First Baptist Church of Oakville 6741 Telegraph Road, St. Louís, MO, 63129

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Birmingham, June 10-12. Please pray for the work of our Convention as messengers meet to fellowship, worship, and discern God's Will for Southern Baptists.

## Coming in July

## **Children's Soccer Camp**



(Monday thru Friday) 9:00 to Noon 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade

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#### God Bless You on Your Birthday!

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May was a month of real **CELEBRATION** at FBCO. We observed Mothers Day, High School and College graduations, our Kidz Kollege Commencement, and we concluded with Memorial Day.

Of course, our Sunday worship always should be a celebration-of God's love, our fellowship, and His grace. But some Sundays are special. And these May Sundays certainly were.

In June, we will continue the celebration by observing *Pentecost Sunday*, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Pentecost marks the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to His disciples in the Upper Room, and to the New Testament Church through the ages.

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Fathers Day, and we will honor our fathers, present and remembered, that day. "Father" is the way Jesus chose to explain our relationship with God. We will honor your fathers, as we worship **Our Father** who art in Heaven.

Katie Brumbaugh has begun working as our Summer intern. We welcome Katie home for the Summer. She will chaperone our children at Camp Penuel, June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup>. Camp is a great experience for our children. Please pray for our kids at camp. In July, Katie will help with our second children's soccer camp, for boys and girls, 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Soccer coaches from *Missouri Baptist University* will lead this camp. The camp is FREE, but we only have space for about 60 children. Please pray for Katie—she has some busy Summer days ahead.

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Ronda & Steve Brown will take our youth to *Super Summer* in Hannibal, June 10<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>. Steve & Ronda dedicate that week so our youth can have a camp experience with youth from across the state, and have an opportunity for both a spiritual blessing and physical refreshment. Pray for them that *Super Summer* will be a blessing.

**Our Missions Yard Sale is June 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Our Church family has donated numerous items and several of our folks have worked tirelessly each year, and have provided thousands of dollars for special mission projects and Summer missionaries. My thanks to all who are working this year, and to all of you who support it with your donations and your prayers. THANKS again to everyone.

*Kids Kollege came to a delightful end* with a great Talent Show last week. I thank God for the Kidz Kollege that Ed and Pauline Maness and a host of others make possible each Wednesday evening throughout the School year. What a great ministry that is! Enjoy your rest until September 4<sup>th</sup>, when we will start again.

Gratefully, Your Pastor

John Hessel

**Celebrate with our Newest Members:** 

By Baptism: **Barb Gray & Tim Mulder** By Statement: Mr. David LeMunyon

And the Lord added to the Church...

### **GWEN'S** Gallery

#### Vanishing Point by Lisa Harris

During Garrett Addison's first week on the job as a criminal investigator for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, his team is called out to a murder scene of a young girl. She's just one in a string of disappearances with one thing in common—a Polaroid photo of each victim left behind at the crime scene.

The FBI is pulled into the case to help, and Garrett finds himself working with Special Agent Jordan Lambert, the woman he once loved. When yet another girl dies, Garrett wonders whether he really has what it takes to be an agent. Maybe he should just walk. But while he may be done with the killer, the killer is not done with him—or Jordan.

#### Secrets at Cedar Cabin by Colleen Coble

Running for her life in the wake of her mother's murder, Bailey Fleming escapes to the only place she can think of—a remote, dilapidated cabin in Lavender Tides. Intending to finally get to the truth behind the lies of her past, Bailey only finds more questions when bodies are discovered near her cabin hideout along with traces of a dangerous human trafficking ring. In an unlikely partnership with FBI agent Lance Phoenix, Bailey races to understand the mystery surrounding her life and circumstances before the murderer tracks her down.

Meanwhile, Lance is determined to rescue his sister, Ava, who was abducted after running away from home as a teenager. An unexpected lead brings him to the remote cabin, and he wonders if Bailey—with her suspicious past and strange connections to his sister's case—is really who she claims to be and if she can somehow lead him to Ava.



## **Kidz Kollege**

Kidz Kollege ended the 2018/19 school year in grand style! On May 22, we held our commencement ceremony, honoring our graduating 5th graders, Elinor Kreisz, Lydia Tessmer, Claire Goodman, and Phoebe Vandiver. We also enjoyed our biggest and best superduper talent show and reception for families and friends. Our last event of the school year was one of our most enjoyable!

We went fishing at Busch Wild Life Area on May 25. Lunch and a new pole for each kid were provided by Mitch Norris, a good friend of FBCO. And by the way, the fishing was great- some of the kids caught 20 or more fish, and that's no "fish story!"

