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First Baptist Church Augusta, KS - August Newsletter

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First Family,

I want to thank all of you who attended the business meeting on the 18th. We voted to return the operations officer and children's ministry positions to full-time. They were both full-time up until the year before I came to serve as your pastor. My understanding is that the decision to do away with the full-time status of the job was primarily financial after a couple of lean years. Thank you all for giving to the mission of the church so that we could afford to bring them back to a much-needed status.

I also want to thank you for sharing your thoughts on each position. We opened the meeting with Psalm 133 which begins "*How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!*" I asked those present to agree to disagree but when the meeting was adjourned, go as family in one accord, in unity. We live in a day when the world seems to be apathetic to the church and at times antagonistic. This should come as no surprise to us as followers of Christ, especially if we have spent any time studying our bible and the prophecy. The world we live in almost demands we bind together as believers to battle the darkness all around us.

As we bind together, let us not neglect those outside of the faith walls of the Church. We must love them and then love them again and again and again. They are not our enemies. Paul tells us this very thing in Ephesians 6:

*For we are not fighting against **flesh-and-blood enemies**, but against evil rulers and authorities of the **unseen world**, against mighty powers in this **dark world**, and against **evil spirits** in the heavenly places.* Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)

Those who are not following Jesus are people being deceived by the enemy. Deception, lying, and discouragement are all tools of used by our true enemy. In Daniel chapter 10, we find Daniel had been praying and fasting for 3 weeks with not discernible answer. A messenger from the Lord shows up and tells Daniel not to be discouraged that his prayers had indeed been heard as soon as he began praying. The answer to those prayers was hindered by the "spirit prince of Persia," widely regarded as one of Satan's angels. We may be praying for those who need Jesus to come to understand their need for a Savior but maybe our prayers are being hindered! We need to ask for divine intervention. Daniel's messenger angel said one of the archangels, Michael, came to help him.

Now is the time for us to be on mission more than ever. We cannot sit back and just pray that Jesus will come! Right after Jesus' ascension the people thought He would be back any day. Here we are nearly 2000 years later...still waiting. We cannot play prevent defense like in football...just sit back and not be on attack! In Philippians 3 Paul used phrases like *focus on this one thing, looking forward, and I press on*. In Timothy 2 he spoke about *fighting the good fight and finishing the race*. In 1 Corinthians 9 he spoke about being intentional...*I do not run like someone running aimlessly*.

First family, we must be diligent in all that we do and say. Strengthen yourself in the Word. Band together in a small group whether that is Sunday School or another group. Worship together, pray together and serve together. WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST called for just a moment like this! What a privilege!

Pastor Rick

First Family News



From Sunlight Children's Services

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much in being a part of our mission to care for the vulnerable children of Kansas. We greatly appreciate each of you so very much.

Susan Uhlik

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your support and caring gestures with my sister, Rebecca's recent passing. God has been a strong hand in our difficulties. He uses others to come along side bringing comfort and encouragement.

Sincerely,

Sabrina & Ron Nibbelink

Thanks for helping us kick off our first Young Life Camp trip!!

Augusta Young Life



Thank you to everyone at FBC for all you did for Mother. Her illness progressed so quickly that she didn't get a chance to send a thank you card. I am grateful for the flowers (which were just gorgeous), to the visit with the milkshake, to the years of fellowship from your spirit-filled congregation. They ALL meant so much to my Mom and for that I am grateful, too!
Troy Watts on behalf of Martha Watts



7/6/21 Martha Watts

7/21/21 Eleanor Hoskinson
mother of Connie (Greg) Taylor
and Blenda Hoskinson

Dear FBC Family,

We are so thankful for and blessed by a praying church family. We are so grateful for your support and prayers offered after our care accident on July 8th. We are both on the mend and expect to have our physical strength back very soon.

