



Stay Engaged

I concluded a series of messages this past Sunday with four small but extremely wise creatures. They demonstrated the value of working and serving together within a community. Consider another story that puts an explanation mark on the benefits of staying active, as much as our strength and stamina will allow.

The great violinist Nicolo Paganini willed his marvelous violin to Genoa – the city of his birth – but only on the condition that the instrument never be played. It was an unfortunate condition, for it is a peculiarity of wood that as long as it is used and handled, it shows little wear. As soon as it is discarded, it begins to decay.

The exquisite, mellow-toned violin has become worm-eaten in its beautiful case, valueless except as a relic. The moldering instrument is a reminder that life withdrawn from service to others loses its meaning.

Serving Together with You,

Les

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 30
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Teachers for June 30

Nursery
Evalyn Fate / Alexis Collins
Kids' Time
Ruth Ann Monroe / Chris McFarren
LOL
Remain in service – summer break

Stewardship Report

June 23, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	3,506.00
Missions	150.00
Building/Maint Fund	115.00
Match Fund	500.00
Total	\$ 4,271.00

Good News Shoes Meeting

Our Good News Shoes giveaway is getting closer! We will give away shoes to school-age children on August 10 at the Duck Race at Pickett's Run Park. If you signed up to help, or would like to help, please come to a meeting this Sunday, June 30 right after the worship service. We will gather downstairs in the New Dimensions classroom to organize this event. For those who aren't able to help, please pray for the success of this ministry.



Feed the Hungry

This summer Helping Hands will feed supper to people in Montpelier. FBC signed up to contribute 22 pounds of ground beef. Rather than us trying to collect raw meat, we will collect money to cover the cost and Pastor Les will buy and deliver it. The donation box is a Sesame Street stove located in the foyer. Place your gifts into this toy stove, so we can feed the hungry again this year.



Music Update

The deacons, in consultation with the Administrative Board, are working toward a music director to lead in our worship services. Les and the deacons feel that being able to sing publicly and play an instrument reasonably well would be ideal. Please pray for us and our church as we move forward in the process.

Picnic & Swim Party

Mark your calendar on Sunday, July 21. The Christian Education Board is sponsoring a Picnic and Swim Party at the Wells Community Pool. We will begin at the picnic area adjacent to the pool at 5:00 p.m. and then swim at 6:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more details. We will have a sign up on the Welcome Cards in a couple of weeks.



Becomers Class Schedule

The Becomers Class encourages reading ahead to prepare for class discussions. The readings for July are: July 7 - Luke 4:1-13

July 14 - Luke 4:14-30

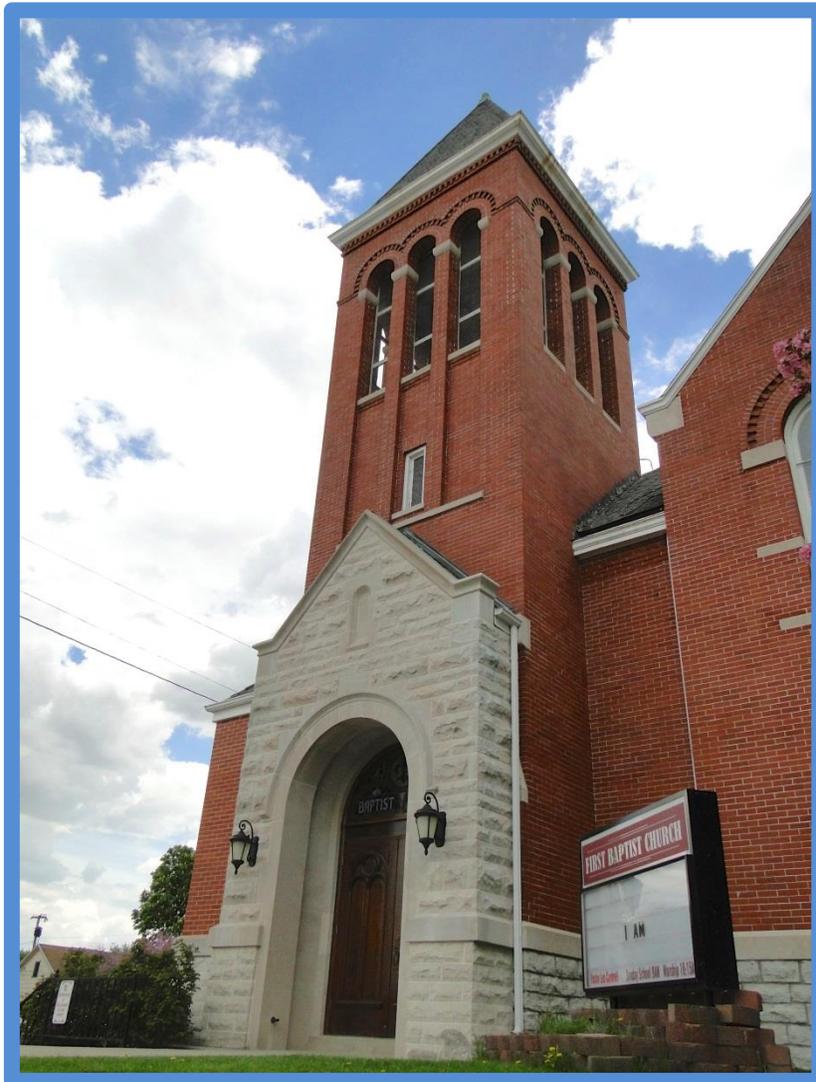
July 21 - Luke 4:31-44

July 28 - Luke 5:1-16



PEALING OF THE BELL

Each Sunday, we begin and end our worship service by ringing the large bell hanging in our bell tower. It's a nice symbol of how we want to reach out and impact our community for Christ. This week is the 120th anniversary of its first ringing from our tower. The paragraph below, recording that event, was copied from the newspaper which was published that week.



Bluffton Chronicle

June 27, 1899

The court house bell which was recently purchased by the Baptist congregation for their church, was placed in position last Friday, and pealed forth its silvery tones Sunday for the first time in its new duty.



Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

Clyde Shady – Room 228B

Phyllis Shady – Room 254

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

Betty Grove – Room 118

Home

Ed Goetz

Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

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This Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service