The 2019/20 school year starts on Wednesday, September 4. ALL kids ages 4 years old through 5th grade are invited--just COME!



## Kídz Praíse ...

May was a very busy month. We had the honor of celebrating Officer Chris Ming for Police Appreciation week. He then joined us the next Sunday for a short interview. We got to know a lot about him and his job.

In June, Kids' Praise will be getting back to our quest strengthening our walk with Jesus. Our Bible verses for the month are Matthew 7:7-8 and 2 Timothy 1:7.

We praise God by loving one another, and we show that love through RESPECT.

Cyndi Harmon



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Greetings Everyone I hope your year is going well,

On June 16 we will celebrate Fathers Day. One might think that Fathers Day has been around forever but actually it is a rather recent observance in a official capacity. On July 5, 1908 Grace Golden Clayton asked her Pastor if they could have a day honoring fathers. She wanted to honor her father that had passed in 1896 and to remember the over 200 fathers that died in a mining explosion near her town of Fairmont West Virginia the previous year. The next year Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd urged her Pastor to have a Fathers Day message and is credited with it becoming an annual service. In 1913 the first Bill introduced to Congress for a Fathers Day National Holiday and it was turned down. In 1966 Pres. Lyndon Johnson made a proclamation that Fathers Day would be observed on the 3rd Sunday in June and finally in 1972 Pres. Richard Nixon signed Fathers Day into law.

I would contend that Fathers Day is Biblical in nature as we find in it a Commandment to Honor our Father and Mother. I am blessed to have a wonderful father by the name of John Gorse. Many of you know him as John Senior and me as John Junior but technically I am not a Junior as my father does not have a middle name and I do. Because of his modest beginnings being born in the middle of the Depression in a 2 room home in rural Southeast Missouri I often say his family couldn't afford a middle name.

I thank my father and mother for providing a Christian home for my sister Robin and I. I think I took it for granted when I was younger but through the years have realized how valuable and special that is. My father is no stranger to FBCO. We started coming as a family in 1961 and my dad along with many men of the church helped in building the sanctuary building we worship in today. He also helped building and planning of the Educational addition to our building. He has served as a deacon since the late 60's and has been involved in Royal Ambassadors and youth ministries and Upwards Basketball and Mens Brotherhood through the years. He taught Childrens Sunday School classes for many years and hosted several church youth camps and Deacons retreats at the family farm outside of Marquand Missouri. He and Mary Ann Bennett along with others helped form the PEP club and plan activities that has been a wonderful outreach to our seniors and those outside our church. He was the driving force in creating the very successful Pioneer Harvest Dinner that reached out to the hunters and fisherman and their families in the community. The success of the dinner helped to spawn our Fall Festival. He is also a longtime Gideon that helps provide Bibles in hotels and to our Military men and women and on college campuses. He has served on countless committees through the years including Pastor Search Committees and Chairman of Deacons and Chairman of Building and Grounds. He was instrumental in installing the childrens playground area, the ball field and the basketball court. One of FBCO's most unique features is its 1/2 mile walking trail that my father along with others promoted and helped design with Bible scriptures at various points along the trail that is used by many of our neighbors in the community.

On a personal note my father has always provided wise guidance and advice through the years. I am truly blessed to still have both of my parents and to be able to worship with them in our services. My father has been an inspiration to me far more than I could ever share and although I would never be able to fill his shoes as our gifts are different I have enjoyed immensely being along side my dad as we have served at FBCO. Thank you dad for everything you have done. You are my hero. I LOVE YOU.

A bit of music business. Choir practices with be the first Wednesday of the month in June, July and August at 7:30 as we observe our Summer schedule.

May God Continually Grow Us and I LOVE YOU ALL,

## It's A Baby Shower

Join WMU in supporting the babies of Missouri Baptist Children's Home by having fun at a baby shower on Sunday, June 23, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Bring a salad to share for the luncheon part of the event. Any type of salad other than a tossed green salad. This includes things like chicken salad, fruit salad, layered salad, jello salad, bean salad...WMU will provide drinks, dessert, and lettuce! Bring you unwrapped gift(s). We will have activities and games. Here is the list of items requested by MBCH: Disposable Diapers (sizes Newborn – Stage 4) Diaper rash cream, lotion, baby wash, baby oil Clothing sizes Newborn – 12 months (onesies, T-shirts, socks, booties, outfits, Summer-weight sleepers) Baby Laundry Detergent (unscented) Baby Bottles – 4 oz. & 8 oz.





#### John Gorse