

# NEWS & VIEWS

June 2021

## JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 -5 PM Fellowship Meal -6 PM Ignite Student Worship, & Prayer Group	3 6 PM Country Days Volunteer Meeting	4 5 PM Go Out-Country Days	5 10 AM Go Out-Country Days
6 -Regular Schedule -No Lighthouse Harbor	7	8 -6:30 PM Pickleball Kickoff	9 -6 PM Ignite Student Worship, & Prayer Group	10	11	12
13 -Regular Schedule	14	15	16 -6 PM Ignite Student Worship, & Prayer Group	17	18	19 -Summer Suds, Sale, & BBQ
20 -Regular Schedule	21	22	23 -6 PM Ignite Student Worship, & Prayer Group	24	25	26
27 -Regular Schedule	28	29	30	Regular Schedule: Sundays Worship Services at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 6 p.m. Bible Studies/Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Lighthouse Harbor Kids Worship Service (Ages 4—Grade 3) at 10:30 a.m.		

But wait... there's so much more!

Find more information about upcoming events, schedules, and ministries on our website at [www.farmingtonfbc.org](http://www.farmingtonfbc.org).

### The Blessing of Saying "Yes!" to God

By: Pastor Greg Robinson

Recently, one of our Sunday School teachers shared with me a very encouraging interaction she had with a member of her class. As most of you know, I've spent a large portion of this year preaching on the importance of going out with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. The other pastors and I have shared with you our vision of eighty percent participation in mission within the next 2 years. I've repeatedly tried to hammer home the need for ALL of us to get to doing this important work of the Lord. That's why it brought me such joy when this particular Sunday School teacher shared with her class about an upcoming missions opportunity and another lady spoke up saying, "Sign me up! That's exactly what Pastor Greg has been telling us to do!"

I promise that it's not vanity that makes this story so meaningful to me. I don't need the credit or recognition, but it does feel good to know that people are listening and responding to the things God has been laying on my heart. God gets all the glory in this! I am so blessed by stories like this because I know that one of the signs of a healthy church is when people are regularly responding to God's Word.

In his book, Autopsy of a Deceased Church, author Thom Rainer tells a sad story that illustrates the dangers that come from having an unmovable heart and a spirit of unwillingness. Let me share his words:

*Do you know the name Harry Truman? Let me be clearer. Do you know the name Harry Randall Truman? No, we was not a former president. He was a homeowner at the foot of Mount St. Helens in Washington state. In 1980, the volcanic mountain was showing signs of a major eruption. Truman's home was located...in the most likely path of the volcanic flow. He was facing almost certain death. Government officials implored him to leave. Friends told him that his failure to move was tantamount to suicide. Family members begged him to leave lest he die. On May 18, 1980, the massive eruption took place. The lava flowed right in the projected path of Truman's home. On May 18, 1980, Harry Randall Truman died.*

Often times, God uses His Word as a warning call for our lives. Whether it's through the preacher's sermon, the Sunday School teacher's lesson, or just in a moment of quiet devotion, the Holy Spirit will take the inspired Word of God and convict our hearts. But what happens when our spirit becomes unwilling to respond to the Spirit of God? Trust me, you don't want to find out the answer to that question. (continued on next page)

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#### Upcoming Highlights

##### COUNTRY DAYS OUTREACH

JUNE 4 5PM-10PM & JUNE 5 10AM-10PM

SIGN UP BY THE HOUR TO HELP AT OUR KIDS ZONE  
BUBBLE BOOTH AND IMPACT FAMILIES!

##### JUNE FELLOWSHIP MEAL

June 2 @ 5 PM

Sausage egg casserole, biscuits and  
gravy, tater tots, & cinnamon cake



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Let it be said of us, that in these days, the people of the First Baptist Church of Farmington had hearts and lives that were receptive to God's call and willing spirits, always ready to follow His leading.

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 2:22

Blessings!

Pastor Greg

Summertime + Kids By: Mark Phillips

The FBC Kid’s ministry is very busy getting ready for the summer. There are several activities that are already planned and happening in the weeks and months ahead. Kid’s camp at Eagle Sky is the week of May 31 through June 5th. We have 21 kids that will be going to camp. This is a great camp, and the kids are in for a great time both spiritually and in having fun. Listen for updates when we return at all the great times the kids had at camp! Then, during the week of July 12-16 we will be having VBS. We were not able to have a traditional VBS last year, but we are going back strong this summer. The time is from 8:30-11:30 each day. We will also be having an Upward basketball camp in the afternoon from 1-4 with people from our church putting this camp on. On Thursday night we will have family night and Friday night will be the night we will go to the Farmington Water Park to finish off the week. Please be in prayer for this time and tell everyone you know about VBS at First Baptist.

