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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Freedom and the Church

In July, we enjoy the freedom of celebration of the 4th of July. Not just a day off but a day when we can remember that we have freedom to enjoy family and our faith in Christ. Many people don't think about the freedom we have in Christ. Freedom in Christ gives us freedom not to live in guilt or in our sins. Because the forgiveness of sins that Jesus gives, we enjoy a life of assurance of the hope of salvation and heaven. If you were to die today as a Christian, we know where we will spend eternity, in heaven and with our Lord Jesus Christ. It is assurance that gives us freedom as we live each day. A freedom that our country has given a blessing by the freedom to speak, preach the gospel, and meet as a church. That is so much to be thankful for.

Not all people in this world have these freedoms. We really should celebrate the 4th with thankfulness of country and faith. Enjoy a burger, a hot dog, chips, and maybe a 4th of July cake with ice cream as you watch the fireworks and remember the freedoms you have as a Christian and a citizen of the United States of America.

Enjoy the 4th,

Pastor Brian High

Opportunities to Serve This Month

Ministry Team Meetings

Building and Grounds Ministry Team	TBD
Discipleship Ministry Team	July 8, 6:00 p.m.
Worship Ministry Team	July 8, 6:00 p.m.
Mission & Outreach Ministry Team	July 15, 6:00 p.m.
Shepherding Ministry Team	July 22, 6:00 p.m.
Leadership Council	July 17, 6:30 p.m.



Successful Matching Gift Campaign

Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center thanks you for your generosity as First Baptist

Church members and friends who contributed \$5,106.80 to the Building Bridges Weaver Hall Campaign. Together with the peoples gifts and a \$5,000 commitment from our earned interest line in our restricted funds, a check for \$10,106.80 will be given to ABC Nebraska for the Weaver Hall Building Bridges Campaign. With our gift, enough funds have been contributed to complete all phases of the project. What a blessing to our camping and conference programs to have an updated Weaver Hall where the majority of dining and activities happen at MMCCC.

Pastoral Search Prayer Time

Prayer works! Join us in prayer on July 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the church building to intentionally pray for our search committee, our church family and our future pastor. Matthew 7:7 reads, "Ask and it shall be given to you, . . .". May we be diligent to ask the Lord for our next shepherd.

Super Tuesday Picnic

Faith, Freedom & Fellowship is the theme of this months super Tuesday fellowship. Join us on Tuesday, July 9th at noon for a picnic at the church building. Sign up at the Welcome Center to bring food. Don't forget your lawn chairs.

Happy Birthday

Natasha Rector	10 th	Jim Matthews	12 th
Andrea High	19 th	Terry Meikle	31 st

All Church Picnic

Mark your calendars to join our church family for an all-church picnic at Maskenthine Lake at 5:30 p.m. on August 9th. We will have the shelter near the boat ramp reserved for us to enjoy fellowship and food. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service and lawn chairs. Wolff Farms will provide the traditional picnic staple of Norfolk Melons. You won't want to miss this time to be a family.



Prayer Garden



The prayer garden has matured over the past month. Has your prayer life grown as well? Thank you Carol Kingsley for making a great place to focus on prayer. Please make time in your week to visit and have a conversation with God in our prayer garden.

Meal on Wheels Outreach Opportunity

Our church family has been asked to help deliver

Meals on Wheels the week of July 29-August 2. We will need to staff two routes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of that week. Look for a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center to participate. See a

member of the Mission and Outreach Team with questions.



National Night Out

The Missions and Outreach Ministry Team invites you to join them on August 6th at 6:00 p.m. for the Norfolk National Night Out event at Central Park. The Team will be hosting a table and some Minute to Win It games to support our local law enforcement and first responders. Contact a member of the ministry team to learn how you can help.

Quarterly Business Meeting



We will have our second quarter business meeting on Sunday, July 28 after worship. Look for reports from ministry teams and others to be in your mailboxes the Sunday

before the meeting date.

If you have items you would like included in the monthly newsletter, please contact John Blaylock at least one week prior to the first Sunday of the month.