In Jesus,

Bill & Sharon Slade

Dear FBC, Thank you for helping us out with our hotel bill after we were displaced from our apartment after the fire downtown above Dreamweavers. We are thankful we have found another apartment to relocate too. David & Tricia

Dear VBS at First Baptist Church, On behalf of the volunteers and clients of Augusta Community Center, we would like to especially thank you for your generous gift from all the kids that attended Vacation Bible School and gave to us!

Sincerely,

Augusta Community Caring Center

Our Mission at FBC

To help people:

- **Belong**-feel welcomed, valued & connected in the church community.
- **Believe**-develop a relationship with Jesus by grace through faith.
- **Become**-passionate followers of Jesus who live out our faith in every aspect of life.

First Baptist Church Information Central

You can keep up with all things FBC through our web page and social media platforms.

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Children

Melissa Rebel, Children's Ministry

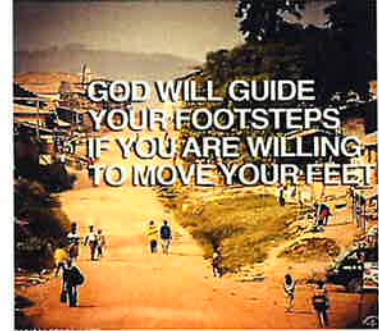
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FBC Augusta Children's Ministry (KS)

**Deadline for the September LINK
is August 23rd.**

**Thank You, Cindy
Administrative Assistant**



The Deacons Minute

Half of the year is officially gone and we can praise the Lord that our church had three successful events in June. The second Food Truck Sunday was another success followed by a successful youth camp and VBS. I believe God is continuing to show us his path forward for First Baptist Church to become the light to our community that he desires in the coming years. While we are saddened that God has led Melissa Rebel to leave our staff, we are confident that God is preparing our next children's ministry leader to take over and continue to grow the Children's Ministry. June 27th, we enjoyed another time of corporate prayer for our church, church leaders and our ministries. We asked God to hear our prayers as we seek his direction for the upcoming months. We prayed for our pastors, other support staff, our ministries, the Core Teams, the missions and missionaries that we give support to and our civil leaders at all levels of government. Our church has started the next phase of Next Gen project which will update the foyer and welcome area. The History Boards were taken down and a portion of the wall between the library and the main foyer area. The History Boards are in storage with a plan to create a digital history display that will take up less floor space and will also be available for all to view through the church web site. For the overall area new flooring, lighting and other updates will be completed. We trust God that what we are doing is within his plan. Please continue to give to the Next Gen Fund so we can move forward with more parts of the approved projects.

Growing together

Jim Beadle

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11



Jesus, the Model Servant Leader

- Jesus SUBMITTED his own life to sacrificial service under the will of God:
 - Luke 22:42 "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless **not my will, but thine, be done.**"
- He SACRIFICED his life freely out of service for others:
 - John 10:18 "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself."
- He came to SERVE:
 - Matthew 20:28 "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Contact Charles Klassen for more information about Stephen Ministry

stephen MINISTRY

Get in on the ACTION

Would you like to be part of a ministry that makes a real difference in others' lives when they need it most—and in your own? Consider becoming a Stephen Minister!

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who provide one-to-one caring ministry to people experiencing grief, divorce, loneliness, job loss, hospitalization, and many other life difficulties.

Stephen Minister training equips you to do an excellent job as a Stephen Minister as well as to improve the quality of all your relationships. Topics include—

- listening
- providing Christian care
- ministering to people experiencing grief, divorce, hospitalization, illness, and more
- feelings
- maintaining boundaries
- confidentiality
- crisis theory and practice

Once equipped, Stephen Ministers are prayerfully matched with people who are going through a stressful time or life difficulty. A Stephen Minister meets with this person once a week for about an hour to listen, care, encourage, and pray. The Stephen Minister brings Christ's presence into the person's life and also experiences Christ in the other person. It's really a life-changing ministry for both the care receiver and the Stephen Minister.

If you'd like to learn more about how to become a Stephen Minister—talk with one of our pastors or Stephen Leaders.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
—Galatians 6:2



AWANA starts Sept. 1st

Important Dates and INFORMATION

- ⇒ Sunday School: We are continuing the early church's growth!
- ⇒ Nursery is available for all services and Sunday School time.
- ⇒ August 8th - Sunday School Promotion.

