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First Baptist Church Newsletter

September 21, 2022

Fun, Adventure, and Home

"Adventure is out there." – *Up*

"There's no place like home." – *The Wizard of Oz*

When I entered my office again my church clothes were still hanging neatly in a corner. The Sunday we left, our car was loaded with lunch, supper, and a multitude of snacks. After worship we began a driving adventure that ended up being 5,716 miles.

We can affirm that God's creation is exceptional and beautiful. The Grand Teton trees and mountains were majestic. After all these years that Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone is still spouting off every ninety minutes or so. Big Sky, Wyoming and Lakeview, Oregon boasted a flat, open, and unobstructed landscape in all directions. The LORD blessed us with a sunny day at Crater Lake in Oregon. Bright sun made the water reflect back as penetrating deep blue.

We can also affirm the joy that family members bring. We stayed with Keith and Kimmie, our son and daughter-in-law for three wonderful days. We attended the Washington State Fair where we saw a cat judging show. What a hoot! Tons of good food shared and plenty of hugs given. On the other end of our journey in Chicago we were able to connect with Julie and Andy, our daughter and son-in-law. We went to a stunning arboretum that began with a tram ride around the park. The breeze was cool and the sun was brilliant. More great food shared along with precious hugs. Our visit with them was also lovely.

This past Sunday evening we arrived home. We can affirm that "home" holds a uniquely unrivaled splendor and majesty. Home includes beloved friends like all of you. God answered your prayers for our safety, health, and refreshment in ways too numerous to mention.

Love in Christ,

Les



WEDDING SHOWER - THIS SUNDAY!

When: this Sunday, September 25

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Where : First Baptist Church

For: Julia Duncan and Dustin Hiatt

Gift Ideas: Julia is registered at Target and Amazon.com

All-Church Lunch Sunday, October 2

Gary and Brian have teamed up to cook spaghetti and bread for the FBC family and friends. Debbie is providing cake in celebration of the 35th anniversary of Les' ordination as a pastor. Their children, Keith and Julie, have created a brief ten-minute video summarizing Les' ministry thus far. After the video, we will go downstairs to enjoy our meal.

You are all asked to carry in salads, vegetables, or fruit. We will not need any chips for this meal. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer so Gary, Brian, and Debbie can have enough food available.



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your phone calls, beautiful cards, kind words, and delicious food while we were recovering from our illness. We appreciate all the prayers, love, support, and encouragement.

Blessings, Dick & Reta Crispen



Teachers

Sunday, Sept. 25

Kids' Time
Deb Klopfenstein
and Zoll Boys

LOL
Loren Wanner



**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY & ADVENTURE KIDS
PIZZA KICK-OFF
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.**



For students in grades 6th through high school. Each week we dip a little into the Old Testament and a little more into the New Testament. We always include snacks, games that the students choose, and sometimes a goofy video. Meet upstairs in the Christian Ed wing - the room with the couches.

For students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. We have a fast paced time with lessons, games, and snacks. Each week is a new adventure! We meet downstairs in the Kids' Time room.



Bible Study with Video

Les will lead an in-depth study to discuss the clash of kingdoms that happened in the first century and how that relates to our times. Each session will include a 30-minute video lesson, filmed on location in ancient Philippi, by the outstanding Bible teacher Ray Vander Laan.

Dates: Tuesday, October 4, 11, and 18

Time: 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Where: New Audio/Visual Room (CE wing first floor - former Joy Class)

Accessibility: The alley door will also be unlocked to drop people off

Who: All are welcome. Unfortunately, no childcare will be available

Bring: Your Bible and a teachable heart



Stewardship



Giving Toward:	9/4/22	9/11/22	9/18/22
Current Expenses	2,485.00	1,330.00	910.00
Building Maintenance	345.00	40.00	65.00
Missions	405.00	70.00	75.00
McFarren Scholarship			100.00
Total	\$3,235.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,150.00

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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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