



Jefferson

First Baptist Church

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

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Sunday Vespers at First Baptist Jefferson Come Back to Life!

One of the things that many of our church members treasure about FBC Jefferson is Sunday School. It's a time when you not only get to sit under great teaching but share prayer requests and get to know others in a more personal way. It's a time to hear from others, catch up on life circumstances and even pray for one another. If you look through the New Testament, there are over 54 "one another" statements commanded. Love one another, exhort one another, and pray for one another, just to name a few.

But many of these commands are difficult to live out in a large gathering on Sunday morning. There is too much going on. So, let me encourage you this summer to participate in vespers at 6 pm on Sunday nights, as a way of deepening Christian community and practicing being "one another." Here are three things that make vespers meaningful.

One, vespers are inter-generational. Sometimes on Sunday morning, we have as many as 15 children in Sunday School. Yet many older saints in our church never get a chance to interact with them. Speaking for my own children, interaction with older saints has been a great blessing in their lives, and they cherish their friendships with their older friends. Vespers is an opportunity for the older folks to build a "one another" relationship with young kids in a relaxed, picnic-like setting. Let me encourage you to meet someone this summer who is from a different generation than yours.

Second, vespers are an opportunity to meet someone new. Many folks use vespers as an opportunity to invite someone new to our church. It is more informal than a church service and a great setting for food and conversation. You can use vespers this summer to invite someone new or meet someone new, offering an opportunity for you to "encourage one another" at a vespers event.

Lastly, vespers are an opportunity for you to deepen your involvement in Christian community. Wednesday prayer time, Sunday School, and luncheons are all great opportunities for community. The summer vespers offer yet another touch point for deepening friendship and encouraging each other's faith. There are several vespers on the calendar, and I hope you take advantage of these great times of fellowship this summer. You won't be disappointed.

Pastor Kevin

The first vespers is on June 2 at 6 p.m. at the parsonage.

The second vespers is on June 23 at the church.

(hosted by the Buenos Amigos class)

The third one is July 14 at the home of Garry & Brenda Headley.

Let Pastor Kevin know if you would like to host a vespers!

Gary Frost here on June 19

Gary Frost, the Associational Missionary (administrator) of the Steel Valley Baptist Association will be with us on Wednesday, June 19 at 7 p.m.

He will give a short presentation on the Southern Baptist Convention and then answer questions.

If our church were to join the SBC, we would be a part of the Steel Valley Association. SBC churches in primarily five counties make up the SVBA.

Please plan on attending.

Georgia Woodworth Open House

All are invited to Georgia Woodworth's Open House on **June 8 from 2 -7 p.m.** in the fellowship hall at Jefferson First Baptist Church.

June

Happy Birthday!

Joyce McClintock	2
Jane York	13
Esther Brenneman	14
Doris Kuncz	18
Phyllis Hines	19
Jeff Hines	21
Augusten Beaver	22
Sherry Cornell	26
Mike Carolin	28
Kathy Haight	29
Brenda Headley	29

Happy Anniversary!

Don & Carol Sprinkle	8
Ed & Jerie Pickard	13
Dave & Ellen Cline	18
Garth & Sherry Cornell	26

If you are not included in our birthday and/or anniversary lists and would like to be, please call Ed at 576-0390. Thank you!

Koinonia, Here They Come—All Fifteen of Them

Praise the Lord! Fifteen of our children and teens are going to camp this summer. Thanks goes to those of you who donated funds so that all who needed financial help are now able to go.

What can all of us do to help our campers have a great experience at camp? Pray for them each and every day they are at camp.

Here is a schedule so that you will know what campers to pray for during any given week.

SENIOR HIGH CAMP June 9 - 14 Lucas Woodworth

ELEMENTARY CAMP June 16 - 21 Tia Mayfield, Daniel Phillips, Emma Phillips, Jacob Vail, Jada Vail, Isabelle Woodruff

PRIMARY CAMP June 23-26 Angel Fortune, Lila Phillips, Lexi Sweeney, Jolene Vail, Alex Woodruff,

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP June 30 - July 5 Josh Vail, Harrison Woodworth

YOUTH BIBLE AND SADDLE CAMP June 30 - July 5 Juliette Vail

If you really want to make a camper's week special. Send each one a card or letter while he or she is at camp.

(Camper's name)
c/o Koinonia Camp
6810 Cork Cold Springs Rd.
Geneva, Ohio 44041

Judy Revis, Missionary to Haiti, visits Jefferson

Judy Revis was in Jefferson in May visiting her good friend and past co-worker, Jane Wilson. Judy traveled from North Carolina with her daughter and daughter-in-law.

Pastor Kevin and Daniel visited with Judy and watched and listened as Judy gave them a personal update of the work of CAMS in Haiti. Pastor said that Daniel was very excited and attentive.

Christian Agricultural Mission Services was started by Judy and husband Steve over 34 years ago. CAMS continues to be an important mission partner with Jefferson First Baptist.



Thank you from Jane York

To everyone, I want to say a special "Thank You" for all the prayers, visits, food and everything else I have received.

It is times like this that you realize how special Pastor Kevin and our church family are in your life.

God's Blessings to all.
Mary Jane

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through the first five months of 2019, the income to the Current Fund was \$43,436. That is just \$13 short of the \$43,449 needed to meet our budget. Praise the Lord!

At one point back in March, we were over a thousand dollars behind the budget. Thanks to all of you who are faithful givers to the Lord's work.

Bill and Ann Clemmer, Missionary Outreach for June 2019



The missionary outreach this month is Bill and Ann Clemmer who currently reside in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on the Congo-Rwanda border and work with IM partners Heal Africa and IMA World Health in the town of Goma.

