

THE Messenger

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From Your Pastor

Oh, how I do rejoice when any Believer discovers and follows the will of God for their life. That is my feeling for Mrs. Thea Kay's retirement and Gary's move to another church. We knew of God's leading Mrs. Thea Kay to retirement months in advance. God blessed us with a perfect plan for Miss Morgan to step in to serve as an Interim. God's call to Bro. Gary was a little more sudden but just as certain. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, "He has made everything appropriate in its time." These words bring me great comfort always, and especially right now. If you listen, you can hear the echo of Genesis 1, that God saw that whatever He created, "it was good." John MacArthur wrote, "Even in a cursed universe, activity should not be meaningless. Its futility lies in the fickle satisfaction of man and his failure to trust the wisdom of sovereign God." Beginning the summer without a Student Minister and summer camp around the corner would be a challenge for any church. However, if God is leading, then why should I doubt His good and acceptable plan. Last week, the Lord meant that I should go to camp with our youth, not so much for their sake, but my own. What a great group of students and the adults who accompanied them. God has significant work to do in the years ahead for this ministry.

I hope you will be present tonight, June 23, at 6:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall. The time is not to conduct a business meeting or presentation of a formal presentation. I'm hoping it will be more like a community or a family meeting. I wish to share a glimpse into a vision and direction I believe we need to move toward as a church. I want to hear what is on your heart as well. I want to pray together to surrender to God's ultimate plan for HIS church. We will have other meetings and discussions in the future, but this is simply the first step to seek God's plan together.

Looking ahead, pray for our children and leaders who are going to camp June 28 - July 2. Pray for health, safety, and God to move powerfully through this experience. Also, July 4 falls on a Sunday, so we will NOT have Sunday School that day, but only a morning worship service at 10:15 A.M.
Your Pastor and friend, Dale

Ginger's Notes

"I will sing a new song to You O God;
On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises
(Zamar) to You." Psalm 144:9



Zamar (zaw-mar') is one of the seven Hebrew words for praise. It means to make music, to celebrate in song and music, or to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument. "Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully and shout for joy." (Psalm 33: 1-3) Playing instruments is an excellent way to praise the Lord! I am so thankful for our instrumentalists here at FBC. We are blessed with talented, dedicated, faithful servants who add so much to our corporate worship each week.

Thank you choir for the fun rendition of "Boundless Love" at the beginning of the service Sunday and thank you Sarah and choir for the beautiful selection "I Am Redeemed."

The Worship Choir will NOT rehearse this Wednesday night because of the CHURCH FAMILY MEETING at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will not sing again in Morning Worship until July 11. Our next choir rehearsal will be July 14.

The Youth Girls ensemble will meet at 5:00 in the choir room each Wednesday.

Please save the date for **KIDS MUSIC CAMP!** It will be Tuesday - Thursday, July 27-29 from 9:00 - 12:00. I will be providing more information later. We will sing in a MULTI-GEN Choir on Sunday, August 1.



HE keeps me singing!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Betty and Bud Bowen in the death of their granddaughter Molly McKnight, June 19. Mollie was also the niece of Tom Briggs. Also remember Bridget Magers and family in the death of her mother,
Beverly Thompson, June 15.

DEACONS
Leading through Serving

DEACONS' MEETING
This Sunday, June 27
4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Hey there!

The most joyful thing in all the world is knowing God! That is why our little ones need to hear who God is and what he has done in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

In fact, from creation to redemption to glory, He is displayed as a hero. The Bible is God's true Word. It is from God and about God. Sadly, we sometimes miss that point and make everything about ourselves. Our kids need a different vantage point: God, in His wonder, shows us his love while we are yet still sinners. My prayer and my hope is that your children grow in their love for God and that they grow in their knowledge of who He is. Join me in praying this!

On Sunday mornings in Children's Worship, we have been learning about who God is and how He made all things. He is a good God and everything that He makes is good. We will continue learning about the character of God and His story throughout the Bible using lessons that highlight one of these Five Foundational Truths: God Made Everything, God is in Charge of Everything, God is Good, Jesus Came to Save Sinners, and God Wants to Talk With Us. This helps us keep the focus of every lesson on the main point of the story: God! And what do we do in response? Worship! I've shared with the little ones that worship is how we show that God is most valuable. Only God deserves our worship. We use our voices, minds and bodies to worship God. This past Sunday morning, our little ones used their voices to worship our mighty God in "big church" as we came to sing with our church family. They LOVED it! They were all smiles when we returned to children's worship and they loved being able to worship with you all. My hope and intention is to continue this in the coming Sundays!

Our first through sixth grade kiddos are all meeting together this summer, and this past Wednesday evening we discussed how God loves that kids bring JOY. Our conversations were so rich! It was neat to see how our children, despite the age gap, shared with and encouraged one another. This age is brimming with opportunities for intentional conversations and teachable moments; my prayer is that we, as the adults who influence and invest in these children, are growing in our gospel fluency and knowledge of God, so that when presented an opportunity, we may steward it responsibly and in such a way that honors and glorifies our Father.

Joyfully His, Morgan

Addition to VBS Volunteer list: Drake Stafford!

First Students

Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering,
since He who promised is faithful.
Hebrews 10:24

STUDENT WORSHIP

TONIGHT

@ 6:00 p.m.

"Peace"

Charles David Hill

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 27 SWIM PARTY AT THE BRANDS'



Meet at the church @ 4:45 p.m.
Bus will take us to Noah's for
Swimming, Slip & Slide, and
Kick Ball

Bus will return to the church at
8:00 p.m.

Youth Girls' Ensemble will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the
Choir Room tonight.

CHURCH-WIDE WEDDING SHOWER FOR

*Elyse Maiorini
and Gary Billington*

This Sunday, June 27
1:00-2:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall

WEDDING REGISTRIES:
Culin-Arts, Petal Pushers,
and Rose Drug



**PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, July 4th we
will only have morning worship
@ 10:15 a.m. There will be
no Sunday School that morning.**

*The words "thank you" don't seem adequate to express
my appreciation for the kind words and lovely reception
for my retirement. Everything was perfect including my
favorite songs and flowers. Being Children's Minister has
never seemed like a job to me. I've loved teaching, minis-
tering, disciplining, planning, and serving the children
and parents of FBC. Though my "work" has officially
ended, my work for the Lord and FBC has not. I will
continue to serve during this new season of life.
Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your children's
lives for 13 years. I remain working for Him.
Thea Kay (Phil. 1:6)*

TITHES & OFFERINGS

JUNE 20, 2021

Undesignated	12,949.00
Reimbursements	.51
Child Care	6,554.33
Total Operating	19,503.84
Designated	85.00
Total Deposit	19,588.84

JUNE 20, 2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE

181

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

308

*Rise
and
SHINE*

LADIES' AND GIRLS'
FELLOWSHIP
AFTER
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 11.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

Summer Nights for Kids (PreK4-Gr. 6), Student
Worship, and Church Family Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.

Wedding Shower - 1-2:00 p.m. (See Inside)

Deacons' Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

Youth Swim Party - 5-8:00 p.m. (See Inside)

MONDAY, June 28

Children leave for CentriKid - Noon



First Baptist Church

Rev. Dale Funderburg, Pastor
Ginger Fowler, Minister of Music
Morgan Spotts, Children's Ministry Interim
Laura Langford, Early Childhood Ministry Director
Madison Johnson, Music Ministry Intern
Emma Hicks, Student Ministry Intern