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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Father's Day

The big day in June for me is Father's Day. I look forward to phone calls or visits from my children. I look forward to a special meal and maybe cards or a Father's Day gift. Even from my wife I look forward to this special day.

I had a great dad, and of course, I really did not appreciate him until later in life. As we get older, we all seem to have a better understanding of people and things in life and thus appreciate them much more as we look back.

In the Bible we find a relationship with our father who is in heaven. This father loves us even when we think we are not lovable. Romans 8:16-17 say it this way. "The spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—seeing that we suffer with Him so that we may also be Glorified with Him."

So many people don't grow up with a loving father but God our father is a loving father and loves you! As a child of God, I am so thankful for a loving father. My father was a loving father but to know that my God is a father who loves me, gives me comfort each day.

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Opportunities to Serve This Month

Ministry Team Meetings

Building and Grounds Ministry Team	June 11, 6:30
Discipleship Ministry Team	July 1, 6:00
Worship Ministry Team	TBD
Mission & Outreach Ministry Team	June 17, 6:00
Shepherding Ministry Team	June 10, 6:00
Leadership Council	June 26, 6:30

Rescue Mission Meal Outreach

We will be preparing and serving the evening meal at the Norfolk Rescue Mission on Thursday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m. Be at the mission at 5:30 to help.

Moses Merrill Youth Camp

Do you know a neighborhood child or maybe your own grandchild that you would like to invite to a summer camp experience? Registrations are now open for summer camps at Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center. Scholarships are available for up to 50% of the registration fee. Please see Jill Blaylock for the application form.



Vacation Bible School 2024

Vacation Bible School will be held at the church building on June 2-4 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Each evening a meal will be served from 6:00-6:30. This year's theme is "Set Sail!" Participants will learn about spiritual habits from the gospels. See Andrea High to volunteer to help or with any questions

Pastoral Search Prayer Time

All church family members are invited to join in prayer on June 12th at the church building to pray for our search committee, our church family and our future pastor. Join us on the second Wednesday of each month for intentional prayer to speak to and listen to our Lord.

Happy Birthday

Shirley Baumgart	6th	Tammy Wilson	12th
Ken Chapman	14th	Diana Blaylock	16th
Joyce Meyer	17th	Lloyd Hinze	28th
Dan Carroll	29th		



Building Bridges at Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center Weaver Hall Campaign Update

The Leadership Council has approved a campaign to support the updating of our shared state-wide camp ministry at Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center. During the months of April, May, and June you will be hearing of ways you can participate in a matching funds campaign using dollars from our restricted funds interest income line as a match to each of our gifts. The Council is asking members and friends of First Baptist Church to consider giving to this cause and a match of up to \$5,000 will be made on behalf our church family. The Council will be promoting several ways to participate in this cause including "Spare Change" Sunday offerings, a freewill offering dinner, and an opportunity to visualize your gift with an envelope campaign noted for chairs and tables. Join your brothers and sisters in supporting this statewide campaign effort.

Prayer Garden

Carol Kingsley has been hard at work weeding, planting and watering the prayer garden on the west side of the church building. Thank you Carol for making a great place to focus on prayer. Please make time in your week to visit and have a conversation with God in our prayer garden.



Foster Care Closet Event

Our church family is walking alongside the organization Foster Closet of Nebraska to bring a Foster Care Closet Day to Norfolk on Saturday **JUNE 8** from 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.. The group will be bringing their closet of clothes and other items for foster care families to visit and meet the needs of individuals in foster care. There will be roles to serve such as greeters, check-in, department assistants, and carry-out helpers. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center.. The following is a list of ways you can participate in the Foster Closet Event:

9:00-11:00	Setup Role
11:00-1:00	Serving Role, Slot 1
1:00-3:00	Serving Role, Slot 2
4:00-6:00	Tear-Down Role

You can also donate **NEW** clothing items for boys and girls of all ages by placing your items in the blue tub in the atrium area of the church building.

Christian Cross Festival

A great day of worship and praise is planned on June 8th for the 20th annual Christian Cross Festival at Skyview Lake. Volunteers are always welcome so please see Chris Wilson, Jeff or Heather Borer if interested in helping.

Thank You Church Family

Thank you church family who gave generously the gift card for our great grandson Carter Timm for his graduation from high school. Also thanks so much to those of you who joined us for his party. It meant a lot for you to take the time and make the effort to be with us.
Roger & Susan Fox

Souper Tuesday

No Souper Tuesday in June. Look for information on our July date and theme coming soon.

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Another great scripture is Galatians 4:6, "And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father!" Father can conjure up different images for everyone. As I have said, for some it is a loving father, others it is not. More like disappointment but it is important that we have a good experience with our Heavenly father. This relationship is a rewarding one with God caring, loving, teaching, and helping us through the Holy Spirit each day as we serve him.

So, as we celebrate Father's Day this month. Be thankful and enjoy the relationship you have with God our Father because he loves you as his child. Pastor Brian

Pastor Out of Office

Pastor will be taking time off from June 17-26. Pastor Doug Shelton will be our guest speaker on Sunday June 23rd.

If you have items you would like included in the monthly newsletter, please contact John Blaylock at least one week prior to the first Sunday of the month.