

## DECISIONS



**Hunter & Melissa Rice**  
**Adeline, Emma & Eli**  
By Letter

## YOUTH MINISTRY

I hope you are having a great week in the midst of the heat and humidity. As most of you have already heard, we had a great Beach Retreat trip at the end of June. We saw God save three students and another rededicated her life to the Lord. We had around 50 students and 16 adults attend the Beach Retreat this year and I am looking at the possibility of going back again next year around the same time. While the trip was short and over before we knew it, God still did some incredible things during our time there.

As you know our service schedule has changed for the month of July. This Sunday, July 12th Middle School and High School will begin meeting at 5:00 PM for youth services. This will only be for 3 weeks. In August we will go back to our normal Wednesday night services at 6:00 PM.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,  
Bro. Brad



**Attention College Students: If you will be attending Union University for the 2020-2021 year, please notify the church at 885-5223 to be eligible for the endowment scholarship.**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Guess what, friends? It is finally VBS time! We are so excited to have your children back with us for Wednesday nights! While we can't wait to see everyone, it is very important that we do our best to keep all participating safe and healthy. Before sending your child to VBS, please discuss proper handwashing techniques and the importance of not touching their faces or their friends. Please keep your child home if they have any of the following: fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, or contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days. Thank you for doing your part to keep our church family safe.

Weekly Activities will be distributed via Facebook on Mondays. These will correlate with what your child will learn at VBS the following Wednesday night. During the first week of VBS, we learned about the Foundation of Love and how Jesus chooses to love us; His love is not something we earn. Week 2 we will learn about the Foundation of Forgiveness and how Jesus loves us even though we sin. I encourage you to dig into Acts 26 with your children and complete the VBS Week 2 activities!

If you are looking for a way to help with VBS, we are in need of individually wrapped chocolate pudding cups and individually portioned bags of chips for two of our snacks. If you would like to assist in purchasing these, please let me know. Thank you in advance for supporting VBS! We would go hungry without you! 😊 See everyone at Concrete & Cranes Vacation Bible School!

We are having our second Movie under the Stars on Friday, July 17th! The movie will begin at dusk and will be shown on the Children's Wing Lawn! Come get some popcorn and enjoy the show!

With a happy heart,  
Bayleigh Powers

**CONCRETE & CRANES**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
July 15, 22, 29  
5:30-8:00 PM



Friday, July 17 at dusk



**MOVIE** under the **STARS**

Children's Wing Lawn



## EDUCATION

Saturday night my family embarked on our 4th of July tradition: We piled into our van and drove around watching fireworks. What we saw this year was unlike any year before. As we drove around Union City, there were fireworks going off everywhere! In every neighborhood and at every turn there were people celebrating and lighting up the night sky. It seemed much different this year, both in the feel of the night and the quantity of the fireworks. For one night during an insane year, everyone wanted to celebrate the same thing at the same time. The American spirit was on full display, if only for a few short hours.

As I reflect on that night, on that celebration, and on the release that fireworks seemed to provide communities across the nation, I long for that same outpouring of celebration in our church. When Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem to kick off what we call the Passion week, He was surrounded by crowds celebrating and worshipping Him. The Pharisees, party poopers as they always were, told Him to rebuke His disciples for their behavior. Do you remember His response? Luke 19:40 says, "He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'" He was (and is) so worthy of worship and celebration, that if mankind had failed to do so, then creation itself would have cried out.

Our Lord is worthy of worship. He's worthy of enthusiastic, all consuming, raise your hands, lift your voices, bombs bursting in air, shout to the Lord worship. I saw people across this city showing that type of celebration for our country which, if we're honest, has seen far better years than 2020. Why don't we see that kind of enthusiasm in our church as we worship a God who was, is, and will always be great and mighty?

I want to call on you to begin preparing for worship on Sunday. That's right: Today, whether you are reading this on Thursday or Saturday, begin to prepare yourself for worshipping the Lord this Sunday. How do you do that? Mind the scriptures and allow the Holy Spirit to use them to guide you in your personal interactions today. See how God's Word can change the very way you look at this world. Count your blessings and give thanks to God for each one. If you start counting your blessings right now you should be able to list all of them by the time eternity ends. See how God has provided for you. Share your faith with someone, telling them of how God has changed your life. See how God will be faithful to move when you are faithful to share. Prepare and pray over your tithe, acknowledging that God is worthy of the first fruits of your work. Let Sunday be the celebration of all God's work in your life. And if you approach Sunday worship like this, we just may see some Holy fireworks in the sanctuary this week!

Bro. Sam

# THANK YOU

Just a note to say thanks for the cards, messages, concern and most of all prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. I am still recovering so continued prayers are appreciated. Everything has meant a lot to me and my family.

Kirk Stone

# SYMPATHY

Terrie McClain and her family on the death of her husband, David McClain.

Jonnie Maunder and her family on the death of her daughter, Jill Kelly.

Justin Hiens and his family on the death of his grandfather, John Fairbanks.

# BIBLE READING PLAN

Mon.	July 13	Jeremiah 9 & Matthew 23
Tues.	July 14	Jeremiah 10 & Matthew 24
Wed.	July 15	Jeremiah 11 & Matthew 25
Thurs.	July 16	Jeremiah 12 & Matthew 26
Fri.	July 17	Jeremiah 13 & Matthew 27
Sat.	July 18	Jeremiah 14 & Matthew 28
Sun.	July 19	Jeremiah 15 & Mark 1

# UPCOMING DATES

## July 15/22/29

- Concrete & Cranes VBS: 5:30-8:00 PM. Adult VBS: 6:00-7:00 PM (F-104).

## July 12

- Deacons Meeting (F-104) at 5:00 PM.
- Youth Services for Middle School and High School Students (Upper Room) at 5:00 PM.

## July 17

- Movie Under the Stars (Children's Wing lawn) at dusk.

## July 23

- Mobile Pantry (church parking lot) at 12:00 PM. Volunteers needed.

## 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 28, 2020

Budget Actual	\$	23,909.00
Budget Goal	\$	32,830.29
Journey of Faith	\$	825.00
Designated Offering	\$	2,993.00

## Year-To-Date

Budget Actual	\$	1,416,314.30
Budget Goal	\$	1,444,532.76
Journey of Faith	\$	39,033.69

# REGATHERING PLAN

## 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)

JULY 7, 2020



**SECOND BAPTIST**  
GATHER • GROW • GO • GIVE

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Return Services Requested

