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Thank You to Parents

By Pastor Kent Berghuis

What is it that a parent wants? As we go through May and June each year we may wonder what to get for our parents if they are around. Buying presents for my parents wasn't always an easy thing for me growing up, as it seemed like they already had everything. But they often helped us by making lists of things they would like, or suggesting ways we might make the day special. Later when I became a parent I knew that the gifts truly weren't as important as the thought or love behind them.

I've also come to realize that one of the most important gifts our parents might receive is a simple thank you. This has been especially poignant for me this season. With my dad on hospice care I spent a week with my parents over Mothers Day. We had several special times together for which I am deeply grateful. Now as I write this I don't know if Dad will still be around for Fathers Day, as his decline has progressed to his final days.

I've made a point in recent phone calls to frequently say "thank you" to him. With Dad's diminishing energy, one surprising blessing is that he listens more. In the past I could seldom get a word in edgewise when we talked! Now, though, I get the chance to say what I want. I reminisce about being a child, when I loved riding on the tractor or in the pickup with him. How he taught me the value of hard work and money by letting me raise my own pigs, chickens and cattle. He would charge me for the feed he provided, but then let me keep the profits when we sold them, so I learned exactly what my work was worth.

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And most of all, he taught me by example through his love for the Lord. His faithfulness was ever present. I know he is ready to hear those words from his Master as spoken in that parable, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Many of us have complicated relationships with our parents or our children. These parental holidays may come easier for some than others. But I also think of how God is so often pictured as a parent in the Bible. Perhaps if we struggle with our family relationships we might take comfort in thinking of God as filling the gap and being the one we truly need. Jesus felt the parental love of God animating his entire self as well as his ministry. I can't help but feel that what God may also want most of all from us is our simple expression of gratitude. If we come to see God as the parent we most need, we may find ourselves content to simply be God's children.

So let's always look for ways to say thank you—to our earthly parents for what we can, and to our heavenly parent for all good gifts. It certainly would do our parents good—but it might also do us more good than we can imagine.

--Pastor Kent Berghuis

Update: Pastor Kent's father, Marlen Berghuis, passed away Sunday afternoon, June 12.

RAIN OR SHINE
CHURCH PICNIC
 Sunday, June 26 after Church
 Thomas Cloud Park – Shelter #4

Reminder to those who RSVP'd—The picnic will be held at Thomas Cloud Park (Shelter #4) in Huber Heights off of Brandt Pike on Sunday, June 26, beginning at 11:30AM. We are having a casual dress Sunday on the 26th so that we can leave for the picnic from the church. The Deacons will provide chicken, drinks and ice, as well as paper products and dinnerware. The congregation is asked to bring lawn chairs, side dishes and desserts to share (enough for 12 people): **Last names A-M bring sides; N-Z bring desserts.** If you wish you can bring your covered dishes to church that Sunday. You can refrigerate them if needed. If you need ice for your cooler, please check the upstairs ice maker. Shelter 4 is at top of hill with parking in close proximity—lots of shade, tennis court, basketball hoops, playground equipment, and restrooms nearby. **Don't forget your lawn chairs/blankets.**

April Mission Project: Rebuild Dayton



First Baptist Chancel Choir on June 5th



**First Baptist
 Celebrated Dayton
 Pride 2022**

On Saturday, June 4th First Baptist once again joined with other organizations and churches from the Dayton community to celebrate Gay Pride Month.

FBC participated in the Pride Parade at 11 AM. Several members & friends lined up for the Parade at Cooper Park. They paraded from Cooper Park, down St. Clair to Jefferson St, north to First St, West to Main then South to the Festival site at Court House Square. Parade participants included: Jeff Perkins, Mark Craig, Barry Schlaile, Michael Wadham, Jerome Stueart, Linda Thomson, Lila Pattison, Rachel Powell, Ginger Tiffner, Susan Wilson, Tonya Mitchell, Lydia Watson, Ava Powell, Michelle & Mark Sutton, Tim & Connie Holmen, and Pastor Kent.

The Dayton Pride Festival on Court House Square ran from Noon-4pm. FBC had a booth space where volunteers greeted visitors, handed out treats and distributed FBC & AWAB information. FREE HUGS were offered with the able assistance of Anita Suro. In addition to Anita, Mark Craig, Mark & Michelle Sutton, Rachel Powell, Ava Powell, Ted Greenwood, Susan Wilson, Barry Schlaile, Linda Thomson, Janet & Ray Landis, Lila Pattison & Lydia Watson, Jeff Perkins and Michael Wadham helped in our booth. The following people also helped by providing snacks for distribution during the event: Linda Thomson, Jon Wolfe, Ted Greenwood, Connie Holmen, Mark & Michelle Sutton, Erika, Kay Wingham, Jeff Perkins, Michael Wadham, Lila Pattison & Lydia Watson.

A BIG THANK YOU from the Mission Board to everyone who participated or just sopped by. A good time was had by all sharing the love of God with our LGBTQ+ neighbors and other festival goers.





Vacation Bible School July 25-29 @ 9:30AM - Noon PreK-5th Grade

Join us this summer for our Vacation Bible School—"Traveling with Paul"—as we retrace some of the steps of the Apostle Paul, learning about his mission to share the Gospel, the places he visited, the people he met along the way, and what it means for us today. Registration forms are available at church and online at www.fbcdayton.org. If you have questions, please speak with Christian Ed board member Janet Landis at janetcw1218@gmail.com or Board Chairperson Roy Vice at roy.vice@wright.edu.

