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- August Birthday**
- 1 – Michael Austin
RaeAnn Seaman
 - 2 – Tina Davidson
 - 3 - Brandon Moore
Chandler Williams
Kimberly Redden
 - 4 – Bridget Zuniga
Sarah Vincent
 - 8 – Bradyn Girdler
 - 9 – Mary McDaniel
 - 10 –Jasper Moore
Sean Brister
 - 11 –Ginger Scogin
Creek Smith
 - 12 –Joy Marie Simms
 - 14 – Callie Robbins
Ethan Altenburger
 - 15 –Peyton Wiggins
 - 16 –Donna Pynes
Raynard Wilmore
 - 18 – Evan Fowler
 - 19 – MacKenzie Racca
 - 21 – Julia King
Brett Blackmon
 - 22 – Dewitt Wagner
 - 24 – Cherry Hampton
 - 25 – Charity Murray
 - 28 – Sharrod King
 - 29 – Korbin Arnold
 - 30 –Canaan Moore
Huey Williams II
 - 31 –Holly Nading

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- August 8-14, 2021
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 337 397 2930 (h)
 337 238 1236 (c)
- August 15-21, 2021
 Kaplan Rolon
 337 397 1007(c)
- August 22-28, 2021
 Randall Smith
 337 238 1558 (h)
 337 375 7607 (c)
- Aug. 29-Sept.4, 2021
 Tim Tuck
 337 392 9555 (h)
 337 353 9796 (c)

**WE ARE OPEN FOR
 IN-HOUSE WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday

Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM
 Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday morning
 Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM .

Wednesday

Children's Activity-Wacky Wednesday 6-7 PM
 Youth & Adult Bible Study in the CLC @ 6 PM
 Adult Choir Practice @ 7 PM

FBC State of Affairs

2020 Monthly Budget Required \$41,780.00

Received July 4, 2021	\$ 11,060.00
Received July 11, 2021	\$ 4,715.90
Received July 18, 2021	\$ 4,753.39
Received July 25,2021	\$ 7,981.41

Sunday School Report

	7/4	7/11	7/18	7/25
Members Present	75	74	76	54
Visitors	11	10	18	22
Worship Attendance	138	125	159	109

Tapestry

August 10, 2021

There will be no Tapestry meeting
 for the month of August due to the
 increase in Covid cases.

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August Happenings at First Baptist

Wacky Wednesday: (for the children)

- August 4th: "Support the Troops Night". Wear your camo.
- August 11th: Inside Out Night. Kids wear yourshirts inside out.
- August 18th: Getting Ready for Back to School Night: Dress like a nerd
- August 25th: Sports Night: Dress to support your favorite team
- September 1st : Come dressed wacky
- August 8th: RA's & GA's Camp report to the church @ 6 PM
- August 13th: Youth will be having their back to school lock in from 7 PM to 7 AM. If you would like to support then you can volunteer to be a chaperone or bring FOOD.
- August 15th : "Back to School" Sunday
- August 26th : DMA will be going to Woodville, TX, leaving the church at 9:30 AM.



School begins August 20, 2021
Please pray for our students, teachers and all school officials!
Welcome New Members



Tracy Tuck



The Meins Family-Nathaniel, Michelle, Nattacin, Kourtney, Ivory, Levanna, (Autumn & Brett)

Craig's Notes

It seems like the last newsletter went out yesterday, and at the same time, it seems like a year ago. There was so much going on at FBC during the month of July. The July 4th program provided by the choir and the Independence Day "Picnic" that followed were both amazing. Thanks so much to our Adult Choir, Narrator (Vernon Clark), and Technical Crew, as well as to our Activities Committee. It was wonderful to have Vacation Bible School again. Words cannot express my thanks to Deedee Slate for stepping up to take the reins as director as well as to everyone who helped teach, lead kids, prepare refreshments, do rec, or crafts, or help in any way. Then, the week after VBS, 5 brave counselors took our RA's and GA's to Kids Missions Camp at Tall Timbers. It was a wonderful week, and eight of our children came back having made professions of faith. In addition, the youth and Bro. Sean did a wonderful job leading services on July 18 with the Centrifuge report. (We discovered that Jurnie Brown is multi-talented and can play the ukulele). On July 28, our youth and several adults volunteered at helping hands packing school supplies to be handed out to area students (our VBS Offering of \$550 went to this ministry). Thank the Lord for what He has done and is doing.

I also want to thank those who have helped in worship services in the month of July. As always, our sound, television, and projector crews were excellent (and we are always looking for people to serve in these capacities). The adult choir continued to be faithful and sang beautifully. Bro. Sean and Elizabeth Cyr were fantastic on instruments and leading music. Thanks also to Grant Blackwell, Leslie Moore, Karter and Karley Arnold, and Bro. Sean for the special music. May God bless you all for offering yourselves in His service.