-Parents you can register your kids online at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzc_WJ4tHCKSTpM3MC49pqqaz-efghsjgNYvQDHuSVtEgw/viewform

POSITIONS NEEDED:

- AWANA Director
- Male Awana T & T leaders and other possible Awana positions
- 1st/2nd Grade Sunday School Teacher (teaches part time)
- 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School Teacher (teaches part time)
- Names to put on a Sub list for Kids connect & Sunday School
- Nursery workers for Sunday School & Late Service

Dear FBC Family,

As I wrap up my time as Children's Director I find myself reflecting on so many amazing memories. I feel so humbled and blessed to have been a part of this ministry the last several years. Thank you for your encouragement, prayers and time volunteered. We have an amazing support system for children and families and I pray that continues! You have helped grow the ministry along with God's provision.

Ty and I plan to still be involved, just in a different capacity. With all our children in school now, I just felt led to have more flexibility over the weekends and summers. To share a bit of my testimony, I actually gave my resignation to Pastor Rick before I had a teaching job lined up. My plan was to teach at the preschool and substitute. But within a few days of resigning I got word that Ewalt had an opening and I set up an interview. I later accepted a 3rd grade teaching job there. As hard as it was to make this decision, I feel the Lord has guided my steps and I look forward to ministering to children in a new way.

Thank you again, you are all a blessing to me and my family! We love you!!

God Bless,
Melissa

CAMP RECAP: 62 KIDS & 13 COUNSELORS ATTENDED CAMP THIS YEAR!



OUR TOPIC WAS "Focus" keeping our eyes on JESUS!



Nursery Workers Needed

Must be at least 18 years old, enjoy young children, willing to work most Sunday mornings and possibly Wednesday evenings.

www.fbcwilmington.org



First Baptist Church Missions

Community Ministry Projects

Counseling Center

Deacon's Benevolence

Missions Discretionary

Personal Growth Scholarship

Augusta Wyldelife

Central Kansas Prison

Community Caring Center

First Baptist Preschool

Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

Sunlight Children's Advocacy

Bacone College

Bethel Neighborhood Center

Murrow Indian Home

Union Rescue Mission

AWANA-Tyler O'donnell

Avant-Lee Svanda

Discovery Ministries-Leah Fuller

Ethnos360-Walter Spicer

Ethnos360-Jeremiah Markley

International Ministries-Gutierrez

Koinoneo Inc-Jennifer Hill

One Collective-Michael & Whitney Bryant

Navigators-Brandon Crouch

YWAM-Ariel Tatum

Hello Friend,

We are grateful that you are a part of Core Community Augusta's growing community network. It is a hopeful and powerful time in the lives of our Graduate Leaders. When this group graduated on April 29th, each Leader committed to participate in the longer term process of getting out of poverty (Phase 2). In Phase 2, Core Leaders generate ideas for programming. During brainstorming, we considered 11 resource areas that are a part of our holistic approach to addressing poverty, and our Leaders built a list of subjects and skill areas to focus on. **We would like to invite you to get involved. If there are any subjects on this list you'd be interested in leading, let us know.** Our community has a wealth of knowledge, experience, and generosity that we look forward to connecting with. Please feel free to share this and to call me if you have any questions! We appreciate your support and time!



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Financial

Building/Repairing
Credit Addressing Debt
Taxes-filling personal & business
Beginner Investing
Need to know-Basic
Finances
First Time Home Buyers

Emotional

Accountability
Self-Care
Dealing with Difficult
People

Spiritual

Meditation
Mindfulness
Breathing techniques

Mental

Time Management
Brain Science (and what we can do to help, heal, strengthen)



Language

Parenting (teens and young adults)
Parenting (infant to grade school)

Motivation & Persistence

Motivation

Relationships

Building healthy relationships
Setting personal boundaries
Fun Night (more than one)
Paint Night

Social Capital

Business Marketing Mentorship

Physical

Holistic Health
Accessible Nutrition Cooking
Classes
Meal Planning

Knowledge of Hidden Rules (understanding norms & rules of engagement)

Retirement & Life Insurance

Other Is there a subject, class, activity, or service not on this list that you would like to offer? We would love to involve you in a way that is fulfilling to you.

