



Prayer COVERED

Newsletter
September 2020

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

6-12 Week of Prayer
for State Missions
9 Mission Kids Kickoff
5-7pm @ Ramsey State
Park
12 Rehoboth Annual
Meeting @
Brownstown 4-6pm
13 Church Picnic 4pm
@ Ramsey State Park
23 See You At the Pole
@ RHS 7am
28 Sweet Monday @
church 6:30pm

One of our four principles by which we do everything here at FBC Ramsey is the commitment to covering everything in prayer. Prayer is key if we are going to succeed in bringing glory to God!

During this season of uncertainty let's renew our commitment to pray for our church, our leaders & one another.

Pray for our kids ministries as they reach out and grow.

Pray for our youth as they take on high school in different ways.

Pray for our women's ministry as they make adjustments to their plans.

Pray for our ministry to men as they work to relaunch after shut-down.

Pray for our senior adults to be protected from sickness and harm.

Pray for our pastors and deacons to have discernment and direction as they seek to make wise decisions for the church.

Pray for the lost and hurting who need to know Christ.

Pray for one another.

This month let's cover everything in prayer!



From Pastor Jeff

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts and your ways are not my ways.” Isaiah 55:8

In William Cowper’s poem, “Light Shining Out Of Darkness”, he starts with an often-quoted phrase, “The Lord works in a mysterious way, His wonder to behold.” A lot of people mistakenly think this a verse in scripture, but although it is not it rings true to us, nevertheless.

At the beginning of this year, at the annual meeting, I spoke about a clear word which I believed was from God. He had clearly revealed to me that this was to be a year of growth for us. We were excited and started planning the ways in which we were going to reach people with the Gospel in unprecedented ways.

Then March happened.

We were under stay at home orders and the church was severely limited in what we could do and even who could be in the building. How in the world are we ever going to grow like that?!?!?! Lord, what are you doing?!?!?! Am I so out of tune with you that I can’t even know when you are speaking anymore?!?!?! All these thoughts and more were going through my head as March turned to April, and April turned into May.

Then God happened.

He started bringing people to us and we have seen many saved and some become part of the family here at FBC. The Lord has been using this time in order to reveal Himself to us and what a glorious thing it has become. We are excited what else He has in store for us and we are resolute to being faithful to the call He has given to us.

So, don’t give up. Keep the faith. Many of you are still home and we miss you, but we completely understand and love you so much. Many of you have come back and now there are some new faces in the seats. Get to know them and hear their stories. But above all, know and understand that sometimes God is at work when everything seems like just the opposite.

Following Him,

Jeff



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Rick Finley

- **How long have you been playing guitar?** I started playing at age 11 and I'm still learning.
- **What's one of your favorite songs to play in worship?** At The Cross by Darlene Zschech
- **What's the best thing about leading worship at FBC Ramsey?** I love the wonderful feedback from both congregation and other musicians.

"It's rather rewarding to see it all come together every Sunday!!"



Ministry to Men

We will be having a breakfast for all men on Saturday, September 26 at 7:00 am. We will have a time of fellowship and will also introduce an exciting new opportunity for growth. Mark your calendars now and sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS

September 6 - 12

Our Church goal \$1200

From Pastor Andrew

This past month we launched our Children's Church during Sunday morning service. The young kids have enjoyed a service designed for them and I have enjoyed having the time with them. Many of the youth have been rotating through serving in the children's church and their help has been greatly appreciated.

Before school started members from the church met at the school for a time of prayer. We are excited the students are able to get back together, but we continue to pray for their health and school year.

April and I are so thankful and grateful for all who were able to help us get the house ready for our baby and for the baby shower. April's due date is September 19th. We are very excited to meet our baby this month and enjoying this special time as our family grows.

The youth had a great time kicking off our L.I.T. studies on Sunday nights at the Waggoner's. They had a blast swimming in the pool, eating delicious food, hitting softballs, and spending time together. We started our next character study at L.I.T. on Jacob the son of Issac. I am excited to lead the youth on these character studies as we see how God was at work in the lives of these old testament men and women and how He is still working in our lives today.

I am happy to announce Mission Kids will be having a kickoff on September 9th at the state park and starting regular meetings Wednesday nights.

Our high school seniors have begun working on "See You at The Pole", a national day of prayer for our schools, country, teachers, and students.

If you are in youth remember to sign up for Youth Encounter as soon as possible.

Please continue to keep Maddi and Marshall in your prayers while they are in their military training. Also be praying for Kianna as she gets ready to head to New York for college and Hayden as he just started his college classes.

MISSION KIDS KICK OFF PARTY

Sept 9 5-7pm

@ Ramsey Lake State Park

For Kids in Pre-K thru 6th grade

Food! Fun! Friends!



**L.I.T.
Sunday
Nights
6pm**

**Childrens
Church
Sunday
Mornings**

**IGNITE
Wednesday
Nights
7pm**

CHURCH PICNIC

**Our church picnic will be Sunday,
Sept. 13 at 4pm at the Ramsey
Lake State Park. Join us for some
good food and fellowship!**



**Rehoboth Association
Annual Meeting
September 12, 2020
First Baptist Church
Brownstown
4-6 pm
Dinner following
Please RSVP
618-283-0842**

SWEET MONDAY
will meet September 28 at 6:30 pm
at the church. Charlotte Beck will be
the speaker. Come and be a part of
this ministry.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 Addie Eddy | 9 Amy Hill |
| 2 MyKaela Shouse | 12 Brett Eddy |
| 3 Sandy Worker | 14 Matthew Summerlott |
| 4 Becky Eddy | 19 Carianne Peterson |
| 4 Joe & Amy Hill | 20 Anna Benhoff |
| 5 Bob Hoffman | 24 Candi hayes |
| 5 Paul & Dee Temmen | 25 Gerald & Lurna Casey |
| 5 Ron & Charlotte Blunt | 27 Juanita Hayes |
| 6 Matt & Tasha Oller | 30 Richard Carruthers |
| 9 Alexis Waite | 30 Shirley Lay |

**September
Highlights for
Food Pantry**

**Pancake Mix, Syrup
Dry Cereal
Gravy, Biscuit, &
Muffin Mixes
Canned Soup
Applesauce
Monetary donations**

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September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bible Study & Ignite 7pm	3	4	5
6 Week of Prayer for State Missions	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9 Mission Kids Kickoff 5-7 pm @ RLSP Business Mtg. 7pm	10	11	12 Rehoboth Association Annual Meeting @ FBC Brownstown 4-6pm Dinner following RSVP
13 Church Picnic 4pm @ RLSP	14	15	16 Mission Kids Resumes 7pm Bible Study & Ignite 7pm	17	18	19
20 Lord's Supper 6pm	21	22	23 See You at The Pole @ RHS 7 am Mission Kids 7pm Ignite 7pm Bible Study 7pm	24	25	26 Men's Breakfast 7 am
27	28 Sweet Monday 6:30 pm @ church	29	30 Mission Kids 7pm Ignite 7pm Bible Study 7pm			