've just come off a GREAT sports camp. I was really happy to see so many volunteers and such a great group of kids come out each night. Thanks to each of you who helped! Blessings!

Keep praying for our new Student Minister, Caleb Wigginton. He went to Alaska and he is now settling in here in London. We believe God will use this young man to reach a lot of youth and in turn, their families.

Great things are happening and we are seeing God at work on so many fronts. What a great time to be a part of the family at First!!!

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# Spiritual Formation

My Mom loved her flowers. She had roses, day lilies, lenten roses, baptisma, and many others. They were all perennials and came up every year at their proper times. She had baskets in which she would gather the ones she liked best and then bring inside to savor. I like to gather flowers too, but even more, I like to gather bits of wisdom and scriptures that seem to come up at just the proper time. My way is to bring these surprise gifts inside and record them in my journal. Here are a few from my wanderings last week that might be truths you would like to savor as well.

The first one came from a young man who came into the bookstore looking for a new Bible with large print. We found one whose color and size fit his needs. He took it in his hands and thumbed through the pages until he came to the book of Proverbs. Slowly looking at the chapters there, he said, "I read one Proverb every day. Did you know there are 31 chapters, one for each day of the month? They guide my life." I was amazed at the wisdom of such a young man. I wondered if it was his grandmother who encouraged him to read Solomon's words. So I have decided to try on his pattern of gathering a proverb a day and see how it works for me.

On Sunday, Father's Day, I borrowed a DVD from the Public Library entitled "Victoria and Abdul". It was about Queen Victoria and a young man from India who came to England for a presentation. He decided to stay in England and soon became her mentor. She was 81 years old, still grieving the loss of her beloved Albert, and wondering why God allowed her to continue living when she was ready to be in Heaven. She confided this to Abdul who very gently but firmly told her, God's purpose for us on earth, no matter our circumstances, is to be servants to those around us; servants in His name. I loved being reminded of this truth on Father's day, remembering how my Dad, never ceased to be God's servant, even until the end of his days. He left a powerful legacy and so did Queen Victoria.

So, how do we know a statement or line of thinking is true and worth putting into practice? We can ask ourselves these questions: Is it true to Scripture? Do mature Christians agree with it? Does it give me God's peace and reflect His character as shown in Jesus' life? God's wisdom is like a plumb line for right living. Finding it spoken and lived out in those around us can be like those beautiful flowers that come up year after year at just the right time. May your gardens be plentiful and your days full of God's words and ways.

-Sharon Kidd

# From Kim

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who gave of their time and talents to make our first Sports Camp a success. It was a great week, the kids loved it and we are already looking forward to next year!

I believe it is so important for us to invest in the children of our church and community and I think we did that through this camp. Whatever job you had, big or small, please know that you are very much appreciated!



# Wacky Wednesday Schedule:

- June 20 – Lego Mania
- June 27 – Magic Show with Mark Comley
- July 4 – No Wacky Wednesday
- July 11 – The Incredibles
- July 18 – Wet n' Wild
- July 25 – Old Fashioned Summer Fun
- August 1 – Back to School is Cool



# Keenagers July Trip

Thursday, July 12



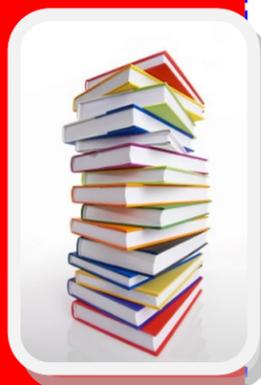
**Dolly Parton's  
Smoky Mountain  
Adventure  
Dinner Show**

**Leaving at 2 p.m.**  
Return approximately 10:30 p.m.

**Cost: \$65**  
(after July 3 cost is \$75)

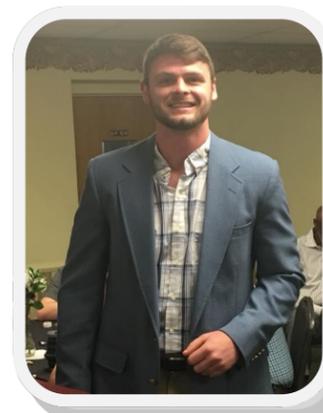
For more information see Susan Fiechter, or stop by the church office to reserve your spot.

# Library News



Jim & Peggy Brock gave  
*As Bright As Heaven*  
in memory of Jack Horn,  
*The Mark of the King*  
in memory of Louise Walden,  
and *Why I Believe*  
in memory of Pearl Taylor.

We are excited to announce  
**Caleb Wigginton**  
is joining the  
FBC Team as Student Minister!



*Welcome, Caleb!*

Dear FBC Family,

I would like to say thank you to the 4th Saturday Serve group that came to my house and cleaned my gutters. You will never know how much you are appreciated! I truly saw the love of God through my church family. I love you!

**Harry & Phyllis Brockman**