It is hard to believe that our short, rescheduled home assignment time has come to an end. Lord willing, we will fly to the Philippines this week. We have spent the last year wondering when we would be able to return to the Philippines while continuing to carry out our roles with Faith Academy here in the US. We have been blessed to see so many family and friends and be involved in many activities we didn't expect.

We have spent the last few months visiting family and friends and spoke at a few of our supporting churches. We praise God for safety while traveling and the renewed friendships as well as making new friends. God has blessed us immeasurably.

Last weekend, we married off our youngest daughter, Abigail. We enjoyed special time with family and getting to know Wade's family as well. The day was beautiful and a beautiful ceremony to challenge and celebrate their new life together.

We are now finalizing all that we need to do in order to travel, packing, filling out paperwork, apps, etc. With COVID protocols, this is very time consuming and at times confusing. We are also thankful that we were able to close on our house before we flew.

Thank you for all your prayers for us throughout this year as we figured out how to do our job from a different continent and time zone and in a different way. We are thankful to remember that God is in control and nothing has taken Him by surprise. Though restrictions continue in the Philippines, we are looking forward to being back where God has called us to serve. Please pray for all the details for our travel and entry into the Philippines.

Serving God at Faith Academy,
Walter and Cheryl Spicer



Thank you all for praying for us. We arrived safely a week ago and just this morning we received the certificate for our negative Covid test and permission to finish our 14-day quarantine at home! We had friends pick us up and bring us to our house and buy us some fresh food. It is good to be home and begin settling in. Continue to pray for the many staff who are trying to come to the Philippines. Some are still waiting on their exemption letter. Others have delayed their return as plane tickets are so expensive at this time. Thank you for standing behind us and encouraging us,
Walter and Cheryl Spicer



WFO Guys Car Show Info
•Saturday August 7th, 2021
•Registrants enter at US 54 and State Street
•\$5 registration fee (no pre-registration available)
•Free for patrons

Schedule of Events
11:00am Registration Opens
1:00 Start of Show
7:00 Big Fat Fun takes the stage
8:00 Trophy Presentation
8:45 Big Fat Fun Show continues!

- ◆ **FBC Missions Team will have a booth set up from 11-3.**
- ◆ **We'll hand out free bottles of water and popcorn.**
- ◆ **Call Brooke to volunteer to help (816) 210.5668**



Madison's Music Note

(316) 706-3006
 madisonfitzmier@yahoo.com



If you, a friend, or a family member is musically inclined please contact Madison Brandt. I would love to hear your talents! This includes, but is not limited to, guitar, piano, voice, drums, bass, cello, trumpet, etc.

Thursday, August 12th at 7 PM will be the start of choir practice! Hope to see familiar and new faces this year!

Upcoming Events:

Celebrating

50 YEARS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ANNIVERSARY PARTY HONORING

PAUL & CINDY MEINECKE

Saturday, August 14th
 1:00-3:00
 First Baptist Church
 1501 State Street
 Augusta, KS



FAMILIES GROW WITH LOVE
 Please join us for an adoption shower honoring **Pastor Mac & Brandi**
 16-year-old Ingrid has joined their family!
 Please bring a gift card to help Ingrid make her room her own, make her style her own!
 (examples: Maurice's, TJ Max, Target, Walmart)

Sunday, August 15th
 2:00 – 4:00 pm
 Friendship Room



2021-22 MOPS International Theme – All For Love

- ◆ Meetings start September 14th - 2021 - 9:00-11:00am in the Friendship Room
- ◆ **H**uge need for 4 more childcare room volunteers!
- ◆ Contact the church office to volunteer.

316.775.5466 or fbcaugusta@gmail.com
Be a blessing to every young Mom who attends!!

