

First Baptist Church, Ramsey

**Newsletter, June 2021** 

## **Vacation Bible School**

June 7-11 6:00-8:30 pm For Preschool thru 6th grade

VBS 2021 is going to be WILD!! Animals For The Kingdom will explore times in the Bible when God used animals to do His work in the Kingdom of God! Come and enjoy all the activities; bible stories, singing, crafts, games and snacks.

If you would like to help with VBS, sign up on the board in the foyer or talk to Stephanie.

# From Pastor Jeff

"Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." ~ Matt. 24:35

"Covid is over". This was a headline I saw the other day, right before I heard of a couple people newly contract the virus. So, what do you believe? There are so many voices out there which seemingly are giving contradictory information and it is so difficult to know what to believe.

There is quite a bit of evidence which all indicate we are heading to the end of the crisis, even though it is not completely gone. But as we all take a collective breath, there will be an eagerness and a compulsion to relax and get back to normal as quick as possible. I know, I feel this strongly in my core. Especially the closer we get to Summer. We are getting ready for vacations, ballgames, and family gathering for holidays. We would all rather just forget about these past months and act as if nothing has happened.

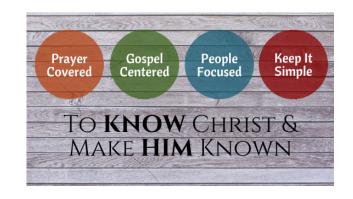
However, I think it is probably a good idea to reflect on what the last 15 months have taught us. There was stirred within us a desire to make sure the Gospel did not get lost in the fear all around us. That was a good thing. There was a desire to find new and better ways to minister to others. That was a good thing. There was a conscience effort on our part to dig deeper into God's Word. That was a good thing. It made us long for things we missed out on and has instilled a stronger compulsion to restart and reset those ministries, whether it is a ministry here in the church and missions where we go out and reach the world. And that is a good thing!

These good things are things which we need to be careful to continue as we create a new normal for our lives. There will always be some who will be fearful. There will be others who will be judgmental. But know there is always a place we can go where we can trust what we hear and read. The Word of God is always true and we need to continually seek out the Lord through His Word and hold it up to what we hear from others. (That especially applies to what you hear from me!)

We can trust His Word to always give us good advice and counsel even if we do not like what it says or if it makes us uncomfortable. So, continue to seek Him and serve Him and together strive to KNOW Him and make HIM known.

Following Him,

**Pastor Jeff** 





#### **SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

The summer lunch program will begin in June. If you'd like to give a monetary donation, we have a designated fund or there is an account set up at the FNB Community Bank.

# Youth Camp REHOBOTH CAMP 2021 will be happening!!

July 5-9 Older Boys July 12-16 Older Girls July 19-23 Younger Boys July 26-30 Younger Girls

Registration forms are available on table in foyer.







We will be showing the series, "Chosen" on Wednesday nights 6:30-8:00pm.

June 30, July 7, 21, 28

Join us as we see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him.

The Church offices will close at noon each day during the week of VBS June 7-11

## **From Pastor Andrew**

The youth and kids enjoyed an evening of fellowship May 5th with ice cream at the Dairy Dee. It was a strange year for Mission Kids and Ignite meeting on Wednesday nights, but we cherished the moments we had and look forward to the year ahead.

Our church had five seniors graduate high school this year! It was a blessing to teach, form friendships, and spiritually grow with each of them. Please join me in praying for our graduates Addie, Brooke, Cade, Chloe, and Cheyenne. While their lives will go different ways after the summer, I know the Lord can use each of them to accomplish miraculous things for His kingdom and glory.

Camps and the youth mission trip are coming up in just a matter of weeks. Plans for camp are bringing churches throughout the association together as we prepare to present the gospel and form relationships they can trust. We are excited to be partnering with a local church in the Dayton area again to share the gospel with children in the community and provide the youth an opportunity to serve. Please keep the planning and communication for the mission trip and camps in your prayers in the weeks ahead. If you are interested in joining the youth on the mission trip to Dayton, please contact me. If you would like to participate in one of the associations' summer camps, you can contact me also.

I have been working with other youth pastors in the association for a weekend discipleship retreat for teens September 3rd-6th. Pastor Jude, Pastor Brandon, and I will be visiting pastors and leaders from churches in the association to provide information about camps, the discipleship weekend, and other events their teens can join throughout the year. In visiting, we hope to provide an opportunity for every church to feel welcome to send teens and join them in preparing these ministry opportunities.

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

1 Will Haves

2 Moriah Friesland

3 Nick & Kim Casev

3 Tim Clark

5 Stephanie Shouse

6 Chloe Hill

6 Jeff & Stephanie Shouse

7 Iris Virden

10 Laura Benhoff

12 Debbie Lav

15 Ed & Judy Wattles

15 Vicki & Kim Tate

19 David & Pam McFarland

19 Kolten Adermann

19 Rick Finley

20 Allison Gibson

21 Kenneth Wollerman

22 Paul & Cecelia Adams

22 Robert Warner

23 Ashley Miller

23 Dennis & Iris Virden

23 Velma Ballard

26 Jeremy & Sheila Seaton

26 Sue Albert

28 Andrea Thoele

28 Keith Casey

29 Dennis Virden

30 Rosie McDonald



NO EVENING SERVICE

**Deacon's Meeting** Sunday, June 6th 5:00 pm

**Business Meeting** Wednesday, June 16th 7:00 pm

**JUNE FOOD PANTRY** 

Spaghetti & Sauce Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Elbow Macaroni Pasta Dinners

**Rice Mixes** Rice-a-Roni, etc. Cake Mixes

## SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

June 6th @ 6pm Sandwiches/Potluck **Bring sandwiches, finger food** or dessert. Church will provide drinks.



#### **OWN it 365 Reading Through the Bible Together**

June 1 1 Corinthians 3	June 16 1 Corinthians 14
2 1 Corinthians 4	17 1 Corinthians 15
3 1 Corinthians 5	18 1 Corinthians 16
4 1 Corinthians 6	19 1 Corinthians 17
5 Psalm 94	21 2 Corinthians 1
7 1 Corinthians 7	22 2 Corinthians 2
8 1 Corinthians 8	23 2 Corinthians 3
9 1 Corinthians 9	24 2 Corinthians 4
10 1 Corinthians 10	25 2 Corinthians 5
11 1 Corinthians 11	26 Exodus 34
12 Exodus 32	28 2 Corinthians 6
14 1 Corinthians 12	29 2 Corinthians 7
15 1 Corinthians 13	30 2 Corinthians 8

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[Sundays: SS 9am > Worship 10am > Bible Study 6pm]

JUNE 2021							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
30	31	1	Bible Study 7pm	Summer Lunches begin	4	5	
Set up for <u>VBS</u> Deacon's Mtg 5pm SNF 6pm	7 VBS Week	8	9 No Bible Study	Summer Lunches	11	12	
VBS Program 6pm	14	15	Business Meeting 7pm	Summer Lunches	18	19	
20 Father's Day Youth Trip No PM service	21	22	Bible Study 7pm	Summer Lunches	25	26	
27 Pastor Andrew & Youth share about trip	28	29	30 Chosen Video 6:30 - 8:00 pm	1	2	3	