

Dear Church Family,

There are so many things in life that we take for granted. Those things that we have always been surrounded by and assume that they have always been present.

As Baptists, we are very accustomed to knowing, praying, and supporting missionaries. While I praise God that mission support today is very much a part of our Baptist DNA, it has not always been this way.

Back in merry old England, in 1792, a group of Baptists got together and formed "The Particular Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Heathen" (fortunately it was soon shortened to the "Baptist Missionary Society"). It took them several months to decide where on the globe they would begin their sharing of the Gospel and praying about who would go.

Again, there are so many things that we take for granted. The ease of transportation that we have did not exist for them. The journey from Britain to India (there choice for the first mission) was a five-month sea voyage and not a 24-hour plane ride. Even today, I received a message via the internet from a missionary that was sent this morning. As you may have guessed, back then it took nearly a year to send a letter to India and receive back a reply.

As this group met to pray, they quickly became overwhelmed. They knew with all their hearts that God was leading them to begin this evangelistic effort, yet the task seemed daunting.

While they struggled over who would go, one of those present remarked that, "there is a gold mine in India, but it seems almost as deep as the center of the earth. Who will venture to explore it?" Among those gathered that day in January 1793, William Carey, spoke up and said, "I will go down, but remember that you must hold the ropes."

Praise God, Carey did just that. He left in July of that year and arrived in November. He remained the rest of his days in India sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, where he died in 1834.

Volumes are written concerning the life of Carey and how God blessed his faithfulness. But I want you to notice that he did not do it all his own. He was empowered by the Lord for this ministry and he was supported by British Baptists who were committed to "hold the ropes." It was truly a team effort.

Brothers and Sisters, doing ministry is still a team effort. As Pastor Tyler and I seek to serve and minister in the Lord's name every day, we need you to "hold the ropes."

Does that include being an active partner in the ministry of our Church? Yes.

Does that include your committed attendance in worship and Bible study? Yes.

Does that include faithfully returning the Lord's tithe and giving of your offerings? Yes.

And, without question, it includes your devoted prayers on our behalf.

It is truly a privilege to serve you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, as "we are labourers together with God (I Corinthians 3:9)." Thank you for "holding the ropes" and not taking the work of the Lord for granted!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Tim.

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1 Timothy 4:12
Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

June has been crazy and July is going to be even crazier! With camps, mission trip and VBS, we are very busy! Stay tuned for next month's article telling about all the fun and exciting things that have been going on in our Youth Group! Please be in prayer for all of these exciting things happening and going on with our children and youth!

God's Blessings, Pastor Tyler & Leah

P.S. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board if you are planning to go with the youth to the Natural Bridge Outing in Kentucky on Saturday, July 27th. They have opened this event for everyone who would like to go. We will be leaving the church at 8 a.m. & returning at 9 PM.

PRIMARY CAMP

IF YOUR CHILD IS
WANTING TO GO TO
THIS CAMP,
REGISTRATIONS
NEED TO BE IN
BEFORE JULY 7TH.
THIS IS FOR THOSE
GOING INTO THE
1ST-3RD GRADES.
THE CHURCH WILL
PAY HALF THE FEE.

Future Events

- August 3rd CCA ABMen's Family Pitch-in Picnic at the Austin Town Park, 4:00 PM
- August 4th Youth Gathering at Clifty Falls State Park, 12-7 PM (hiking and swimming)
- August 13th Red Cross Blood Drive in FLC, 3-8 PM
- August 14th Annual Business meeting, 6:30 PM (election of new officers/budget)
- August 18th Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser in FLC, noon Youth Gathering, 1-3 PM
- August 19th-25th Pastor Tim will be on vacation
- August 25th Derby Dinner outing to see Million Dollar Quartet (tickets already bought)
- August 28th Year-end Bash at the home of Bobby & Barb Deal, 6-8 PM (no services at church)
- August 30th-31st Team Kid Yard Sale at the church in FLC, 8 a.m.

In New York harbor stands a lady, with a torch raised to the sky. Everyone who sees her knows she stands for, Liberty for you and me. A broken chain lays at her feet and she has become an icon of freedom and is a welcoming sight to immigrants coming into the United States. As much as I love what the statue and our flag stand for, and as thankful as I am to live in the greatest country in the world, I am even more thankful that on a hill called Golgotha stands an old rugged cross. I am glad that at the foot of that cross lay the chains that used to bind my burden of sin. I am so blessed and thankful that one day as an immigrant to Jesus Christ I was drawn to the cross, where when I asked for forgiveness Jesus Christ liberated me from a life of sin and shame, because as the statue liberates the citizen so the cross liberates the soul. I am not ashamed to say that the cross is my statue of liberty. It was there that my soul was set free. I will honor my faith and my trust in God, just as I honor the statue of liberty. So, this July when you think of Independance day, give thanks for your freedom and also for the freedom we have in Christ. If you haven't gained your freedom in Christ, my prayer for you is that you will take your life to the cross and be liberated by the blood of Jesus Christ. **Perry Stainbrook**

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HAPPY 4TH

VBS KICK-OFF/CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 14, NOON-3 PM

Bring a covered dish or 2 as the hamburgers /hotdogs will be provided. There will be 2 bouncy houses...1 for older children & 1 for the smaller children. There will also be water balloons so dress your children accordingly. Everyone is invited to stay for this event.