WALK IN POWER. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. MAKE LOVE YOUR LEGACY.

Augusta Community Caring Center

- All volunteers will be required to wear a mask. (we will provide gloves).
- No clients will be in the building during these hours.

Working hours: **Monday - 1:00 to 4:00**
Wednesday - 9:30 to 12:30
Friday 9:30 12:30



- **Week of 8/9/2021 First Baptist Church Volunteers**



Children's Ministry Coordinator
 Mrs. Melissa Rebel & husband Ty

Sunday, August 29th at 9:45 in the CLC

*All-Church Breakfast Reception
 Honoring Melissa Rebel*

for her tireless work in FBC Children's Ministry



Free Food
 (fresh apples, oranges, canned peaches, peanut butter, beef, canned chicken, orange juice, vegetable soup, tomato sauce and more!)

for low-income individuals in Butler County

August 17th - 8:30 – 11:30 am

at The Augusta Community Caring Center
 Commodities Distribution Center
 208 W. 4th St.

Boxes of food will be passed out the 3rd Saturday of each month

- No paper work to fill out
- No appointments need to be made

Proof that you are from Butler County is required!

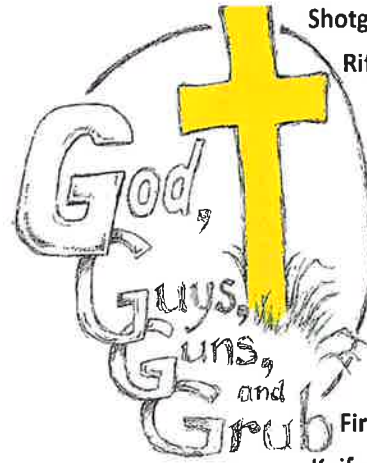
Upcoming Events:



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

August 14th 7:30am
Augusta Prayer Breakfast In
the Friendship Room

BE BOLD.
BE BRAVE.
BE COURAGEOUS.
JOSHUA 1:9



- Shotgun (Trap & Skeet)
- Rifle & Pistol Ranges
- Black powder
- Archery Range
- Slingshots
- BB Guns
- Rope Making
- Jerky Smoking
- Survival Skills
- Firewood Collection
- Knife/Hatchet Throwing

Come join us for a weekend of
faith, fellowship, firearms and food!

All meals (5) provided

Fri-Sun: Sep 17th - 19th

Registration due by: Sep 10th



Live-streamed to hundreds of Host Sites across the globe, this annual event offers world-class teaching on topics relevant to men from top speakers and thought leaders; live worship, challenging stories and group discussion. This will be the 29th No Regrets Men's Conference. We will be live, in-person at Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin this coming year.

Save the date for this life-changing day.

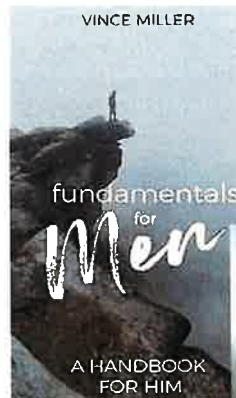
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- ◆ Sign up sheet on the foyer
- ◆ Indicate service time preferred
- ◆ Or call 316.775.5466 or email fbcaugusta@gmail.com



6:00AM
IN THE
FRIENDSHIP
ROOM



faith together

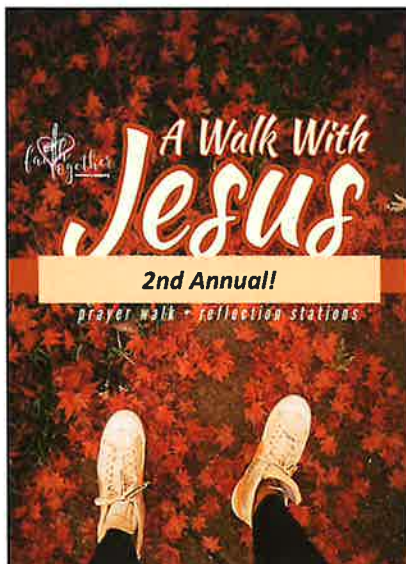
women's ministry

We are *LOOKING AHEAD* at
 Women's Ministry with these tentative
 summer & fall events:



**SIMULCAST
 PRISCILLA
 SHIRER**

September 25, 2021



*When we get together, I want to encourage you
 in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged
 by yours. Romans 1:12 (NLT)*



Is you would be interested in leading or attending a
 women's Bible study this summer or fall, please
 contact the church office!

