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Fish Fry & Bluegrass

Mark your calendars to join us for our annual Fish Fry & Bluegrass on Sunday, **July 14** beginning at 5:30 PM. **RSVP by Wednesday, July 10** by signing up in the Welcome Center, by visiting <https://fbcdandridge.typeform.com/FishFry> or calling the Church Office. Donations for the meal will be accepted at the event.





FIRST THOUGHTS

Trusting God in a Time of Transition

In Ecclesiastes 3, King Solomon recorded some of the most memorable words in Scripture: *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up..."* and the list continues to include many other aspects of life that we all experience over time. However, if Solomon were to rewrite this list today, especially as it relates to life in the local church, he would probably include the line, *"a time for transition."*

At some point, every church faces a season of transition, whether it be a campus relocation, a building campaign, a major change in programming, a new form of ministry, or in our case, a transition in leadership. As most of you know, we are currently searching for a new Pastor of Music and Worship. While transitions like these are normal, they're not always simple and easy - and we shouldn't expect anything different during our search. So, how do we navigate through this season of transition without minimizing the effectiveness of our ministry? The most basic answer is that we trust God by seeking his will through prayer.

When we pray, we are acknowledging that we depend upon the Lord, that he has all the answers and resources, and we desperately need him to intervene and guide the way. It's our confidence that God already knows the person we need to lead this ministry. But part of the way God is glorified during any transition is for us to call upon him to show us the way, so he will receive all the praise when the search is complete. Therefore, we demonstrate our trust in the Lord when we call upon him to provide and expect huge blessings in the process. Let me give you a few specific items to pray for during this time of transition.

- **Pray for the Candidates:** One of the fascinating aspects of God's all-knowing nature is that he already knows the one we need to fill this role. However, we need to pray for God to begin

working in his heart, giving him a sense of direction, drawing him to see our need, and responding with obedience to the call. There's a strong possibility that the candidate will have to relocate, most certainly leaving a church he dearly loves. He could struggle with doubts or perceived inadequacies over the role, and we all know the enemy will do all he can to trouble him and his family. We must pray that God will prepare the candidate and his family for the transition ahead.

- **Pray for the Search Team:** A very important part of the search process is the team that God has assembled to seek his will. At FBC Dandridge, our Personnel Committee, along with a few choir members and music ministry leaders are meeting regularly to discover who God is calling to our church. Please pray for a sense of direction, for unity, patience, and endurance, and for God to help the search team trust him throughout the process.
- **Pray for the Ministries:** While our focus is on filling this ministry role, we must not forget that during a time of transition our music ministry must continue with full force. We appreciate Pastor Chris staying with us for a couple of months to lead us. But since we don't know how long it will be until the Lord provides a new leader, we must pray that God will bless our worship ministry in the months ahead. Let's ask God to help our church continue ministering in these areas at a high level.

During this time of transition, let's commit ourselves to pray daily for these needs and others, and may God receive all the glory!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Pastor Justin

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Summer Choir Schedule

Join us weekly on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM for Adult Choir Rehearsal.

*No Choir Rehearsal:

- July 3 - Due to Independence Day

Save the Date!

Join us on Sunday, **July 28**, following the worship service, for a church-wide farewell reception thanking Dr. Chris Headley for his 14 years of ministry here at First Baptist Church, Dandridge. Chris has accepted a position as the Chair of the Music Department at Carson-Newman University. He will also be an Associate Professor of Music and the Program Director for Worship Leadership.

There will be a basket for cards and a money tree to show your appreciation for Chris & Kristel.

BILINGUAL CHURCH PLANT

Quick Update from Pastor Waldhys

We were thrilled to take 15 kids/youth to All Nations Camp at Carson Springs last month. It was a week of high-energy, games, good food, and, most importantly, worship of Christ and the preaching of His Word. Our kids, who most of them are baptized believers, were confronted by the Word of God; they were challenged to be light in their respective mission fields, e.g., school, sports field, neighborhood, etc. They were reminded, that "the will of God for us is our sanctification" (1 Thess. 4:3). Some of them even sensed a call to Christian service upon their lives. It's our responsibility to join their parents as they disciple them and nurture them in the fear of the Lord. Jason and Laura Trahan joined Pastor Waldhys and Barbie as chaperones.

Pastor Waldhys and Barbie had the opportunity to serve as staff at All Nations Camp in Linden Valley. He brought the Word for the children (ages 7 to 12), and they led a co-ed class of 16-18-year-olds. Again, it was a time to disconnect from the outside noise and connect with God via His Word. It was encouraging to hear teens ask questions about growing in their relationship with Christ, reading and understanding the Bible better, and how to share the Christian faith. By the same token, we felt a great sadness as we ministered to these kiddos who struggle with issues that go far beyond what most of us dealt with as teens. Let's continue to pray for this

generation that their hearts may find true hope and peace in the Lordship of Christ.

