

FROM THE PASTOR

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!” Psalm 33:12

To God be the glory, for the great things He has done! I am so overwhelmed by the goodness of God to me personally and you and I as a family of faith. Over and over again God continues to pour out His favor. Our students had an incredible time in their summer retreat at Gulf Shores. Not only did they grow in fellowship and worship, but numerous students surrendered their lives to Jesus. Never lose sight, that the focus of our collective work is on His Kingdom and not our own.

I have written and shared with you often how thankful I am for your faithfulness in giving. I was so humbled to see yesterday that our church is one of the top 50 giving churches to the Cooperative Program in the state of Tennessee. Again, I am not boasting in us, but rather in Him. It is testimony of your commitment to His Kingdom and the collective work of Southern Baptists across our nation.

It is hard to comprehend all we are seeing take place across our nation. From Covid, to protests, to riots—the unrest seems unprecedented in my 40 years of life. Yet, this is a healthy reminder of why we are here. God has not called us to build a utopian society on this earth. On the contrary, we should see these times of unrest as the pleas of a lost people in need of purpose and redemption. While the fight for justice is biblical, true and complete justice can only be found in one place—the cross of calvary. When someone walks that narrow road they discover that if justice was truly given fairly, we all would perish. But God so loved the world, that He sent His son so that we would not experience justice, but rather mercy.

As we approach the 4th of July this weekend, I want to remind you of the biblical command of our need to honor God as a nation. While this is not our home, we must remember the words of the prophet, Jeremiah. “But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” Jeremiah 29:7 While America is not our home, it is our nation. So this 4th of July let us work for its welfare. Let us pray for its leaders. Let us lead for its holiness. Let us seek God for revival in our land. It is by the grace of God that we have experienced the blessing of God upon this great land for so many years, and it will be by the grace of God that we continue to experience it. Therefore, this holiday weekend should be spent on our knees giving thanks while simultaneously requesting divine intervention. May God heal our land while we await our home in heaven.

For His glory,
Pastor Justin

YOUTH MINISTRY

I have a few things for you to take note of: There will be **NO** youth services on Sunday, July 5. Middle and high school students will meet Sundays, July 12, 19 & 26 at 5:00 PM in the Upper Room. We’ll be back to normal schedule on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:00 PM. Have a great week!

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY



Wow! June has flown by! It has been such a blessing to provide activities for your children this summer. I have enjoyed building relationships with them and seeing how much fun they are having while learning about Jesus! June may be almost over, but the fun doesn’t stop there! We are about a week away from our first night of VBS! If you haven’t registered, please do so on the church website under the children’s tab or fill out a form located at the Information Center and



Guest Services. In regard to COVID-19, we have put together a detailed plan to ensure we are doing our part in keeping our volunteers and children safe. If you have questions about our plan, feel free to reach out to me. I’d be happy to discuss the precautionary measures we are taking and send you a copy.



Since VBS is starting up, our weekly activities will look a little different. For the next 4 weeks, weekly activities will be distributed via Facebook and the church website on Monday mornings. The activities will correlate with what your child will learn at VBS that Wednesday night. I am doing this in hopes to make the transition from week to week a little smoother and to give us more time to dig a little deeper into the bible stories taught at VBS. Every week there will still be a hands-on activities and memory verse challenge to submit on MarcoPolo! Get excited because July is going to be a fun-filled month! VBS information is below!



With a happy heart,
Bayleigh Powers



CONCRETE & CRANES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Who’s ready to dig into God’s word?! We are going to have VBS during 4 Wednesdays in July: **July 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 5:30-8:00 PM**. A small dinner will be served to children attending. VBS is for children who have **COMPLETED** Kindergarten-5th grade. Preschool VBS (3’s, 4’s, K) will be offered to children of VBS volunteers and church members. Nursery (Babies, 1’s, & 2’s) will be provided for VBS volunteers only. **Registration is required to attend VBS!** Even if your child is a church member and comes every year, please register them on the website (secondbaptistuc.com) or fill out a form located at the Information Center or Guest Services. This is needed for updated allergy records, emergency contacts, and to order supplies. There will also a an Adult VBS held from 6:00-7:00 PM. Get your hard hats and tool belts ready and get excited!



EDUCATION

This is the week! Our Life Groups are finally gathering together in person again starting this Sunday, July 5! I have scheduled each Life Group a certain time and location to meet at the church. Some of our groups will meet after the second morning service and others will meet at 5:00 PM. Each group has a designated meeting location to allow groups to spread out and observe social distance. Your Life Group leader has your time and location and will be getting in contact with you this week if they haven’t already. If you have not heard from your leader, please reach out to them to find out when and where you will be meeting in July.

