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First Baptist Church Newsletter

June 15, 2023

Roads Trips

We drove down to Texas and back again to bid a temporary farewell to Abby, my 34-year-old niece. We look forward to reconnecting with her again someday over at God's house.

Abby was a trauma nurse who enjoyed the intense action of Emergency Rooms in large metropolitan hospitals. She was diagnosed with cervical cancer that quickly metastasized. Abby and her team fought tenaciously with every weapon at their disposal.

There were stunning and profound moments along this journey. But Abby grew increasingly tired. A day arrived when she and Nate, her new groom, and a trusted physician closed a door to privately discuss difficult matters. After that, it seemed like Abby's heart began to turn more and more towards her forever home.

One morning, soon after, her Dad immersed her in the psalms by reading for two hours. A few hours later, Abby took one final breath, her body stopped working, and her spirit sailed away... home.

Debbie and I took this unplanned but necessary road trip. Things like that happen in life. Thanks to everyone who helped while we were away. After church this coming Sunday, we leave to pursue a planned week of continuing education to study, meditate, reflect, and pray. Dr. Gene Bell, former pastor of First Reformed Church, will fill the pulpit Sunday, June 25, in my absence. We will be back in the church office on Monday, June 26.

Together with you,

Les



McFarren Scholarships

Students connected with First Baptist Church who are pursuing post high school education are invited to apply for a monetary scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Since the church office is closed next week, there will be scholarship forms along with information sheets placed in the foyer.

Note to FBC church family: There are two ways you can help keep this fund going. 1) Make your check out to First Baptist Church and in the memo line write McFarren Scholarship Fund. 2) In your estate plan designate a specified amount to go toward the FBC McFarren Scholarship Fund.



- Pray healing over Karyn Gilly. She faced a long stay in the hospital. Now she has been home for a week and is receiving palliative care to include in-home therapy.
- Don Reeves finished radiation treatments on Tuesday. Pray his sense of taste will be restored so he can enjoy food.
- Pray for healing over Earl Brickley. After a hospital stay fighting a kidney infection, they were finally able to crush a kidney stone on Wednesday. He hopes to be released from the hospital near Cincinnati to Markle Health for two weeks of rehabilitation. Earl and Shirley appreciate our prayers.
- Denise Downs has finished a full round of chemo treatments. She will soon have another half round. During this break, her sister, Danni, has driven her to New Mexico to visit their youngest sister. On the way home, they will stop in Kansas City to visit their oldest sister. Pray for travel safety and that these visits will be precious and memorable.

Christian Care
Gloria Reeves - Room 214A

Home
Rose McCormick
Bonnie Riddle



River Terrace
Karen West - Room 133
Carolyn McBride - Room 106

Auburn Village
Rick White



We cannot reach the right destination traveling on the wrong road.

Birthday Celebration

The church family is invited to help Carolyn McBride celebrate her 95th birthday. The Open House will be in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Saturday, July 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Call Julie Tuttle with any questions.



Condolences

We pray comfort for Phyllis Pease and her family in the passing of her daughter Sarah.

Teachers

Sunday, June 18

Kids' Time
Marcia Liddy

LOL

On summer break
remain in service

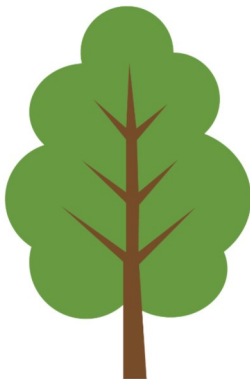
Sunday, June 25

Deb Klopfenstein
Logan and Hunter Zoll



Stewardship

June 11, 2023



General Budget	\$1,595.00
Building Maintenance	\$40.00
Missions	\$30.00
McFarren Scholarship	\$500.00
Total	\$2,165.00

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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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