



From the Pastor.....

This weekend and especially this Monday Americans all across this great nation of ours will celebrate Independence Day. Christians will also pause to celebrate the blessings bestowed on this "land of the free" by a benevolent and compassionate God. As we celebrate, it is important to ask ourselves one very important question.

As the church, what is our role in helping America?

As long as America exists, and as long as we are God's church, the greatest service we can perform is to teach and proclaim the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

As the church, it is our responsibility to promote the moral and spiritual values of this land we love so much. This is why we must stand firm for the foundations upon which America was established – the dignity of human life, the sanctity of the family, and Bible-centered public morality. We need to serve as the moral center of our society. In order to do this, we must lead as many people as possible to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. This is a mandate that we as members of Bowling Green Baptist Church are not unfamiliar with, just look at the vision statement on our masthead, "**Reaching People for Christ.**"

Many Americans over the years have gone into harm's way to defend America, many paying the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Young Americans are in harm's way this very moment. If the church does not have as much courage as these men and women, we have missed our calling. America needs us to stand for Christ firmly and unashamedly.

Sinful hearts build sinful societies. But redeemed hearts build redeemed societies. This is true for America. Unless we can change the hearts of Americans by bringing them into a relationship with Jesus Christ, our success will be minimal.

If, by God's grace, we are successful, we can trust Him to sweep this nation once again with the power of the Holy Spirit. We would see a true turning back to God and a revival in our land like the days of the Great Awakening. This is what we are all about, here at BGBC. I look forward to seeing you this weekend and celebrating together our freedom to worship and proclaim the Gospel.

God Bless America,
Pastor Frank



PATHWAYS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Centrikid is right around the corner! **July 18-22.** Centrikid camp is an exciting camp for our kids. We will be at Skycroft Conference Center in Maryland.

Please pray for:

The staff. It is a marathon for them and they are so fabulous! They show love to the kids they encounter all summer long and may be the most powerful influence for Christ these kids encounter. There is something special about college kids that give their summer to share Christ with kids!!

The children who are attending. The week we go there are usually 350 or so kids. Pray that each and every one of them encounter Christ. Also pray for their safety and that they will have amazing fun.

The chaperones. For endurance and patience. Even more, for the ability to point the kids to Jesus.



Still looking for volunteers in the Nursery. We are in need of 4 volunteers. Please email Cathy Gray for more information.

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June proved to be a busy month for many of us. Bible school kicked off on Sunday night, June 26 with “fun nite” activities. Each night the children were fed a meal as well as participated in learning about Bible stories in their age appropriate classes.

Some time this month we hope to hear from the three ladies who were part of a mission trip with other church groups who were returning from Gregory Town, Bahamas on July 2, 2016. There they worked with kids who needed much love, and time with others who were able to show God’s love to them. They conducted Bible school classes for them, played games and participated in a town “clean-up”. Please continue to remember the ones of Gregory Town, Bahamas, and the mission team who witnessed to them.

In our June meeting we talked about a June 14 celebration of Flag Day, started in 1885 by a teacher who wanted to teach the importance of honoring the flag and what it represents. In 1949 congress approved legislation which named June 14 as the official observance of Flag Day.

Also, in our meeting we discussed Church WMU Objectives as Southern Baptists. WMU IS ABOUT MISSIONS, so everything in WMU seeks to teach about missions with 6 specific objectives. (1) Learning about missions and accepting responsibility to educate believers about missions. (2) Supporting missions which means giving to missions through one’s time, talents and financial resources. (3) Praying for Missions—Believers understand the power of prayer and are taught to pray for the spread of the gospel and the specific needs of missionaries. (4) Engaging in mission action and witnessing—Doing missions work is as important as learning. Church mission projects is one way each individual can participate locally. (5) Participating in the work of the church and denomination—bringing new believers into a relationship with God. (6) Developing spiritually toward a missions lifestyle—growing in our relationship with Christ day to day.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy 4th of July!!!



