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What's Happening @ FBC in July!!



HAPPY
250TH
AMERICA!

Church office will be
closed on Monday,
July 6, 2026 for
Independence Day

July 19, 2026 @ 6:00 pm
in the fellowship hall
HOMEMADE
Ice Cream
FELLOWSHIP

Please sign up to bring a freezer of your favorite HOME-MADE ICE CREAM! The signup sheet is located at the front of the Sanctuary . Please make plans to join us and invite your family & friends!

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

As we welcome the month of July, our hearts are filled with gratitude. **This Independence Day marks 250 years since the birth of our nation**, giving us an opportunity to thank God for the many freedoms we enjoy. While no nation is perfect, we can praise the Lord for His faithfulness throughout our history and pray that He will continue to guide our leaders, strengthen our communities, and draw our country closer to Him.

The psalmist reminds us, **"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance."** (Psalm 33:12). May we never take for granted the privilege of worshiping freely and sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with others.

July is also an exciting month in the life of our church! Please be praying for our students and leaders as they travel to **Passport Youth Camp, July 12-17**. Pray that God will work in powerful ways through worship, Bible study, friendships, and moments of life-changing spiritual growth. Then, be sure to join us for worship on **Sunday, July 26, as our youth share how God moved in their lives during camp**. You won't want to miss hearing their testimonies!

Don't forget our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 19! This is always one of our favorite church fellowships, filled with laughter, great conversation, and, of course, delicious homemade ice cream. We encourage everyone who can to sign up to make a batch of homemade ice cream and invite your family and friends to come enjoy the evening together.

As we celebrate our nation's heritage and the blessings of another summer together, may we continue to grow in faith, serve one another with joy, and give thanks to God, **"who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment"** (1 Timothy 6:17).

*In Christ's Great Love,
Pastor Graham*



FBC 2026 YOUTH CAMP

PASSPORTSM

Empowering Students • Embracing the World • Extending Grace

July 12-17, 2026

Youth Camp in Spartansburg, SC. Please pray for our youth & leaders!

**Join us on July 26 @ 10:30 am
Special Passport Camp Report
Youth share their testimonies
& experiences during camp week!**

Children's Ministry

STAFF ANNIVERSARY
Congratulations!



To Linda Sitton

For serving 2 years
as our Minister with
Children & Families
on July 1! We appreciate
all you do for our Children's
Ministry @ FBC!

July 26, 2026 from 3-5 pm
mission activity
for Kids
More details coming soon!

July
nursery
VOLUNTEERS

July 5~ Ben & Emily Adams
July 12~ Skylar Daniels & Ricardo Ahumada
July 19~ Chase & Abby Smith
July 26 ~ Katherine Castelleo & Kristin Oakley

Missions Corner

July 11, 2026 @ 8:00 am
in fellowship hall

**MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST**

PLEASE TEXT JUD FIELDS 315-882-5357

Tuesday Morning

Bible Study

Meets once a month during the
summer at 9:30 am at Frankie
Moye's home

July 28 & August 25

SPECIAL CALLED
July 19, 2026

**CHURCH
BUSINESS
MEETING**

PLEASE NOTE!!!

There will be a brief Called Business Meeting
immediately after worship on **July 19, 2026** to
vote on a Missions opportunity.



**Serving the Refuge
Volunteers**

**July 29, 2026 @
6:00 pm**

FBC will be providing dinner for the Refuge
volunteers on Wed., July 29 at 6 pm at the Refuge.
Volunteers need to be at the church at 4 pm to get
the food prepared and loaded to leave by 5:30 pm.
Tommy Price will let his helpers know the time he
will start cooking the pork loins. *Thank you for all of
your help with this ministry.*

July



1. Adult Summer Choir Practice @ 7 pm
2. Men's Bible Study @ 7 pm
4. INDEPENDENCE DAY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA
5. Sunday School @ 9:30 am/ Worship @ 10:30 am
6. CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
9. Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
11. Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ 8:00 am in fellowship hall/
NO Home Connections meeting in July
12. Sunday School @ 9:30 am/Worship @ 10:30 am ~Youth
Lead service ~ Camp Report/ NO DEACONS Meeting in July
- 12-17. Youth Passport Camp in Spartansburg, SC
13. Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group @ 10 am at Library,
Room 209
14. NO TRUSTEE MEETING
16. Men's Bible Study @ 7 pm
19. SS @ 9:30 am/ Worship @ 10:30 am ~ Called Business
Meeting//Homemade Ice Cream Social @ 6 pm in fellowship
hall sponsored by the deacons
23. Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
26. Sunday School @ 9:30 am/Worship @ 10:30 am ~ Youth
Camp Report/Children's Activity 3-5 pm
28. Bible Study @ 9:30 am at Frankie Moyer's home
29. FBC Feed Refuge Volunteers @ 6 pm at the Refuge
30. Men's Bible Study @ 7 pm in fellowship hall

July Birthdays

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| 2. Julia Bonner | 16. Kenley Sitton |
| Cindy Sibbett | 18. Luke Byrum |
| 3. Shelby Bryan | 19. Margaret O'Neal |
| Rex Nobles | 20. Millicent Godley |
| 4. Shirley Davis | 21. Donald Powers |
| 5. Arlene Wilder | 25. Neal Cargile |
| 7. Elsie O'Neal | Avery Johnson |
| Tyler Tyson | Tracy Weaver |
| 12. Billy Weaver | 27. Scott Johnson |
| Misti Williford | 31. Kathryn Cargile |
| 13. Matt McLawhorn | |
| 14. Karen Spruill | |

Staff Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to Nell Godley on July 27
Administrative Assistant

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Celebrating 250 Years!

Happy Birthday
America!

REMINDER!
**Home Connections,
Deacons & Trustees
will not meet in July!**

Summer Adult Choir Rehearsals

Wed., July 1 & August 5

@ 7:00 pm

CHOIR
Rehearsal

ATTENTION ALL MEN!

**MEN'S BIBLE
STUDY**

Led by Ronnie Matlock every Thursday
at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.