We will continue with WACKY WEDNESDAY for the kids through the month of August. Here are the emphasis nights for each week. August 4 is "Support the Troops Night" – kids should wear camo. August 11 is "Inside Out Night" – kids wear their shirts inside out. August 18 is "Getting Ready for Back to School Night" – kids come dressed as a nerd. August 25 is "Sports Night" – kids come dressed to support your favorite team.

The youth will be holding their Back to School Lock-in on August 13. If anyone would like to help chaperone, please contact Bro. Sean. If you are unable to chaperone, but would still like to help, lock-ins always require a lot of food, so I know Bro. Sean would appreciate that as well.

School is set to begin again this month with August 20 being the first day for students. We will have a special "Back to School" Sunday on August 15. Please make plans to join us for this special day.

DMA Homebound Visitation will be August 12. You are invited to help out. Meet in the CLC at 9 AM and we will go out and minister to those who are confined to their homes.

Speaking of DMA, it has been good to be meeting together again. So far we have welcomed Dr. Jerry Penfield and Bro. Sandy Guynn as guest speakers. For our August Meeting, we will be going to The Picket House out of Woodville, TX. We will leave the Church at 9:30 AM on Thursday, August 26.

In years past, the Senior Adults have taken Fall Foliage trips in the Autumn of the year. In addition to seeing the colors of the season, we have visited places like the ARK in Kentucky, The Passion Play, The Billy Graham Library, and the Creation Museum as well as having times of worship together. I was approached by some of our Senior Adults about planning a trip for the fall, so I am endeavoring to get one together. Plans are not set in stone yet, but I am penciling in a trip to the Dutch and Amish Country of Pennsylvania. The "foliage" part would take us through the Shenandoah Valley heading to Lancaster, PA where we will attend Sight and Sound Theater, and be immersed in the traditions of the Amish countryside. Dates will be October 18-26 (give or take a day). There is a sign-up sheet in the office now. We can take the first twenty that sign up. A \$75.00 deposit is due by August 26 (our DMA meeting). Hopefully I will be able to give an approximate cost for the trip in a couple of weeks.

Also, I wanted to give everyone a heads up that September 19 is "Back to Church" Sunday. We are joining in a national effort to get folks across America back in the church pews. Please be watching for more information about this special day. There will be something that you can do to help be prepared. In addition, I hope to be able to plan a family fun day as an outreach to our community. Back to Church Sunday will immediately precede "See You at the Pole" in our area schools (SYATP is Wed. September 22).

I want to take this opportunity to offer condolences to Denise Wills and family in the homegoing of her step-father, Mitch Thompson. Over the years, Mitch served FBC in so many different capacities. He was a true friend to everyone and will be greatly missed.

I want to offer congratulations to our own Karen Robertson for being named Louisiana's Elementary School Principal of the Year. This is a well deserved honor. We are blessed to have Karen as a faithful and working member of our church and to have her influence in the lives of the children of Vernon Parish.

In way of congratulations, I also wanted to extend them to Mr. and Mrs. Gavin and Alexis Grimes on their beautiful, Christ-honoring marriage celebration. It is a blessing to see what the Lord is doing in the lives of this young couple. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their lives as a married couple.

Finally, I want to say "congratulations" to Sarah Vincent on her baptism that we celebrated on July 18, and I want to say "welcome to the family" to her son Wesley Vincent who made his profession of faith on the same day. Wesley is part of our 5th and 6th grade Sunday School Class. May we be a church family that helps them grow in Jesus.

May God bless you all more than you could ever hope or expect.

WMU

These ladies meet every 1st Sunday of each month at 4:30 PM. They would love for you to join them in their work with missions.

Homebound Visitation

2nd Tuesday each month this group meets in the CLC at 9:30 AM. Come and join them for a blessing, one of Loretta Poe's sausage and biscuits and go visit one of our many homebound. You will receive a blessing!

DMA

(Don't mention age)

This group meets the 4th Thursday of each month in the CLC at 9:00 AM for games, fellowship, lunch and a different speaker each month. Come join them. You would be very welcome.

Welcome New Members



Weslev Vincent



Caroline Spicer

GA and RA Camp reports will be August 8, 2021 in the Evening Service. Come support these young children and always pray for them, especially since they are getting ready to begin school again.



Love and condolences to the family of Mitch Thompson who went to be with the Lord recently.



Congratulations

to Karen Robertson for being named "Louisiana Elementary School Principal of the Year". We are so proud of you and the work you do for the children of Vernon Parish.

August 15, 2021
Special service "Back to School" Sunday

