



August Calendar

Sundays	9:00 AM	Adult Class
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
Thursdays	7:00 PM	Choir Practice

Monday, Aug. 5	5:30 PM	Deacon & Worship Boards
	5:30 PM	Trustees
Tuesday, Aug. 6	6:30 PM	CE and M&E Boards
Wed, Aug. 7	5:30 PM	Staycation at Ted Munson's
Tuesday, Aug. 13	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wed, Aug. 14	5:30 PM	Stiemsma/Fritz Staycation
Thursday, Aug. 15	Noon	"SALT" soup luncheon
	6:30 PM	Sac and Fox Lapidary Club
Sunday, Aug. 18	10:15 AM	Worship in the Park
Saturday, Aug. 24	5:30 PM	Cameron Worley Baptism & Staycation at Greenigs

\$	July Finances	\$
	Giving: \$17,108.60	
\$	Expenses: \$18,124.95	\$



Church Life

Fairfield First Baptist Church
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-Fairfield First Baptist- Our Family Characteristics: Humble - Hungry - Hopeful

As parents we have some idea of what we would like our family to be like; the way we would like our family to be characterized. We may not have thought through it consciously or written anything down as to the characteristics we desired, but in the back of our minds we hope our family would be defined in certain ways.

As I think about it, now, the characteristics I desired for my family were that we would know Christ. That we would be unselfish and thoughtful of others. That our kids would come to know the place that God has given them in the world with unique gifts that they can apply in useful ways. That they would learn to continually grow to love him more and more.

In the same way every church has characteristics that are the result of the environment around them and the makeup of the people who are connecting together. Some of those characteristics are simply the result of natural, sociological behaviors, (groups just naturally learn ways to interact with one another.) But then there are characteristics that churches intentionally develop because they're clearly Biblical and healthy church family traits.

When I think of Fairfield First Baptist I think of three characteristics that would describe this church family well. These are characteristics I found were already true of you all when I came as your pastor, but they're traits that I hope we could continue to develop. They are that we would be a church family that's humble, hungry and hopeful.

Humble: Philippians 2:³ "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus..."

Question: What are the results when a group of people live humbly in their interactions with each other?

Hungry: Philippians 3:¹³ "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Question: What are the results when a group of people challenge themselves and are hungry for continued growth?

Hopeful Philippians 3:20 "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

Question: What are the results when a group of people live with hopeful expectation of the ultimate goodness of God?

Serving alongside you all, as an awesome family,

- John

PRAYER LIST

Cameron Symmonds, Harold Munson, Rod Ryan, David Wilson, Nolan Stevenson, Ruth Leazer, Ralph Paulding, Jan Hunerdosse, Ray Woody, Dick and June Workman, Lisa Greenig's niece, Alyssa. Lorri Deeke



"SALT" POTLUCK. The August Gathering of "SALT" (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) will be Thursday, August 15 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass. All senior adults age 55+ are invited.

Thank you to Margaret Stephens for taking over as SALT Coordinator!

The Maxine Bates Circle is in need of a new Chairman. Please talk to Lorri Deeke if you have questions.

The Christian Education Board is looking for someone to take on the role KidZone Coordinator. There is a job description available in the office. If interested talk to Pastor John or Ted Munson or any member of the CE Board.



Sunday, August 18th
Sunday, September 8th
Central Park

Happy Birthday



3 Wayne Berndt 12 Eli Stiemsma 23 Dixie Hickenbottom
 9 Trudy Oliver 18 Ruby Diers 24 Cameron Worley
 10 Lacey Wilson 23 Sharie Leazer 29 Manon Kermott

Happy Anniversary



2 Dick and Deb Hunt
 2 Ed and Trudy Oliver
 9 Joe & Melody Hird

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is this month, but is not listed, please call the church office with that information.

HEAD USHERS		KIDZONE LEADERS	
4	Roger Wright	4	Sarah Stiemsma & Ashley Worley
11	Ted Munson	11	Lilah Hawkins & Amy Kermott
18	Worship In the Park	18	Worship in the Park
25	Darrel Bisgard	25	Lisa Greenig & Aizen Baerg

COMMUNION SERVERS August 4: Darrel Bisgard, Margaret Wilson, Greg Hanshaw, Jason Crandall, Ray Woody

CHILDREN'S SERMON August 11: Kandi Diers

First Baptist Church Council Meeting, July 9, 6:30 PM

Present: John Rathbun, Bob Keller, Jason Crandall, JoDee Kyle, Dick Hunt, Virgil Symmonds, Greg Hanshaw, Pastor John Kermott and Margaret Stephens. Devotion by Greg Hanshaw, from My Daily Bread, titled "Trapped in Chocolate". Opening prayer by Pastor John. Motion to approve last month's minutes by Virgil Symmonds and seconded by John Rathbun. There will be a congratulations get-together for Jason Crandall earning his Master of Divinity. Cake to be served September 15. Church picnic was discussed. It is July 21 and promoted by the Council. Staycation events discussed. Bob Keller said financial report looks good. Bathroom remodel in progress. They will be coming in to redo the floors and counters. Wall partitions are being painted. Bob Keller is having people from Council remove furniture from Pastor's office tonight in preparation for carpet stretchers to work. Under new business, Gallaghers' raising support for their missions work was discussed. Worship board will possibly be dissolved with other committees taking over the different functions possibly at the end of the year. Meeting closed with prayer by Virgil Symmonds. Respectfully Submitted, Margaret Stephens



August 7 Ted Munson's
 August 14 Stiemsma/Fritz
 August 24 Greenigs' Pool
 Cameron Worley Baptism
 Followed by Pool Party/yard
 games
 (All events at 5:30 pm)