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July 30, 2023

From the Pastor...

This Sunday, July 30, 2023 is Jubilee Sunday. It's the day we honor folks who have been members of First Baptist Church for fifty years or more and those who are over age ninety. This tradition was started many years ago as a recognition of those who invested so much of their lives into our church.

Leviticus 25-27 calls for a celebration of the Year of Jubilee every fifty years (thus we honor those who have been a part of FBCS for 50 plus years). Leviticus also tells us that Jubilee is a celebration of liberty under the Lord. As an acknowledgement that all things belong to God, debts were forgiven, land reverted to its original owners, and enslaved people were set free.

Our celebration also reminds us that all things belong to God. As we honor those who have helped build our ministry with their time, talent, and treasure; we give thanks to God for their example of stewardship. When we acknowledge all we have belongs to God, it changes the way we look at life.

As a congregation, we rightfully focus on outreach. We are called to go and make disciples. This week, however, we focus on the faithfulness of those who have contributed so much to God's work at First Baptist Church. In fact, these folks continue to set an example for us all.

This Sunday, a list of our Jubilee members will be in the order of worship. I hope you will look over that list and take time to thank those who have made a difference in your life. A note, call or comment can be such an encouragement – especially to those who are not able to attend as regularly.

Thanks to each and every one of you who make such a positive difference! Thank you especially to those who have given so many years of their life to build this great ministry. I look forward to celebrating you this week.

JUBILEE SUNDAY
JULY 30, 2023

Schedule

Sunday, July 30

Jubilee Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, July 31

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Tuesday, August 1

Directory Photo Retakes

Wednesday, August 2

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, August 3

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, August 6

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, August 7

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, August 9

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

12:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, August 10

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Happy Birthday

August 1

Lynda Card

August 2

Noah Wynne

August 3

Nedra Broyhill

August 5

Kay Martin

Carrie Sykes

Genoa Taylor

August 6

Jared Church

August 7

Ken Marsh

August 11

Wayne Rash

Joe Stephens

August 14

Jesse Jackson

Kathy Mullins

August 15

Angie Shook

August 16

Lynn Barker

Nancy Deal

Gavin Sykes

Harry Tsumas

August 19

Chris Shankle

August 20

Meg Tillery

Walt Tillery

August 21

Vester Boone

August 25

Pam Benfield

August 26

Laura Marsh

August 27

Pat Rushton

August 29

Ralph Bentley

Martha Boyles

Jackie Holshouser

Eddy Sipe

August 30

Sandy Clements

August 31

Henry Crouch

Mary Nunnery

Bobby Stegall

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of July 16 & 23, 2023

	7/16	7/23
Live Stream Views.	23	15
In-Person.	147	163
Sunday School.	93	89

Financial Statistics

	July	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	60,275.00	779,805.00
Budget Receipts	43,087.00	730,165.00
Goals Not Met	(17,188.00)	(49,640.00)
Alms	755.00	11,900.00
Designated	639.00	56,840.00

Water Day - July 12, 2023

On Wednesday, July 12, the children cooled off by playing in kiddie pools, on a huge slip and slide, and with water balloons on the church front lawn.

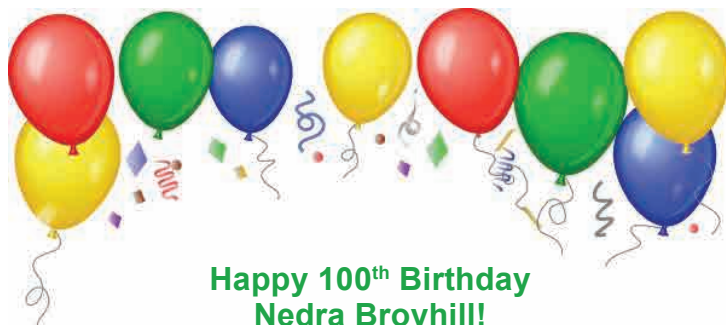




Announcements

Welcome to Our Church Family

Darrell and Dawn Bare joined our congregation on Sunday, July 16. Welcome to our church family!



Happy 100th Birthday Nedra Broyhill!

“Help us celebrate Nedra Broyhill’s 100th Birthday on August 3, 2023. We’re encouraging all of our members to send Nedra a note. Or, if you know her personally, give or a call or make a visit.



A Note of Appreciation from Emily Ashley

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for always supporting me. It was such a wonderful blessing to receive so many college essentials. I will definitely use them. Again, this was very sweet and unexpected. I am so grateful.

Jubilee Sunday July 30, 2023

During the worship service, we will celebrate our members that have been part of our congregation for 50 or more years and those that are 90 or more years of age.

Directory Photos Retakes Tuesday, August 1, 2023

The directory photo retakes day has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 1. Please be sure to make your appointment at www.uc-dir.com. Church code: nc432 Church Password:

Deacon Ministry Team Nominations

We will begin collecting nominations for our Deacon Ministry Team in August. Please be in prayer for those you wish to nominate. Current members of the Deacon Ministry Team are Sherry Ashley, William Barnard, Crystal Beale, Ben Faulkenberry, James Foushee, Steve Koontz, Mike McLain, Jeff Templeton, and Alan Williams.

Greece Mission Trip Interest Meeting Sunday, August 20, 2023

If you are interested in going on the mission trip to Greece next summer, please attend a brief interest meeting immediately following the worship service.

Wednesday Noon Study

This summer we will study the book of Psalms and learn how the psalmist gives us various ways to pray. Hilda Lee will be preparing a light lunch to serve at noon each day (\$4.00 cash) and our Bible study will be from 12:15 – 12:45 pm.

August 2: Returned, Remembering, Rebuilding
(Lunch: hot dogs, chips, cherry pie, and ice cream)

August 9: Moving With And Toward God
(Lunch: muffaletta sandwich, potato salad, key lime gooey cake)