

## *Message from our Pastor*

Dear Church Family.....It's official, we're now part of this wonderful fellowship of believers known as Bowling Green Baptist Church. Well, maybe I should say "semi-official", since you haven't received our membership letter from our previous church but it will be coming soon! Nevertheless, Terri and I couldn't be any more excited and pleased to be joining all of you here at BGBC. This past weekend Terri and I felt very welcomed and loved. We met so many wonderful people who just radiated God's love and grace. We were overwhelmed with the hospitality and warmth that permeated the entire weekend. On our drive home last Sunday we couldn't stop talking about how natural it felt to be with all of you during the fellowship on Saturday and during the worship services on Sunday. It was an awesome weekend. I wanted to once again just publicly and personally thank Bob Rice and the entire Search Committee for the superb job they did in accomplishing the task the church commissioned them to do. I know it was not easy, and consequently they deserve our deepest gratitude. Please make sure you let them know that the next time you see them. I am eagerly looking forward to being in the office on June 1<sup>st</sup> and joining our new church family for worship on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **"Pressing On"** **Deuteronomy 1:6-8**

In this passage the Israelites have taken an 11 day journey from Egypt to the Promised Land and it turned into a 40 year experience in the desert! Normally it takes only 11 days to travel from Mt. Sinai to Kadesh-Barnea. Kadesh-Barnea was the threshold of promise. It was the desert entry point to the promised land. It was the place from where they sent the 12 spies to spy out the land. They had been held back and detained by God Himself. But one day, God said to them, you have stayed too long in this place. *It is time to move out and move forward.*

This is the call of God for our lives which has led Terri and me to join all of you here at Bowling Green Baptist Church. And it is a call to all of you as the congregation at BGBC. It is a call that the Apostle Paul describes this way in His letter to the Philippian Church (3:13-14) *"...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*

When Paul says, *"forgetting,"* I don't believe he means not remembering in the sense of not appreciating. I think he means to "not live in the past." Surely, the Israelites remembered the provision of God through all those 40 years, His constant presence and guidance sustained them. And so He has done the same for Bowling Green Baptist Church.....We are to remember and honor the past, BUT NOT LIVE IN IT!

And so "WE PRESS ON...." Together.

Together We Serve,  
Pastor Frank



## PATHWAYS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In June, we will have a messy games extravaganza!

Watch for info about Vacation Bible School coming June 26!

We also have Centrikid camp coming! This is July 18-22. We have filled our planned slots and are looking forward to an awesome week.

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We are all excited about our new pastor, Frank Johnson and his wife Terri. We look forward to hearing him in worship services beginning June 5, 2016. We welcome them in Christian love and fellowship as we begin our journey together.

Congratulations to the graduates of 2016! We are proud of their hard work and dedication for meeting one of the many goals ahead of them.

Please remember with special prayers Ella and Cierra Divilbliss and Cathy Gray as they go on a mission trip June 23-July 2. They will be joining others from churches in Caroline and surrounding counties traveling to Gregory Town, Bahamas where they will work with children in their vacation Bible School as well as assist with sports camp and town clean-up. We look forward to hearing about their mission trip and hope they will be able to share with us how God works through so many to help the people of Gregory Town.

Our WMU church project for May was to collect food and clothing for Glory Outreach. A box is located in the back of the family ministry center for these items. Extra non-perishable food items are needed, especially during the summer months due to the increase number of school children who will not have meals (breakfast and lunch) from school.



# JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 Kid's Night, Family Ministry Center	<b>4</b> <b>Mission Trip Fund Raisers</b> 7:30-9:30 Breakfast @ BGBC 8:00-1:00 Yard Sale @ BGBC
<b>5</b> 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	<b>6</b> 6:30 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr	<b>7</b> 7:00 Preschool Board of Directors, Philathea Rm	<b>8</b> 4:30-Closing—Spirit Night at Pino's Pizza to benefit Preschool 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 6:30 BG Meadows HOA, Family Ministry Center	<b>10</b> 7:00-9:00 Feast of Israel Bible Study, Family Ministry Center	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	<b>13</b> 6:30 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr 7:00 Finance Committee, Philathea Room	<b>14</b> <b>Flag Day</b> 12:00 Dollie Farmer WMU, Philathea Rm 6:30 Care & Visitation, Philathea Rm	<b>15</b> 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 7:00 Deacon's meeting, Philathea Rm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	<b>20</b> <b>First Day of Summer Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:30 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr	<b>21</b> 10:00 Christian Book Club, Philathea Rm 7:00 Building & Grounds, Philathea Rm	<b>22</b> 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Bahamas Mission Trip (Jun 22-Jul 2)						
<b>26</b> 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	<b>27</b> 6:30 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr	<b>28</b> 11:00 Library Committee, Library	<b>29</b> 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>30</b>		
Bahamas Mission Trip (Jun 22-Jul 2)						
Vacation Bible School (Jun 27-Jul 1)						



- 1 Jack Fisher
- 1 Jeanne Jordan
- 2 Margaret Mills
- 5 Jean Davis
- 6 John French
- 7 Doris Galyen
- 7 Courtney Taylor
- 10 Patrick Ulrey
- 11 Ella Divelbliss
- 11 Sandy Taylor
- 11 Linnea Woolridge
- 12 Ethan Bissoon
- 12 Billy Brillhart
- 12 Tricia Emrick
- 13 Travis Bullock
- 14 George Fisher
- 14 Bettie French
- 15 Robyn Fisher
- 19 Ronnie Jordan
- 19 Barbara Lanford
- 20 George Dirk Farmer
- 20 Sheila Toombs
- 21 Shawn Divelbliss
- 21 Alice Farmer
- 21 Kara Gromovsky
- 22 Logan Motley Berry
- 23 Bill Hollandsworth
- 23 Susan Sili
- 24 Randy Toombs
- 25 Terri Allen
- 25 Joyce Robbins
- 25 Neal Tidman
- 26 Chris Briggs
- 27 Wayne Campbell
- 29 Allegra Beverage

**Deacon of the Week:**

- Jun 5 – Neal Tidman
- Jun 12 – Terry Bullock
- Jun 19 – Richard Covington
- Jun 26 – Joseph Stepp

**Counters** – – Hardy Dunnington & Mary Flora

**Building Security:** – Deacon of the week

**Flowers:**

- Jun 5 – Betty Cooper
- Jun 12 – Karen & Richard Covington
- Jun 19 – Sandra Stevens
- Jun 26 – Priscilla Shuler

**Nursery Workers: \***

- Jun 5 – Stephanie Covington & Dianne Webb
- Jun 12 – Naeda Gustard & Kamryn Gray
- Jun 19 – Haley Kennedy & Debbie Thomas
- Jun 26 – Paige Carter & Nathan Carter

\* Both individuals are responsible for the 8:45 service; the underlined individual is also responsible for the 11:00 service.