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8:45a Sunday School
10:00a Worship



The Messenger

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday

- ♦ 8:45a Sunday School for all ages
- ♦ 10:00a Sunday Worship

Wednesday

- ♦ 11:30a Wednesday Ladies Bible Study
- ♦ 6:30p Wednesday Adult Bible Study

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July Mission Emphasis



A new school year is quickly approaching! Students and teachers alike are required to provide a variety of different school supplies throughout the year, and this is not always an easy requirement to meet. The July mission emphasis will assist with these needs; all donations will be used for school supply provision in the local community.

Thank you for your support of this very important mission!



So, at 2:00 on one Thursday morning, my phone made a mysterious and ominous “ding.” I laid there in bed for a few moments trying to convince myself that it would hold until morning, but curiosity got the best of me. I picked up my phone to see what the ding was all about. It was my mother’s bank (just FYI, there are no local branches here). I’m the custodian of that account and have it set up so that if there are withdrawals greater than a certain number or if the balance drops below a certain point, I get dinged. The ding was to inform me that a very large sum of money was withdrawn from her account that I did not authorize and I was pretty sure she didn’t either. So, I got up and did a little investigating. What had happened is that two checks went through the

reader at the same time, someone else’s behind my check, but both amounts came out of mom’s account. So I decided to call customer service and get this straightened out.

I called and worked my way through a labyrinth of phone tree and when I finally was connected to the department I needed, I received this message: “Please hold for the next available customer service representative. Due to an unusually high volume of calls at this time, this may take a while. Please be patient.” At 2:25am on a Thursday morning, there is an unusually high volume of calls? Thirty-five minutes later, I was talking with a live person who explained that what had happened simply could not have happened. I asked him to look at the picture of the check which would prove him wrong. He asked if I wanted to open an investigation into this. I asked him again to look at the picture of the check and that would be all the investigation that would be needed. They cashed the wrong check out of mom’s account. It’s as plain as can be. He again asked if I wanted to open an investigation. I asked to speak to his supervisor. I sat on the phone for another 45 minutes waiting for a supervisor.

Now, I’m not writing all of this to complain. I want to contrast this to how God responds to us. As I am writing this I must confess I wanted to type out this sentence: *“I want to compare their customer service to God’s customer service.”* That would have been a cute word play, but holistically inaccurate. God doesn’t do customer service. He doesn’t have customers. He is either Lord or not. We are His creation. We are His workmanship. He owes us nothing and He certainly isn’t dependent upon our “business.” Yet, how does God respond to our calls for help in our times of need?

“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.” **Jeremiah 29:12**

“Then he will pray to God and God will accept him that he may see God’s face with joy and God may restore his righteousness to the man.” **Job 33:26**

“The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in Truth.” **Psalms 91:15**

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” **John 15:7**

“This is the confidence which we have before Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” **1 John 5:14**

“For do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.” **Hebrews 4:15-16**

And here’s one that makes me shutter in awe:

“In the same way, the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.” **Romans 8:26**

God knows what I need before I even pick up the proverbial prayer phone and ask for it! He's praying for me—little old me, Mr. 1 out of 7.9 billion. God is praying for me! No supervisors to talk to for no one is above Him. No investigations needed for God knows all. No need for an attorney for God is the final answer and no one is treated unfairly.

Now, I'm not mad at the bank. This is what human beings do. We make mistakes. We make assumptions. And sometimes we just make things plain difficult for others. All have fallen short of God's glory. To have higher expectations would be unrealistic. What this did do for me is give me a much greater understanding of what I often take for granted.

With the bank, I can take my business elsewhere. Without Jesus, there is no other way. The bank in this case made a big mistake and I have no blame in it. With Christ, I'm the one who blew it beyond my own ability to repair. Yet, even when God owns the monopoly to my access to Heaven. Even when I have messed up so badly that I have no right or hope to fix even myself, much more my relationship with God—even under all of those circumstances, God is closer than my next breath. God knows my needs before I do. When I cry out in need, there is no hold time due to unusually high call activity. Even if every single one of the 9.7 billion on the planet all bowed and prayed at the same time, we all would have God's undivided attention—and His love—and His smile—and His provision given with His wisdom according to His riches in glory—and ultimately His peace.