Garden Update

Hopefully you have taken a minute while on the church campus to take a walk along the garden fence. The regular rain showers recently have helped the garden to show a lot of green as all of the plantings are coming in nicely. Along the side nearest to the parking lot are three beds of red potatoes which should be ready for harvest around July 4th. The two beds to the left are red, white and yellow onions which should be ready to start harvesting before the end of June. If you feel like getting your hands (or gloves) dirty, pull a weed or two while you stroll through the garden. Oh, and tell the bunny to save some green beans for the rest of us!

--Farmer Dave



July Celebrants

- 2 Lydia Watson
- 4 Melissa Mikesell, Roger Stephens
- 5 Aidan Owens, Laura Rhodes
- 6 David Curry
- 7 Carolyn Mowry
- 9 Tim Holmen
- 10 Eli Powell
- 12 Marin See
- 15 Todd Petry
- 17 Beverly Cowden
- 18 Nancy Kerr
- 21 Hannah Gockel
- 23 Tom Lasley
- 25 Anita Suro, Kay Wingham, Sharon Wingham
- 27 Marlene Hopper, Ray Landis, Theresa Taylor
- 31 Daryl Bogan, Martha Burtenshaw

(Is your birthday not listed? Please contact the church office and update our records.)

Heritage Committee Work Session Tuesday, June 28 @ FBC

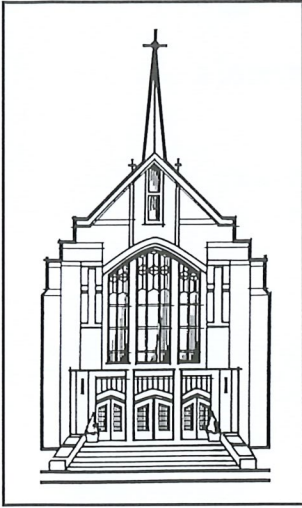
The Heritage Committee will have another work session on Tuesday, June 28 from 9:30 - 11:30 at the church. We will follow with a meeting of the Committee from 11:30-12:30 so if you can only come to the meeting section that is fine. **RSVP** to Donna Curry (donna.curry@wright.edu or 937 470-5643) if you are able to attend.

May Financial Report

	Budget	Received	YTD Budget	YTD Received
Loose Offerings	83.33	67.76	416.67	331.76
Pledges	22511.00	19317.67	112555.00	105926.35
Non-pledged Contributions	1666.67	2976.00	8333.35	18059.00

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The Courier



Our Deepest Sympathies


We extend our condolences to ~

Pastor Kent Berghuis and family on the loss of his father,
Marlen Berghuis, on June 12, 2022.

Mary Anne Chadbourne on the recent passing of
her husband, Lynn Chadbourne.

Thank You

Rowena & Johnny Davis give thanks to the church for the
cards, well wishes, and prayers while Rowena was
hospitalized recently and after the recent loss of her sister,
Ruth Cook.



For Our Cards and Prayers



Paige Bartlett

Gerald Busch

Florida Dixon

Jim Earnest

Neil Earnest

Lavanda Ferguson

Bev & Bill Harrell

Ron Hawkins

Jennifer Loxley

Tim Meador

Arthur Merkle

Shirley & John D. Nash

Mary Ann Paloncy

Robert Paloncy

Rose Peacock

Reichard Family

Judy Smith

Anita Suro

Emily Taylor

Anne Veghte

Vice Family

Harold West

Military Duty:

Sebastian Ewald, Sunny Ewald, Brittany
Kalbfleisch, Will Radachi, Andy Wilson

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The Summer Music Worship Series

June, July, August, September
2022

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Special Music

June

- | | |
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| 12 | John Kurokawa, Clarinetist
Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra
Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra |
| 19 | Brad Kallenberg, Tenor
Professor, University of Dayton
First Baptist Church, Chancel Choir |
| 26 | Jeanne Kallenberg, Piano and Carol Suddath, Cello
First Baptist Church Chancel Choir
Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra |

July

- | | |
|----|--|
| 3 | TBA |
| 10 | Dr. Jimmy Leach, Trumpet and Singer
Professor, Department of Music
University of Dayton
Internationally acclaimed Jazz Artist |
| 17 | Jerome Stueart, Soloist
Artist in Residence, First Baptist Church |
| 31 | Dr. Justen Seay, Tenor
Music Supervisor, Dayton Public Schools
Principal, Columbus Public Schools |

August

- | | |
|---|--|
| 7 | Charles Pagnard, Trumpet
Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra
Professor Cedarville University |
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14 Maurice Kidd, Tenor
Educator, Dayton Public Schools
Professional Praise and Worship Leader
Internationally acclaimed Gospel Artist

21 Charis Weible, Contralto
Music Director
Grace Church, Dayton, Ohio

28 Jason Holmes, Bass-Baritone
Artistic Director
Cincinnati Boys' Choir

September

4 William Henry Caldwell, Baritone
Music Director, First Baptist Church Dayton

8 Chancel Choir Resumes with Rehearsal