Music News

The most important piece of news from the Traditional Service is not only about the music but is about something that impacts the entire Worship Service. We are extremely blessed to have been authorized to install a new sanctuary sound system with the latest technology. We have new choir, pulpit, hand held wireless and lapel microphones. We have installed new speakers in place of the old tired speakers that are completely out of sight and also, we have a remotely wired CD system that can be used for instrumentals and instrumental accompaniment for the choir. Our new system provides for the Praise Band to have the capability to interface with the system through plug-ins when needed. We have been blessed with contributions that enabled us to add this new system to our sanctuary and already, we are seeing a great difference in the sound from a choral and speaking perspective. On Father's Day, we played a prelude through the CD player of Josh Groban's "You Lift Me Up" which was very moving.

We added a few features to the system from our original plan. We changed out the storage cabinet for the equipment to another wall in the side room and added a few other things. This increased the expense, but we decided to do all that was needed while we had the sound technician on site. I cannot thank those wonderful friends of the choir who have been so generous in helping us make this happen. The sound has a purity and clarity that creates a worshipful atmosphere rather than a concert atmosphere. It allows us to move into the 21st. century and yet preserve our historical integrity. If anyone wishes to contribute to this wonderful improvement to our beautiful sanctuary, we welcome your help and if you have not been to church for a while, please come and hear the difference.

Our Easter production was a great success and we had wonderful attendance. When our Children's Choirs join us, it is always a special blessing to our worship. They sang and acted out some of the songs and we used instrumental accompaniments. Our new system would have made it much more effective but we all enjoyed and were greatly blessed by the service.

I will be directing the music for the Bible School which begins on June 26. The children will be learning some new music that accompanies their Bible themes for each day. We hope many children will join us for this very exciting week.

When summer arrives and vacations, weddings and other events take us away from choir, we plan some different special music. We are very excited to have a guest concert violinist who trained at the Moscow Conservatory and has played venues all over Russia come and play on July 3 for the Traditional Worship Service at 11:00 am. She will play a patriotic number to celebrate the 4th of July holiday. We will also have a solo and a few other special plans are in the works for the summer months.

The next project that I would like to initiate for our sanctuary is a drop down screen for projections that would also be a great enhancement to our worship. We would be able to do so many new and innovative things with a projector. I remember Christmas Eve when we needed that equipment for our service. We had to work out a way to project that was temporary and time consuming. We need to have up-to-date technology in order to make our worship services relevant. If we want to bring people in to worship with us and grow our church, we must have the technology that allows us to do things differently. I really believe we can accomplish this with architectural integrity and I hope our members will join us by financially supporting this new plan. Perhaps we can think about it over the summer and when fall arrives, we can get started.

I would also like to thank our choir, Bettie French, our accompanist and Barbara Lanford our assistant accompanist for the dedication and cooperation that they give to our church. There is no other organization that works harder and more consistently in giving their talent to worship. This group of wonderful people make my work so rewarding. If there are others in our church that enjoy choral music, you will want to join this group of people. Our door is open and you are welcome. Rehearsals will begin in September on each Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Have a great summer and see you at church.
Sandra Stevens, Music Director



The Field trip to G & G for plant education April 20th was both educational and fun for all. The students learned about how plants grow, planted plants, received a plant and purchased a plant for the flower garden behind the church. The 12 students had their “Moving Up” ceremony May 20th. The third year of our Beginnings Preschool (2015-2016) concluded successfully May 25.

We will continue our Pino’s fundraiser through the summer. So we hope all will try to remember to go to Pino’s or order carry-out the second Wednesday of each month. When you call in your order or go to the restaurant please remember to thank them for supporting our preschool.

The prospects for Fall are promising and we continue to advertise in various ways to increase enrollment. We had our first and second Open Houses in April and June. Our third Open House is scheduled for August 4 from 6 – 8 PM. If you know anyone with children who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 30 of this year, please pass this information on to them. If anyone misses the open houses, they can always call or stop by the church office to obtain enrollment information and an enrollment form. New Beginnings Preschool promotional pamphlets are also available for you to share.

