

July 10, 2024

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First Baptist Church Newsletter



## Sun-drenched Summer

Can you identify with this author's insights? As I look back at past summers, I see a trail of beautiful times as well as some bittersweet memories. There have been summers that overflowed with joy and summers touched with sadness. The common thread is that every summer was unique and had its own tale to tell.

Just as every natural summer has a story, so does every spiritual summer. We will each walk through spiritual seasons many times. Autumn is a time of change. Winter is a time of stillness and preparation. Spring is a time of rebirth. And summer is a time for bearing fruit and embracing the abundant life that surrounds us.

The key to embracing our spiritual summer, no matter what time of year it is in the natural, is to remember to seize the joy of the season. This is a time to feel the heavenly warmth on our face and revel in the beauty that surrounds us. Relax, have fun, celebrate, and abide in gratitude for the blessings that surround. Fall and winter will come, but don't let thoughts of the unknown rob you of the joy of the moment.

*Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of summer. Thank you for ice cream cones, backyard barbecues, and sun-drenched memories. May we seize each moment of joy and remember that You are the true cultivator of our harvest and author of our stories. In Your mighty name, Amen.*

Together with you,

Les

## New Names

Here are the names of our new friends along with suggestions on how to pronounce them.

Derameau (Day-rah-moo) Arius

Guirlene (Gill-uhn) Arius

Samuel Arius

We are honored to have them join us, but sure to meet them.





## SUNDAY JULY 28 All-Church Picnic

The Board of Christian Education is sponsoring an All-Church Picnic at the Recreation Lodge of the Ouabache State Park.

- ⇒ Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Provided: hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, condiments, and table service.
- ⇒ You Bring: Food to share like a salad or chips or dessert or anything else that you would like at a picnic.

Note that the July church calendar has this event on the wrong date. Please correct your calendar to **JULY 28** and plan to join us!



## Kids' Time Teachers for Sunday

July 14 - Angie and Jessica Bynum

## PRAYER ITEMS

Herb Heyerly - healing from ongoing severe back pain.

Dave Clouser - back surgery at Lutheran Hospital on Wednesday morning. Pray for a successful surgery and especially that his heart does well.

Don Reeves - continued peace, strength, and healing from cancer.

Denise Downs - continued peace, strength, and healing from cancer. She has had some improvement.

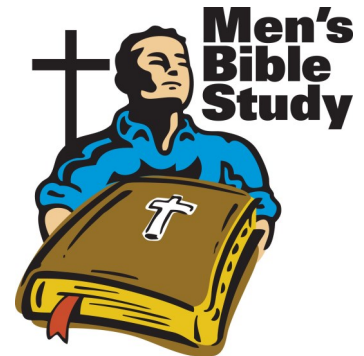
Pat - (sister of Marty Tschannen) God's mercy for good days and pain management.

## You are invited!

All men are invited to join the FBC Men's Bible Study. Here are the details:

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall  
(Prayer, scripture reading, video, and discussion)
- The video consists of verse-by-verse teaching by Pastor Gary Hamrick who is the senior pastor at Cornerstone Chapel, Leesburg, VA.
- **Our first meeting will be on July 11, 2024.**
- We will be studying 1 Timothy, Chapter 3.
- Please gather with us on July 11.  
I think you will be glad that you did! Why not?

*Mike Chaney*



## Stewardship

**July 23, 2024**

General Budget	\$4,855.00
Building Maintenance	\$40.00
Missions	\$380.00

**Total \$5,275.00**

**June 30, 2024**

General Budget	\$1,102.00
Building Maintenance	\$40.00
Missions	\$82.00

**Total \$1,224.00**

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## **Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

**Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.**

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