Bill regularly travels to Beni, where he leads an international team of doctors, nurses and technical personnel responding to the current Ebola crisis, the largest in Congo's history. On May 24, Bill was interviewed on "CBS This Morning" by Debra Patta. "I have never been in a context where people throw rocks at our vaccination team, where they block roads, where they loot and pillage our health care facilities," he said.

Ann serves in Goma with Congolese colleagues in responding to the numerous needs, including counseling, nutrition and educating orphans, refugees and other vulnerable children who are affected by the ongoing conflict and poverty in this part of the world.

"YOU ARE THE HEROES!" Operation Christmas Child

Last month I was greatly blessed to be able to attend Samaritan's Purse's Connect Conference in Columbus, Ohio. At this conference, year-round Operation Christmas Child volunteers have many wonderful opportunities--training sessions, information on upcoming changes, times of worship and prayer, great food and fellowship, and the chance to hear Full Circle Speakers (shoe box recipients) and National Leadership Teams (OCC leaders in receiving countries) speak.

On the first night of the conference, Neville Ramkissoo, Church Coordinator with Operation Christmas Child in Ghana, West Africa, declared, "You are the Heroes." He continued to passionately express his gratefulness for all the work that is put into packing, collecting and shipping the shoe boxes.



Neville Ramkissoo speaks to the Connect Conference in Columbus, Ohio, on May 2.

Raul, the National Coordinator for the Dominican Republic, spoke in one session saying that "the boxes are powerful." He said "It is not a simple gift. It is a powerful gift, the power of the gospel." He went on to say. "It is our eyes (who see the children), our feet (that deliver the boxes) and our hands (that give out the boxes but they are useless without the shoe boxes."

More than one shoebox recipient spoke of how the shoe box answered a prayer, fulfilled a need, or helped them understand God's love.

If there is one thing I took away from this conference and would like to share with you, it is that Operation Christmas Child is worth it. The effort put into packing a box, the time spent working at the drop off site, the money given to cover the costs of this ministry—they are all worth it. At the conference, I heard the speakers tell over and over again how much they appreciate all of you who pack boxes and help in any way. These coordinators are passionate about reaching their countries for Christ and they are passionately thankful for what you do. **YOU ARE THE HEROES!**

Rome, Paul, and the Underground Church Coming to Jefferson

Make Rome your home, **July 22-26 from 6 – 8 pm**, as we travel to meet with Paul (even though he is under house arrest); and then we will meet up with members of his underground church! Each day we will stroll through the local marketplace where we can become an apprentice and learn a new craft. Preparations for the Olympic games are underway, and we have been asked to train with them.

Sign up early online at jeffersonfbc.com and earn 5 tokens to spend on Friday at the Market. Earn more each day by bringing a friend, learning Bible verses and being on time. Hope to see you there!

Notice to church member: We are looking for people willing to help with VBS this year. Pray for workers, children, and preparation as we begin to get ready. There will be a list on the office window of things that are needed for vbs. We are looking for 12 yds. (3 yds. of each color) of knit or light weight material that doesn't ravel in green, yellow, purple, and brown; so check your stash of material. We are also needing baskets, pottery, blankets, and anything else that might work to decorate the Roman market. For crafts we need regular size canning rings and lids. To complete our market, we need five or six 10' by 10' pop up canopy tents. And most importantly, we also need people who are willing to become Roman citizens for the week.

If you are able to help in any way, please let Brenda Headley know .



VBS PRAYER CHECKLIST



Use This List to Pray for VBS

- Pray for all the planning that is being done for this year's VBS.
- Pray that we would have all the volunteers we need for a successful VBS.
- Pray for health and safety for all volunteers, church staff, and children coming to VBS.
- Pray that the signup process would be smooth and easy for parents and staff.
- Pray that every day of VBS would run smoothly.
- Pray that all of the children coming to VBS would leave knowing that Jesus loves them.
- Pray that children will make a commitment to follow Jesus at VBS.
- Pray that new families would join the church as a result of VBS.

Men's Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Bible Study



The men's 6:30 a.m. Tuesday morning Bible/book study continues to meet every week. After reading Tim Keller's book, *Prayer*, in the first five months of 2019, the group is studying *Newton on the Christian Life: To Live Is Christ*.



The book is based on the more than a thousand letters that John Newton wrote to people while he was a pastor.

Pastor Kevin leads the study. The other men are Roger Beckwith, Rick Boomhower, Chuck Long, Ed Pickard, Jim Reiter, and Mick Zigmund.



JUNE 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 6:00 Vespers at Phillips	3 6:15 Salt & Flight (disc golf) at Lake Shore Park	4 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	5 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	6	7 No summer family nights. They will start again in Sept.	8 2:00 to 7:00 pm Georgia Woodworth's Open House
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	10 6:15 Salt & Flight at Lake Shore Park	11 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting	12 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	13 2:30 Hymn Sing 	14 Flag Day	15 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 
16 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship FATHER'S DAY	17 6:15 Salt & Flight at Lake Shore Park	18 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Mary Elizabeth Circle	19 6:30 Vote to amend budget 7:00 Meeting for members and friends with Gary Frost SBC	20 11:00 Martha Circle	21	22
23 9:30 Sun. School 10:45 Worship 6:00 Vespers at church hosted by Buenos Amigos Class	24 6:15 Salt & Flight at Lake Shore Park	25 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting	26 6:30 Worship Practice 7:00 Prayer Mtg. and Bible Study	27	28	29
30		Deadline for the July Newsletter is June 23. Please email or give the information to Ed Pickard epickard@embarqmail.com				

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Pastor Kevin Phillips

Sunday Services:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

Nursery Care Provided

7:00 p.m. Wednesday

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

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