Vacation Bible School July 15-19, 6-8:30 PM Free Family Meal, 5:30-5:55.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We left for our mission trip on June 29th at 8am. We are asking everyone from the congregation to continue to pray for us until we return on July 6th. Thank You!

ADULTS: Pastor Tyler & Leah Griffin, Angie Avendano & Andrew Joyce YOUTH: Ethan & Isabel Hill, Hunter Joyce, Deanna Kriete, Josh Riley, Alec Beaver, Bree Haysler & Patience Adams.

"Summer Rain"

Oh, what is so pure as the glad summer rain, That falls on the grass where the sunlight has lain? And what is so fair as the flowers that lie All bathed in the tears of the soft summer sky?

The blue of the heavens is dimmed by the rain That wears away sorrow and washes out pain; But we know that the flowers we cherish would die Were it not for the tears of the cloud-laden sky.

The rose is the sweeter when kissed by the rain, And hearts are the dearer where sorrow has lain; The sky is the fairer that rain-clouds have swept, And no eyes are so bright as the eyes that have wept.

—Fannie Sherrick

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It is that time of year again when we go to Wal-Mart and purchase the school supplies for the Lexington 4th-5th graders. Plus this year we will also be purchasing supplies for the preschool kids at Lexington. We will be going to Wal-Mart on Thursday, July 18th at 9:00 a.m. We usually fill at least 8-10 cart loads of supplies. It would be great to have at least 8-10 volunteers from our church to help us to do this. If you would like to help, please let Judy Peacock know you will be there so that she can divide up the lists accordingly. Just so you know we may have to go to Salem Wal-Mart as well if Scottsburg doesn't have all we need.

Then on Sunday, July 28th, we will be packing the paper sacks with all the supplies following the Morning Service. So if you can't help out on the 18th, we could use you on the 28th. We always have a lot of fun doing this. So, come join us.

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Corbin James, Gary Austin
- 2 Mike Koehler
- 3 Kay McCrady, Jenny Beverly, Alice Nichols
- 4 Nina Hill
- 5 Larry & Carol Fletcher, 1991
- 6 Charles & Bonnie Shields, 1965
- 7 Ryan & Andrea Blevins, 2001
- 7 Melvin Nichols
- 8 Donald Brock, Keith Bixler, James Bryant
- 9 Josiah Dane Nay
- 10 Danny & Kathy Snelling, 1971
- 11 Lauren Kloke
- 12 Lauren Jeffries
- Pat McNeely, Bree Haysler, Joe Luther, Bob Nowlin, Nowlin Craig, AJ Lawson
- 14 Rob & Michelle Gary, 2001
- 16 Christina Garland
- 17 Clarence Marshall, Desi Estep
- 18 Molly Jones
- 20 Chub McNeeley
- 21 Cristy Johns
- 23 Jenny Hines
- 24 David East, Becky Stainbrook
- 26 Ernie & Joann Morrison, 1969
- 26 Jason & Alicia Johns, 1999
- 27 Julia Morris
- 28 Chris Lewis
- 30 Louann Calder, Paula Walsh

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY MEALS

The Wednesday night family meals are open to everyone. It costs just \$1.00 per person (to help cover the cost of the entrée). We ask that you bring an item to share from the lists below or check the Sunday bulletin for the TBA entrée'. If you would like to prepare the entrée for one Wednesday night, please sign up on the sheet on the desk in the small fellowship hall.

JULY 3 = TBA

Dessert, Drinks

JULY 10 = TBA

Desserts, Drinks

JULY 24 = TBA

Desserts, Drinks

JULY 31 = TBA

Desserts, Drinks

JULY 17_NO SERVICES THIS NIGHT DUE TO THIS BEING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. THERE WILL BE A MEAL FOR ALL THOSE ATTENDING VBS.

FYI: FOR ALL OF YOU THAT NORMALLY EXPECT TO SEE **BRO. RAY MILLER & FAMILY IN JULY...THEY ARE NOT GOING** TO BE ABLE TO FIT US IN THIS YEAR. BUT FRET NOT, THEY WILL BE HERE FOR HOMECOMIING THIS YEAR. THAT WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 8TH. SO YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS SEEING THEM THEN. PLEASE LET ALL THOSE YOU MAY SEE, WHO DON'T ATTEND CHURCH HERE, THAT IS WHEN HE WILL BE HERE THIS YEAR. HOPEFULLY, MOST OF THEM **CAN REARRANGE THEIR** SCHEDULES TO COME HERE ON THAT SUNDAY.