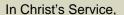
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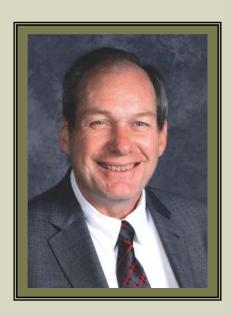
Dear Church Family & Friends,

I am so excited for our last months of summer and the beginning of our fall schedule at First Baptist Church. Several of our staff have been working hard behind the scenes to prepare for some great services and great events. One thing that I have been burdened for has been to encourage and help our marriages. During this fall I am planning on teaching a 5 week Adult Bible Study series along with the book Love and Respect, by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. Later this fall we are planning a Friday/Saturday Marriage Retreat also with this emphasis in mind. I want to encourage every couple to make the effort to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to learn and to share. We want to strengthen our marriages!

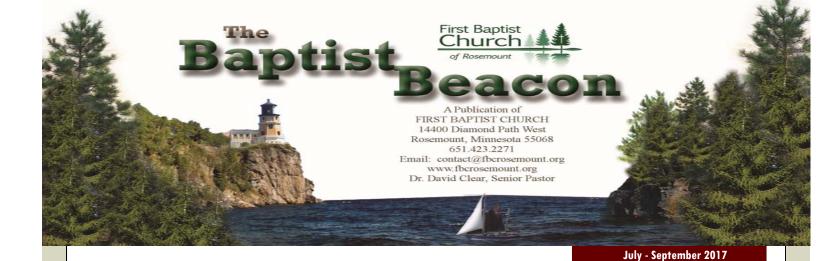
As we get ready to enter the month of September, I am so grateful to God and to this church family. I will complete my 30th year of ministry on September 1st. It was 30 years ago that Valerie and I came, then as a younger youth pastor and his bride of 3 years. Now, 30 years later, we are still able to serve the church that we love. I want you to know that I have not gotten over the thrill of being here and serving alongside so many of you. We pray for you and your family. We love you, and want to do all we can to help you grow in grace.



Dave Clear Senior Pastor









YOUTH RETREAT – JULY 19-21

A summer retreat is scheduled right in the middle of our summer for all 8th—12th graders. Our theme is "Take the Lead" and will feature the preaching of Pastor Abram Thomas, pastor of the New Heights Baptist Church in Inglewood, CA. Cost is \$75 per person. Sign up now for this retreat (being held at Camp Arrowhead in Deerwood, MN).

JUNIOR & JUNIOR HIGH CAMP AUGUST 7-11

Brother Erik has planned a great week of camp up at Camp Jim, near Brainerd. "Be Like Jesus" is our theme this year, and our guest speaker for the week will be Brother Joel Jessup (Youth Pastor at

Fellowship Baptist Church in Marshalltown, IA). Cost is \$100 per camper. Sign up now for what is sure to be a highlight week this summer!





AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 1 EVANGELIST CALEB GARRAWAY

We are so excited to have the Garraways returning to First Baptist Church. The Garraways have a revival ministry, Remnant Ministries, which takes them across our country singing and preaching in churches many weeks of the year. Please begin praying for our Fall Revival!

FRIEND DAY-SEPTEMBER 17

We are scheduling a big day on Sunday, September 17th. We are asking everyone to begin inviting a brand new "friend" to come to First Baptist Church on this day.



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INDEPENDENCE DAY SUNDAY July 2nd

It has been 241 years since the Declaration of Independence was signed, declaring our country's freedom. Let's celebrate with a patriotic Sunday!

LADIES MINISTRY SUNDAY July 9th

Mrs. Beth Jessup will be with us on this Sunday to teach a special ladies class and give us a testimony. Mrs. Jessup and her husband, Dr. Earl Jessup, started Baptist Church Planting Ministry in 1993, and we are delighted to have her here this day!

USHERS MINISTRY SUNDAY July 16th

Our Ushers faithfully serve week in and week out. Join us on this special day as we honor their service.

WEST COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE SUNDAY - July 23rd

We are excited to have with us a tour group from WCBC this morning. Come and enjoy the special music!

SINGSPIRATON SUNDAY July 30th

We'll close out our month of July with a special time of singing during the evening service. Following the service, we'll have a time of fellowship.

CAMP MINISTRY SUNDAY August 6th

Please pray for our campers along with Brother Erik and the staff as they head off this week for camp.

LEFT HANDERS SUNDAY August 13th

On this Sunday, we hope you will leave nothing left undone. Right handers, left handers—we hope you will join us on this special day!

PRAY FOR REVIVAL SUNDAY August 20th

We will have a special emphasis on prayer this Sunday as we prepare for our upcoming week of Revival services.

REVIVAL SUNDAY August 27th

On this Sunday we begin a week revival meeting with Evangelist Caleb Garraway.

LABOR DAY SUNDAY September 3rd

This Sunday we will have another church wide potluck dinner following the morning service as we celebrate the final holiday of summer.

SCHOOL'S BACK SUNDAY September 10th

With everyone back in school, we are ready to learn.

FRIEND DAY SUNDAY September 17th

We are planning a big day as we invite friends to First Baptist Church on this day.

FALL IN LOVE WITH FALL SUNDAY September 24th

As we finish out our September, we trust that you will continue strong, each and every Sunday this fall!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School

Morning Service

Youth Ministries

Choir Rehearsal

Evening Service

Midweek Service

Patch the Pirate Club

UNDAY

0:00 AM 1:00 AM

4:45 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM

VEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

RU Recovery Program Patch Club ATURDAY

10:00 AM Ministry Outreach & Soul Winning

CHRISTAN EDUCATION AT FIRST BAPTIST **SCHOOL**

Forty-six years ago, First Baptist School opened its doors for the first time. Now, nearly a half-century later, we are still going strong. This fall we are excited for many improvements. The church's recent roof/rooftop units will be a great help to our gym and east building classrooms. Mr. Scott Cain is the new Elementary Administrator, and we have many changes that we believe are going to enhance Christian education here at FBS. We are on schedule to complete our accreditation process later this school year, and would appreciate your prayers as we do so. If you have any questions about First Baptist School, especially in regards to enrollments/reenrollment, please contact our school office at 651-423-2272.

~ IMPORTAT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR FBS ~

JULY

31-4 Volleyball Camp



AUGUST

- 18 Daughters/Fathers Volleyball
- (6:45 pm)
- Volleyball and Soccer Jamboree
- First day of school (1st-12th)
- 30 First day of school (K3-K5)



SEPTEMBER

- No School—Labor Day
- 15 Elementary Boys Soccer/Girls Volleyball Clinic
- Homecoming

GRADING PERIODS

9/15 3 Weeks