Please continue to pray for the Beginnings Preschool, the teachers, and the board members. Your prayers are being answered. Pray that our preschool will continue to grow and continue to be a blessing to our community.

Betty Cooper, Chair
Beginnings Preschool Board of Directors



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Bahamas Mission Trip (Jun 22-Jul 2)	
					Vac Bible School (Jun 27-Jul 1)	
3 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 FMC reserved by Charlene Gray	4 Independence Day	5 7:00 Preschool Board of Directors, Philathea Rm	6 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	7	8 7:00 – 9:00 Feast of Israel Bible Study	9
10 Communion Sunday 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship Concord Celebrates 175 years. 4:00 – 7:30 Young Life 7:00 Refit Exercise Program	11 6:30 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr 7:00 Finance Committee, Philathea Room	12 12:00 Dollie Farmer WMU, Philathea Rm 12:00-6:00 Bloodmobile @ BGBC, Fam Ministry Ctr 6:30 Care & Visitation, Philathea Rm	13 4:30-Closing—Spirit Night at Pino’s Pizza to benefit Preschool 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	14	15 9:00 – 12:20 Va. Coop. Exten Instructional	16
17 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:30 Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr	18 7:00 Church Council, Philathea Rm 7:00 Finance Committee Meeting, Library	19 10:00 Christian Book Club, Philathea Rm 7:00 Building & Grounds, Philathea Rm	20 Newsletter Deadline 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	21 7:00 Deacon’s meeting, Philathea Rm	22	23
24 8:45 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Business meeting, Family Ministry Center 11:00 Traditional Worship 12 Noon to 6:00 pm Family Ministry Center reserved by Anne Wright 7:00 pm Refit exercise program, Fam Ministry Ctr	25	26 11:00 Library Committee, Library 6:00 – 8:00 pm Relay for Life 6:00 – 8:00 pm Young lives	27 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	28	29	30 9:00 am – 12 noon Girl Scout Car Wash Troop 304/639
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- 2 Terry Bullock
- 2 Kendall Divelbliss
- 2 Landyn Foltz
- 2 Erin Kube
- 2 Gary Meyer
- 3 Kourtney Sutherland
- 8 Kathrine Wright
- 9 Christian Campbell
- 11 Laura Richbourg
- 12 Jacqueline Flint
- 12 Christina Mack
- 13 Erin Brown
- 13 Brianna DeLeon
- 14 Carroll Schools
- 16 Dean Flora
- 16 Kendall Thomas
- 17 Stephanie Sadler
- 18 Catherine Burke
- 18 Skylar Carter
- 18 Valerie Ercelebi
- 18 William French
- 18 Cody Kidd
- 20 John Burke
- 20 Barbara Lewis
- 22 Shelby Foltz
- 23 Brad Thomas
- 24 Dean Durrett
- 24 Debbie Pickett
- 24 Shannon Stepp
- 26 Hannah Kennedy
- 27 Kristen Krainak
- 27 Jeff Sili
- 30 Eric Jackowski
- 31 Robin Wright



Deacon of the Week:

- Jul 3 – Bob Rice
- Jul 10 – Priscilla Shuler
- Jul 17 – Sandy Taylor
- Jul 24 – Ed Britt
- Jul 31 – Carolyn Lane

Counters– Lee Dunnington & Vicky Farmer

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Flowers:

- Jul 3 – James Madison
- Jul 10 – Paulette & Ed Britt
- Jul 17 – Meredith Pack
- Jul 24 – Sallie Tidman
- Jul 31 – Ruth Judd

Nursery Workers: *

- Jul 3 – Olivia Perry & Jordan Apperson
- Jul 10 – Sallie Tidman & Sabrina Farris
- Jul 17 – Tracey Mallory & Kristen Bissoon
- Jul 24 – Carolyn Lane & Jeanne Jordan
- Jul 31 – Heather Smith & Jenn Thomas

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