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First Baptist Church Newsletter

August 16, 2023



God's Work

An author writes about an important teaching moment with his son. One afternoon while playing on a wooden picnic table, 4½ year old Jordon ran a splinter into his finger. Sobbing, he called his dad at the office. "I want God to take the splinter out," the boy insisted.

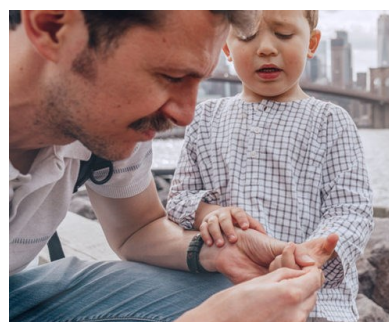
The father told him his mother could remove it easily. But he wanted God to do it because when Mom takes a splinter out, it hurts. The lad wanted God to remove it "by himself."

When dad got home an hour later, the splinter was still there so he proceeded to remove it. He also tried to teach Jordon that the LORD often uses others to do his work. And sometimes it is painful.

Servants of Jesus never want to intentionally hurt others. But there are times when healing requires intense intervention. Take for example the task of preaching. We all want Sunday worship to be positive and uplifting. But sometimes the Holy Spirit uses the scalpel of Scripture to remove a pesky "splinter" that is hindering growth. On a deeper level that is positive.

Together with you,

Les



Condolences

Last week, Michael White passed from this earth to be with Jesus. We will miss him and pray for his friends and family.



Pastor/Office Schedule

Next week, August 21-25, Les and Debbie will go visit Keith and Kimmie in Washington. If you need pastoral care during that time, please call a deacon. Also, the church office will be closed and there will not be a newsletter. They will be back for the worship service on Sunday, August 27.



Dear Church Family,
I want to thank everyone for their prayers when I had my back surgery. Also thanks for all the uplifting cards and visits. Things went well.
I appreciate you all.
Love, Herb Heyerly



Teachers for Sunday

August 20

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans
Marcia Liddy

LOL

Darcy Isch

August 27

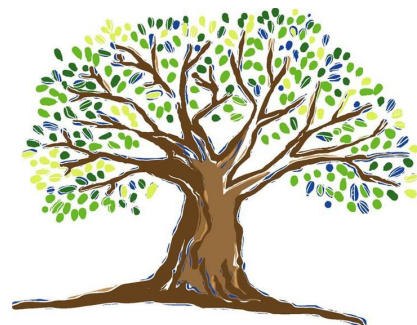
Deb Klopfenstein
Logan and Hunter Zoll

Loren Wanner

Stewardship

August 13, 2023

General Budget	\$2,565.00
Building Maintenance	\$250.00
Missions	\$370.00
Youth Fund/Parking	\$600.00
Total	\$3,785.00



ALL-CHURCH COOK-OUT

Sponsored by the Board of Christian Education

Date: Sunday, August 20

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Home of Chas and Linda Isch
6700 E. 400 S.
Bluffton



Provided: Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Drinks, Table Service, and Homemade Ice Cream

Bring: Large side dish to share



Dear Lord,

- Please protect and encourage our students in this new school year. Let them know your presence and follow your guidance. Guide each student into the specific calling for their life. Let each one know the love of God, family, and good friends.
- Help the teachers to communicate well and encourage the students in their learning process.
- Give parents wisdom and the resources needed to guide their children in the way they should go.

In Jesus Name, Amen

"...the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10

Christian Care
Gloria Reeves



River Terrace
Karen West
Carolyn McBride
Ted Shady

Home
Rose McCormick

*Remember Our
Homebound Friends*

Auburn Village
Rick White

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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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