Last, VABC has focused on discipleship both formal and informal this year, and God has been faithful to bring about growth. We had informal church events at the Lake twice in June, met at a brother's house for a house church service, and had a great time of fellowship at our monthly potluck meal. Thank you for your support in your generosity both in prayer and in giving.



STUDENT MINISTRY



This summer our students will GO share the love of Jesus and the gospel through various service projects, mission nights and other avenues.

JULY SCHEDULE:

July 3 | No GO Night

July 10 | GO Bless - Random Acts of Kindness Scavenger Hunt. (Adult Drivers Needed!)

July 17 | GO Bless - Paint Project at Maury Middle School

July 24 | GO Share - Digital Mission+ Water Night (stay late)

July 31 | Surprise GO Night

HIGHLIGHTS & PRAISES

Beach Week saw a group of 40 students and adults GROWING in their love for Jesus through worship, Bible study and making lifelong memories TOGETHER.

VBS Week was a wonderful time where students served in so many ways and had some fun with a pool party one day after VBS.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Summer Breakout, Wednesdays 6 PM - 7 PM

We're going to have a blast all Summer long as we discover that Jesus is the One who gives us true joy! Fun songs, meaningful messages, and lots of games are waiting for your kids each Wednesday night!

*There will be NO Wednesday activities or meal on **July 3** (in honor of Independence Day).

Save the Date - Back to School Bash

We've got so much to look forward to this school year that we need to kick things off with a bang! Food, friends, and fun are waiting for you on Wednesday, **August 7!** Come play games, go down the slides, and let loose the first week of school. Parents, make sure to come hang out with us and get a sneak-peak at the upcoming fall line-up for First Kids and the Student Ministry!

Firstkids Memory Verse

...let us run with
endurance the race that
is set before us

Hebrews 12:1b

JULY
2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun - 30	Jul - 1	Jul - 2	Jul - 3	Jul - 4	Jul - 5	Jul - 6
	9a - 10a First - Staff Meeting	6p - 7p First - Prayer Meeting OFFSITE 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study		ALL DAY First - Independence Day-Church Office Closed ALL DAY Independence Day		
Jul - 7	Jul - 8	Jul - 9	Jul - 10	Jul - 11	Jul - 12	Jul - 13
9:15a - 10:15a First - Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a First - Morning Worship Service 11:45a - 12:45p First - Deacon Meeting	9a - 10a First - Staff Meeting	6p - 7p First - Prayer Meeting OFFSITE 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study	OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:30p - 5:30p First - Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p First - FBCD Students 6p - 7p First - FirstKids Summer Breakout 6p - 7p First - Adult Bible Study 6:30p - 7:30p First - Adult Choir Rehearsal	10a - 11a First - Ladies Legacy Fitness Group		
Jul - 14	Jul - 15	Jul - 16	Jul - 17	Jul - 18	Jul - 19	Jul - 20
9:15a - 10:15a First - Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a First - Morning Worship Service 4:30p - 5:30p First - Women's Theology Study : Women's Theology Study 5:30p - 7:30p First - Churchwide Fish Fry	9a - 10a First - Staff Meeting	6p - 7p First - Prayer Meeting OFFSITE 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study	OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:30p - 5:30p First - Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p First - FBCD Students 6p - 7p First - FirstKids Summer Breakout 6p - 7p First - Adult Bible Study 6:30p - 7:30p First - Adult Choir Rehearsal	10a - 11a First - Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	8:30a - 5p First - AMOS School Supply Drive Drop-off Deadline	OFFSITE 8a - 12p First - JCBA Punt, Pass & Kick Event
Jul - 21	Jul - 22	Jul - 23	Jul - 24	Jul - 25	Jul - 26	Jul - 27
9:15a - 10:15a First - Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a First - Morning Worship Service 4p - 6p First - 50 in 50 Outreach	9a - 10a First - Staff Meeting	6p - 7p First - Prayer Meeting OFFSITE 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study	OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:30p - 5:30p First - Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p First - FBCD Students 6p - 7p First - FirstKids Summer Breakout 6p - 7p First - Adult Bible Study 6:30p - 7:30p First - Adult Choir Rehearsal	10a - 11a First - Ladies Legacy Fitness Group	OFFSITE 5p - 9p FBC Dandridge Golf Scramble	
Jul - 28	Jul - 29	Jul - 30	Jul - 31	Aug - 1	Aug - 2	Aug - 3
9:15a - 10:15a First - Bible Fellowship 10:30a - 11:45a First - Morning Worship Service 11:45a - 1:30p First - Farewell Reception for Dr. Chris Headley	9a - 10a First - Staff Meeting 5p - 7p First - GA/RA Leaders' Meeting	6p - 7p First - Prayer Meeting OFFSITE 7p - 8p Bilingual Bible Study	OFFSITE 9:30a - 10:50a Jefferson Park 4:30p - 5:30p First - Weds. Night Dinner 6p - 7p First - FBCD Students 6p - 7p First - FirstKids Summer Breakout 6p - 7p First - Adult Bible Study 6:30p - 7:30p First - Adult Choir Rehearsal	10a - 11a First - Ladies Legacy Fitness Group		