As King David wrote in Psalm 66:17-20—

I cried to Him with my mouth; and high praise was on my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
He has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer
or removed His steadfast love from me!

Hallelujah and Amen!!

In Christ your servant,

Pastor Dave



We have several kids heading out to summer camp later this month. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they leave, and continue to pray for them throughout the week. Pray they all come to have a deeper relationship with Christ and that he fills their hearts and minds with His love. If you would like to send a note of encouragement to the kids you can do so at the addresses below. Kids attending Quaker Ridge Camp July 18-24 are Tori Masten, Quinten Epperson, Gracie Stroh and Elizabeth Mendenhall. Kids attending Camp AdRaHaJe July 25-30 are Samuel & Elizabeth Mortimeyer and Cole Pendleton..

Child's name %
Quaker Ridge Camp
30150 N. Hwy 67
Woodland Park, Co. 80863

Camp IdRaHaJe
Child's name
Wilderness Ridge Week 8
P.O. Box 360
Bailey, Co. 80421

**June 6**

Sunday School.....43

In Person Worship.....92

Radio.....12

Online.....43

Total 144**June 13**

Sunday School.....40

In Person Worship.....79

Radio.....3

Online.....42

Total 124**June 20**

Sunday School.....42

In Person Worship.....104

Radio8

Online.....44

Total 156**June 27**

Sunday School.....40

In Person Worship.....92

Radio.....7

Online.....43

Total 142**TABLE OF 8 QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please take the time to complete this form for the Deaconess. Drop it in the offering plate, turn it in to the office or give it to Anita Larrick.

1. Did you participate in a Table of 8 gathering?**YES****NO**

What did you enjoy about the gathering and what improvements would you like to see made?

2. If you did not participate, please explain why, and tell us what you think would encourage more people to attend.

Our condolences go out to the family of Beverly Fink. Beverly passed away peacefully on June 22, 2021. A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church, Manhattan, Kansas on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 10:30am central time.

Livestream will be available through the funeral homes website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

The family has asked that all memorial donations be made to the "Reverend Wayne and Beverly Fink Scholarship Fund" through the Lamar First Baptist Church.

First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for letting us use the church for moms service! A big special thank you to Leda and the rest of the ladies that prepared the meal and helped with cleaning up! It was a very emotional day and your love and generosity made it better.

Much love from the Verhoeff kids,
Brenna, Tatia, Sean and Kenton

We would like to thank our church family for the continued prayers and for the meal that the deaconess provided for us. We appreciate each one of you.

Larry & Betty

Vacation Bible School Rocky Railway

What a great time we had this year at VBS. Thank you to all of our volunteers! From the decorating committee to the clean up crew, and everyone in-between, you all were essential in making this year's VBS such a success. Thanks as well to Diane Pendleton for all the hard work and organizational skills she displayed as our faithful leader.

We averaged about 40 kids every day. We saw several new faces, along with many familiar faces, and all were excited about Jesus. The kids mission money will go to help purchase an Alpaca for a family in Ecuador.



July 14-16

Volunteers are needed!

Please give Anita Larrick a call at 719-940-1266 if you would like to be a part of this ministry.



**CARE NET
PREGNANCY CENTER**

The Care Net Pregnancy Center held a fundraiser carwash at the Wash

Spott on Wednesday, June 23rd. The Wash Spott donated all of the proceeds to the Pregnancy Center. Care Net would like to thank our youth and youth leaders for the help they provided. It was a blessing to have their help to make the fundraiser a success.

FLAMINGO FUNDRAISER

The First Baptist Church kids are doing a fundraiser to help raise money for camp.

Flocks of Flamingos are migrating to yards around town. This migration is being done in good spirits and is not meant to be mean. These flamingos will roost on your lawn and then mysteriously migrate to another friend's (victim's) lawn. The removal of these flamingos will be done at no charge, so please don't hurt our pink feathered friends.

If you would like to specify the next resting place, all we ask is a small donation be made to our group.

To schedule a migration to a friend's lawn, purchase insurance against migration, or to support the First Baptist Campers, all you have to do is fill out the form or:

Contact: First Baptist Church
Phone: 719-336-4953

Again, thank you for your sense of humor and your support.



Flamingo Migrating Order Form

Name of Friend: _____

Friend's Physical Address: _____

Flamingoes are not allowed to migrate to public property or apartment complexes.