The Awana year has come to an end. The year was challenging but we had a great turnout from start to finish. We averaged 40 to 45 students each week. The kids were immersed in learning and Bible scripture each week, along with some fun! We learned a lot and had some growing pains along the way, with two shutdowns and several weeks of snow! But overall, it was a success. I would like to thank everyone who had a part in helping get the Awana program off to a great start this year and worked with the kids in any way. The efforts that were put in will only be known when we reach Heaven. But it was a blessing to see everyone invest in our kids. We will be discussing year 2 over the summer and how we can improve. Be sure and ask how you can be involved in the FBC Kid’s ministry!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Phil & Glenna Tatum, Grant Currington, Robert Schultz, Darrell & Jeanie Griffin, Dawn Polacek, Mary Lunsford, Nancy Bullis, Caleb Harris, Eli Stevens, Jinny LeDuc, Mike Adams, Bud & Freda Brewer

IN MEMORIAM

Pam Long, Rick Miller, Charles Snyder, Carolyn Lemley, Joanna Ward, Lonna Kennedy

CONGRATULATIONS

- to Mary Ann Parker on the birth of her great grandson, Liam Parker Billings  
  
- to Pansy Pruitt on the birth of her great granddaughter, Elaina Meoli



The Road to New Orleans By: Jason Welker

Be in prayer for our youth group as they “Go Out” to New Orleans on June 26. We will be serving with MissionLab, a youth mission organization that is located on the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Campus. MissionLab is connecting us with a local church in the New Orleans area to serve in their community. Possible projects will include backyard Bible clubs, working at a food pantry, and some construction projects.

The total cost for this trip was \$400 per students, but thanks to our generous church members we have brought that number down significantly when over \$10,000 was donated this Spring for our Youth Mission Trip and Kid’s Camp!

To bring the cost down even more, we have one more project to finish our fundraising. That project is the yard sale, car wash, and barbeque on June 19. If you would like to help support our teenagers as they are going out this summer, I encourage you to get involved in this event. In addition to donations for our yard sale, we also need volunteers to help the day of the event. If you would like to help with the yard sale, car wash, or barbeque, please don’t hesitate to contact the church office.



Go Out—Country Days By: Sarah Fletcher



You can’t think about summer in Farmington without thinking of Country Days. The flashing rides, tasty treats, and ecstatic sounds of children are just some of the memories and feelings that are inexplicably connected to the summertime staple festival. Inspired by our 80G23 missions push, this year, we decided to seize the opportunity to reach thousands of individuals, families, and children during Country Days and YOU can be involved!

We will have an FBC Bubble Booth set up in the all-new Country Days Kids Zone, located in Long Park, on June 4 & 5. Our booth will have lots of fun bubble activities and crafts for kids to make and play with including a DIY salvation bead bubble wand, unpopable bubbles, and giant bubbles. This will be a great opportunity to not only interact with the community, but also to share the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ to parents and family members of these children.



Our volunteers will also be ready with informational handouts on our church as well as handouts on the Gospel for those willing to receive it. This event could turn into possibly our biggest mission project of the year based on the number of people we encounter.



If you are willing to help out at the booth for an hour either day, contact the church office! We would also love to see you stop by the booth to say hi and see what God is doing if you are at the festival. We should be easy to find with our new FBC logo tent! If you are unable to attend, most of all we are asking for prayer warriors to pray for this mission project. Pray that our volunteers will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to share their faith and that every child that passes by our tent will feel the love of Jesus.



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK



As Pastor Jason mentioned in his article, due to your tremendous support and donations through Trivia Night, Wall of Gifts, and jobs for students, you have helped us raise over \$10,000 for our youth and kids!

The money will be used to help FBC Kids go to Eagle Sky Summer Camp the first week of June in Piedmont, MO, and help our Blaze Student Ministries go to New Orleans through MissionLab mission trips this July. You have invested in sharing the gospel with the next generation’s ears and aided in making disciples of Christ near and far.

Thank you, thank you, thank you again for your amazing support!

\*Amount reflects both General Fund and Designated Gifts



FRIENDLY FACES OF FBC

Meet Don Stephens!

Don is often a behind-the-scenes friendly face around FBC. You may know him best as one of our ushers for our 10:30 a.m. service, greeting people as they come in the south entrance of our sanctuary. But, some of the things you might not see, is that Don heads up our Trustees, in charge of building care and maintenance. When you see updates and repairs being made to our building, Don is usually the one behind getting those needed repairs done. Thank you Don for all of your time and hard work!

THANK YOU NOTES

“It is overwhelming to think of words to express our thanks to God and to you, our friends,. You have come along side us to pray, cry, help and minister to us in so many ways. We love you and will always remember God’s miracle for Darrell and the love you have given us during this time.”  
-Darrell & Jeanie Griffin

“Thanks for sharing your paintin with me for my exhibit in the Farmington library. I appreciate it very much.”  
-Dean Burns

“What a lovely prayer. What a lovely plant. What a lovely visit. God Bless you.”  
-Barbara Knowles

“Thank you for allowing the Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center to host our banquet in your church. It is very much appreciated!”  
-the Parkland PRC Staff

To read more of our thank yous for this month, visit our “Thank You Board” located outside of the sanctuary in the foyer.