316.775.5466 or fbcaugusta@gmail.com

**Let your Secret Pal know
 you care today!**

A Phone Call

A Card

**An encouraging
 word**

A Small gift



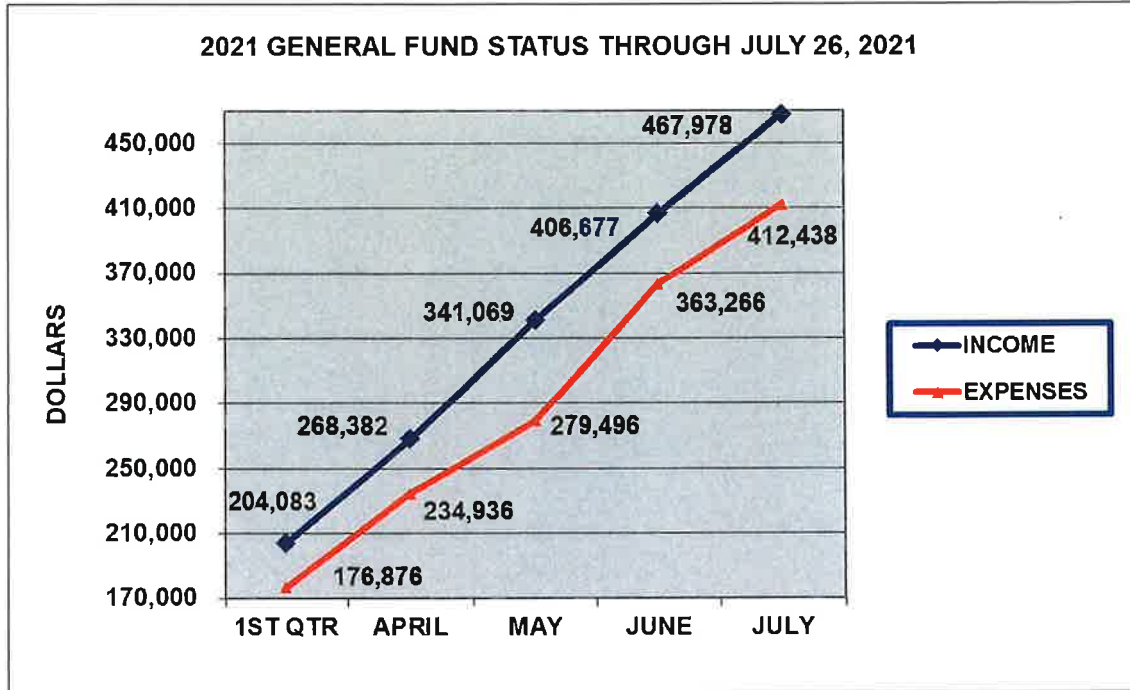
**FBC Share a
 Shawl
 Ministry**



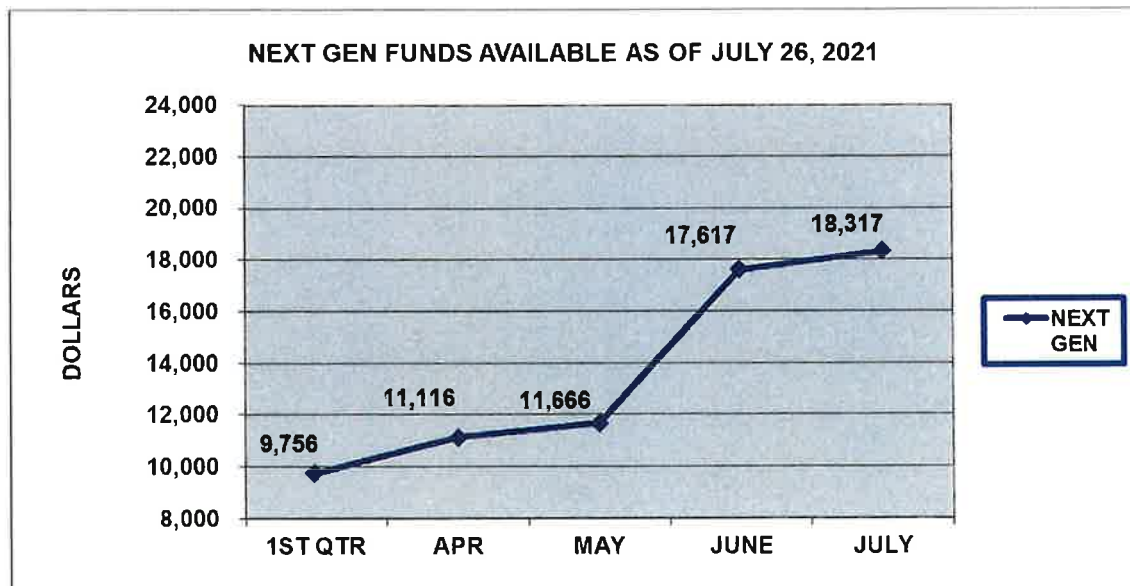
We have
 Beautiful Shawls made with Love that
 are prayed over & ready to share with
 someone who is in need of a reminder
 that Jesus cares for them.

Contact the Church Office
 at 775-5466 for more information.

FINANCE SPOTLIGHT



THE CHART ABOVE SHOWS THE ACTUAL GENERAL FUND INCOME COMPARED TO ACTUAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH JULY 26, 2021.



THE NEXT GEN FUNDS ARE BEING ACCUMULATED TO ADDRESS FACILITY NEEDS. EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED AT PRIOR BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE EDUCATION WING WINDOWS, FOYER REMODELING, AND EDUCATION WING FLOORING. PROJECTS ARE TO BE PRIORITIZED AND COMPLETED AS FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

August



First Baptist Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship & Kids Connect</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00am Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:00pm Missions Mtg.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:00pm Prayer Group</p> <p>NO MDWK</p> <p>7:00pm Deaconess Mtg</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00am Pilates</p> <p>5:00pm Core Community</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00am PEAK Men's Group Friendship Rm Pastor Rick</p> <p>7:00pm AA-CLC</p>	<p>7</p> <p>AUGUSTA CAR SHOW</p> <p>11:00AM - 3:00PM DOWNTOWN</p>
<p>8</p> <p>S.S. Promotion</p> <p>8:30am Worship Facilities Team mtg 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Worship & Kids Connect 12:30pm Discipleship Mtg. 2:00pm Deacons Mtg. 4:00pm Implementation Mtg.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:00am Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:00pm Pilates</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>2:00pm Prayer Group</p> <p>NO MDWK</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Pilates</p> <p>BACK TO SCHOOL</p> <p>5:00pm Core Community 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00am PEAK Men's Group Friendship Rm Pastor Rick</p> <p>7:00pm AA-CLC</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30am Augusta Prayer Breakfast/ Friendship Rm</p> <p>1-3:00pm 50th Anniversary/Paul & Cindy Meinecke Friendship Room</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:30am S.S. Classes 11:00am Worship & Kids Connect 2-4:00pm Adoption Shower/Mac, Brandi, Ingrid Friendship Room</p> <p>4:30-6:00 Volleyball Practice/Will Ponce</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00am Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:00pm Pilates</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>2:00pm Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30PM FBCA Youth</p> <p>MDWK</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am Pilates</p> <p>5:00pm Core Community 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00am PEAK Men's Group Friendship Rm Pastor Rick</p> <p>7:00pm AA-CLC</p>	<p>21</p>
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