Special Instructions:

How many Flamingos do you want to migrate to your friend's yard?

_____ Small Flock (6 Flamingos) - \$15

_____ Large Flock (12 Flamingos) - \$20

Do you want your friend to know it was you who ordered the flamingos? YES NO

Your Name: _____

Your Phone: _____

ANTI-FLAMINGO INSURANCE

The purchase of this insurance guarantees that no flamingos will roost on your lawn as they migrate around during this fundraising event. The cost of this insurance requires a premium of only \$10.

Would you like to purchase Anti-Flamingo Insurance?
YES NO

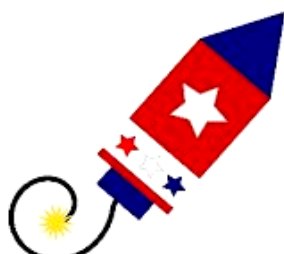
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Please make all checks payable to First Baptist Church, memo: Flamingo Fundraiser

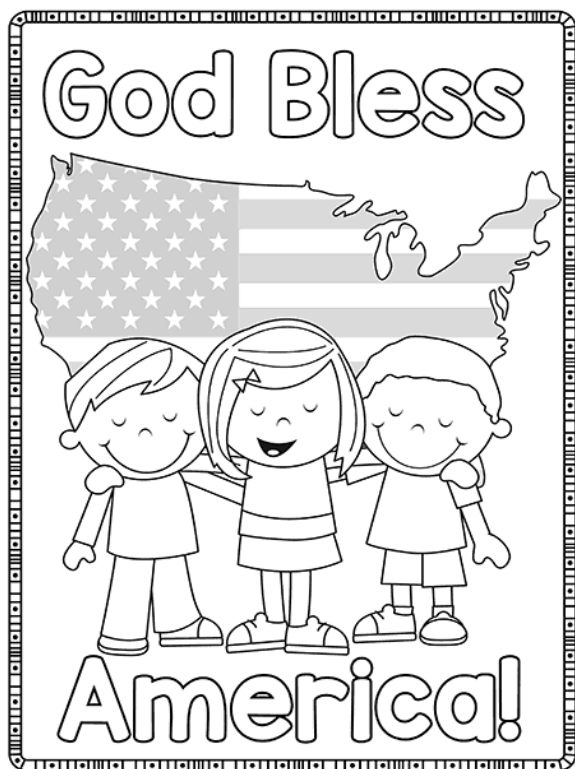
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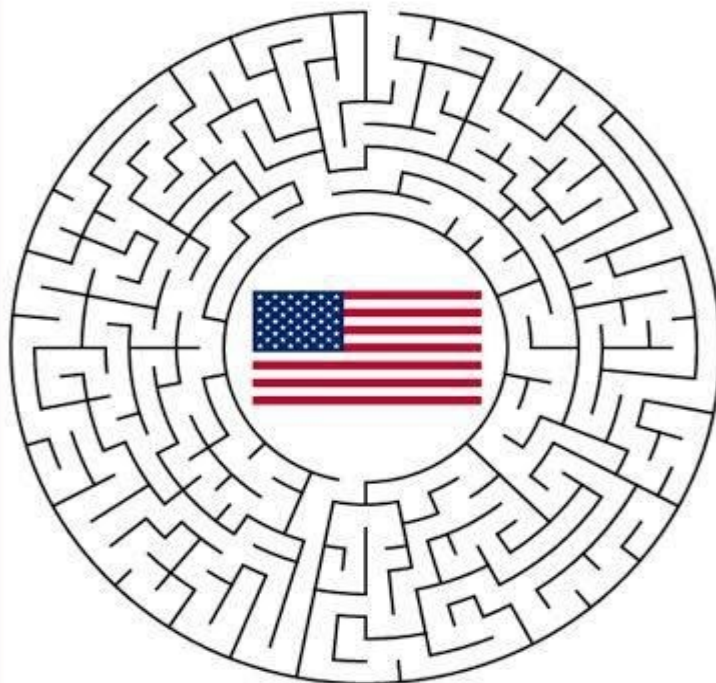


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4th Of July Maze

Start at the beginning and make your way to the end of the maze.



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Psalm 103:8-14

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.