Bro. Sam

FROM THE COUNSELOR’S DESK

For the past couple of months, Pastor Justin has been preaching a series through the 10 Commandments. Personally, these messages have been both convicting and applicable even for those commandments we do not think personally apply to us. I was reminded after Sunday’s message once again the importance of repentance. In this article I want to answer two questions: What is repentance? and What does repentance look like practically? Repentance is a change in thinking that leads to a change in behavior. I will often tell my counselees, right thinking leads to right living. Jesus said in Mark 7:21-23, *“for from within, **out of the heart of man**, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things **come from within**, and they defile a person.”* Do any of those sins in that list look familiar in light of the current sermon series? Because sin begins within, so does repentance. Therefore, repentance begins cognitively, in your mind, with a knowledge of your sin against God. Psalm 51 David said, *“against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.”* David acknowledged his behavior as sin against God. Without confession, agreeing with God about your sin, there is no repentance. You must acknowledge your sin as sin! Secondly, repentance involves personal brokenness. When you sin, are you sorry you got caught or are you grieved at what your sin did to your fellowship with God and your neighbor? When Peter denied Jesus, Mark 14:72 says, *“Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times. And he broke down and wept.’”* Peter was broken. When you sin, are you broken or just sorry? Cognitively repentance involves an understanding of your sin against God, affectionally repentance involves a brokenness over your sin and lastly repentance involves a willingness to change your behavior. It means you have to volitionally make a plan to change your behavior by putting off sinful habits and putting on Godly behavior. When Jesus says, *“bear fruit in keeping with repentance”* He desires a a cognitive understanding of your sin, an affectionate brokenness over your sin and a volitional willingness to forsake sin and put on Christ. That is true, biblical, repentance.

Because of Him,
Bro. Russell

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the Bible and book and graduation. I cannot tell you how much it means to me that you thought of me during this special time in my life.

Conner Arnold

SYMPATHY

Shae Long and her family on the death of her mother, Sara Beth Tyler.

Libby Larkins and her family on the death of her mother, June Latta Bugg.

James Bowling and his family on the death of his wife, Bertie Bowling.

Wayne Kimble and his family on the death of his brother, Robert Kimble.

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mon.	July 6	Jeremiah 2 & Matthew 16
Tues.	July 7	Jeremiah 3 & Matthew 17
Wed.	July 8	Jeremiah 4 & Matthew 18
Thurs.	July 9	Jeremiah 5 & Matthew 19
Fri.	July 10	Jeremiah 6 & Matthew 20
Sat.	July 11	Jeremiah 7 & Matthew 21
Sun.	July 12	Jeremiah 8 & Matthew 22

UPCOMING DATES

July 5

• *Cancelled!* Youth Services: middle school/high school (Upper Room) at 5:00 PM. See Youth Ministry article.

• *Cancelled!* Deacons Meeting (F-104) at 5:00 PM. Rescheduled for July 12.

July 8/15/22/29

• Concrete & Cranes VBS: 5:30-8:00 PM. Register online or fill out a form located at the Information Center or Guest Services. Youth volunteers are needed! Adult VBS will be held in F-104 from 6:00-7:00 PM.

July 9

• The Second Mile Food Giveaway (for qualifying households). Volunteers needed.

July 12

• Deacons Meeting (F-104) at 5:00 PM.

July 23

• Mobile Pantry (church parking lot) at 12:00 PM. Volunteers needed. Vouchers may be picked up on Thursday, July 9 from 9:00-11:00 AM or 5:00-7:00 PM at The Second Mile.

October 1-3

• National Quartet Convention (Pigeon Forge, TN). We have tickets available for those interested in attending. \$250 per person. Contact Royce Morgan 731-234-7660 or Barry Keathley 731-504-2772.

FINANCIALS

Week of June 21, 2020		Year-To-Date	
Budget Actual	\$ 32,991.50	Budget Actual	\$ 1,392,405.30
Budget Goal	\$ 32,830.29	Budget Goal	\$ 1,411,702.47
Journey of Faith	\$ 735.00	Journey of Faith	\$ 38,208.69
Children's Home	\$ 20.00	Children's Home	\$ 3,398.21
Adult Homes	\$ 20.00	Annie Armstrong	\$ 7,516.00
Annie Armstrong	\$ 80.00	Adult Homes	\$ 120.00
Designated Offering	\$ 6,769.00		

REGATHERING PLAN

Phase 3: July 5

- Modified Life Groups (Various times and locations to allow for social distancing).
- Wednesday Children's Activities (K-5th Completed)
- No Nursery

Phase 4: August 2

- Return to Normal Schedule
- Sunday Night Resumes
- Choir Resumes

In order to provide a safe environment to worship, please adhere to the following request. We are committed to maintaining a safe and sanitized facility for you and your family.

- Park and enter the building on the side in which you plan to sit.
- Please practice social distancing. Refrain from shaking hands, hugging or crowding pews.
- Wash hands and practice proper hygiene. Hand sanitizer is available.
- Stay home if you are at risk, have had a fever of 100° in the past week, cough or sore throat or been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Sit in designated pews. Each pew will be marked for either 8:30 or 10:15 service.
- Sit as a family. If you are single or widowed, please preplan who you will sit with. Make sure there is common agreement before sitting down.
- If you have children, please pick up an activity bag at the Information Center or Guest Services.
- Masks will be available but not required.
- Worship from your heart. Sing out loud. Affirm the Word. **PARTICIPATE!**
- 3 secure offering boxes are stationed in the church foyers for your offerings.
- There will be no bulletins provided until further notice.
- Doors in the sanctuary will remain propped open to minimize touching.

WATCH THE SERVICES

Stay connected by viewing our Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday services through these avenues:

Television: Sundays • 8:00 PM on CH 8 or 26

Radio: Sundays • 10:15 AM on FM 104.9

Facebook: Second Baptist Church-Union City Official

YouTube: Search Second Baptist UC (live Sunday AM and Wednesday PM)

JUNE 30, 2020



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Return Services Requested