JULY BIRTHDAYS

If you would like a copy of the July birthday list, contact the Church Office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Austin Stubblefield
6/9/2024



Mike, Chavala & Mae Orlando
6/16/2024



Online Sign Up Information

Have you asked the question, I wonder how to sign up for that event? To get the latest on the FBCD Event Sign Up information, simply click the following link, <https://fbcdandridge.typeform.com/signup> or scan the QR Code above to take you directly to all the available events to get you signed up.

FBC DANDRIDGE HAPPENINGS



School Supply Drive

Appalachian Ministries of the Smokies is collecting school supplies for their annual giveaway on July 25. Drop off donations in the bins in the Welcome Center and at the Church Office by Friday, **July 19**. You can also donate \$25 to purchase and fill a backpack. Contact Karrie Foust at 865-475-5611 or kfoust@cn.edu for more information or to volunteer with the distribution event.



50 in 50 Outreach

Our next outreach will be on Sunday, **July 21** starting at 4:00 PM. We will meet in Room 216 for a time of training and prayer, then go out in groups of 2 or more to contact 50 homes in 50 minutes with gospel conversations. Groups will then return to the church for a time of debriefing. Contact Pastor Cory for more information.

Thank You From the Personnel Committee

On July 1, 2014, FBCD was blessed with the hiring of Alicia Linsley as Ministry Assistant. If you've worked with her, you know she has a servant's heart and will go above and beyond to support our pastors and to help anyone who calls or walks in our church! When you see her this month, please let her know how much she is loved and appreciated!

Thanks for 10 years of excellent service, Alicia!



Schedule Change

In observance of Independence Day, there will be no meal or activities on Wednesday, **July 3** and the Church Office will be closed Thursday, **July 4**.

Women's Theology Study

We will meet on Sunday, **July 14** at **4:30 PM** in Room 216. Please join us as we cover the topics of justification and sanctification (Chapters 17-20 in *Do You Believe?* by Paul David Tripp).

JCBA Punt, Pass, and Kick Event

The JCBA is sponsoring a local competition of PP&K USA, Inc., on Saturday, **July 20** at 8 AM (check-in) at the Field of Dreams in Dandridge. The event is open to boys and girls ages 6-15 and free for anyone who wants to participate. You must register at www.PPKUSA.com. Come out and enjoy special guests, food, and tons of fun! Several volunteers are needed to help with this event. If interested or for more information, contact Jim Davis or the JCBA Office.

FBC Dandridge Golf Scramble

Stop by and sign up in the Welcome Center or by going to <https://fbcdandridge.typeform.com/GolfScramble> for the scramble on Friday, **July 26** at 5:30 PM at Dandridge Golf & Country Club. Cost is \$15 per person. Contact Pastor Cory at cory@fbcdandridge.org for more information.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Info

Our official campaign and collection won't begin for another few months but now is a good time to purchase school supplies and other items that might be on sale. A suggested packing list is always available online at www.samaritanspurse.org.

Behold Women's Conference

Ladies, please join us **August 23** and **24** for the 2024 Behold Women's Conference at Carson Springs Conference Center! Registration options: \$79 for conference only, \$119 for conference with 1 night stay, or \$179 for conference with 2 night stay. To register or find more information, visit beholdwomensconference.com. **Registration closes on July 31.**





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Bible Fellowship Report Average Attendance

	May 2024	YTD
Preschool	18	15
Children	28	26
Youth	26	27
Adult	202	201
Offsite	0	0
Overall average	274	269

Worship Attendance Average for
May – 414

Financial Report

	May 2024	YTD
Budget Fund Goal	\$113,655.68	\$596,692.32
Budget Receipts	\$147,276.00	\$661,844.36
Building Fund Receipts	4,155.00	20,077.00
Designated Receipts	25,599.71	148,992.58
Total Receipts	\$177,030.71	\$830,913.94