

*First Baptist Church of Oakville*  
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**June Newsletter 2020**

Dear FBCO Family,

We always strive to improve the quality of our online services. Previously, we only had auto-generated captioning available on our livestreams. Since those can contain errors, we wanted to provide another option for our viewers. Now, our livestreamed services will have manual captioning available as well. Watching the service live on YouTube or Facebook live will have the option to display auto-generated captioning. After Sundays, a finalized version of that week's sermon will be uploaded on YouTube with manually entered captioning to correct any errors.

This change is beginning this week. Brenda's memorial service, the Mother's day service, and the Graduation Sunday service now have manual captions.

We hope that this change will give you more ways to tune into the friendliest church in town! Any feedback will help us decide whether or not to continue this service after the summer ends.

Sincerely,  
 Frances and Katy



**JOHN'S JOIS**

May was a CELEBRATION at FBCO. We observed Mothers Day, Graduates Sunday, and Memorial Day. We end the month with another notable Sunday—Pentecost. That day marks the inauguration of the Holy Spirit's empowerment of the New Testament Church. Jesus enlisted His disciples to share the Gospel, and the Holy Spirit empowered them to accomplish it. His work still empowers our Church today. 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 today. We will mark this important event this Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

"Father" is the way Jesus chose to explain our faith relationship with God. On that Sunday, we will honor our fathers, as we worship *Our Father who art in Heaven*.

*The Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions* is a special emphasis throughout the month of June. Our WMU will call us to a televised week of prayer this Sunday evening. Prayer Guides were mailed last week. In that mailing, you also received a special offering envelope that I pray you will use to give generously in your support of Southern Baptist mission causes across North America. Our goal for this year's offering is \$2500. Please give as you can. I intend to.

*Katy Brumbaugh has a message* on the back page of this newsletter. Both Katy and Frances Lavall are working as our interns. Since so many events of Summer have been cancelled, they have found innovative ways to serve God and our Church. I am grateful for these young ladies and the work they are doing in support of our ministry.

*Speaking of support*, thank you for the memorial gifts to provide the new camera system to live stream our services. Even after we resume on-site worship, our worship broadcasts will continue to extend our outreach and share our message with people who tune in each week. We will continue to improve the tools for sharing the Gospel. And thank you, Jim Boxx and Tony Pezzo, for faithfully making that broadcast ministry possible each week.

As always, thank you for your love and prayers for me—especially now. It is well!

**Pastor John**

*Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>*, will mark another kind of celebration—the gathering together of FBCO to worship after three long months of isolation. We have waited many weeks and missed the blessing of being together in fellowship. We will have to begin cautiously, meeting ONLY for Morning Worship, with TWO services, at 9:00 and 10:45—NO Sunday School or evening worship. And for the first month, we will not offer the children's worship or a nursery. We will also postpone our Breakfast fellowships and our Quarterly Business meeting for now. But it will be such a joy to worship face to face as the body of Christ. I am so grateful for our electronic outreach—but I miss the *koinonia* of being together. Thank you for your patience and your support through this pandemic. This too will pass, and life will return to normal, but not soon enough.

*Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>*, is *Fathers Day*, and we will honor our fathers, present and remembered, that day. And we will get to do it together.

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**June Birthdays** 

Angela McManus.....	4
Jubilee Emmons.....	6
Becky Berghold.....	7
Paul Muser.....	9
Diane Borghesi.....	11
Andrew Hoffman.....	11
Darrell Stack.....	11
Rachel Sullivan.....	13
Jeff Agnew.....	17
Tony Pezzo.....	23
Terry Emmons.....	30

**God Bless You on Your Birthday!**

**Coming In June**

Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer.....1-7  
 Rich Townsend preaching.....14  
 Deacon's Meeting.....14  
 FATHERS DAY.....21  
 Rich Townsend preaching.....21

**When will we resume on-site Worship?**

We plan to begin Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.  
 TWO Worship Services, 9:00 & 10:45  
 NO Sunday School until Fall  
 NO Children's Worship or Nursery for now

If you are afraid or sick—STAY HOME!  
 We will continue broadcasting the 10:45 service  
 We will use safe practices, as possible  
 We will offer face masks and sanitizer  
 Overflow space will be in the Activity Center

## ***GWEN'S Gallery***

### ***The Happy Camper by Melody Carlson***

Home is the place to heal, right? At least, that's what Dillon Michaels is hoping as she leaves her disappointing career and nonstarter love life behind to help her grieving and aging grandfather on his small Oregon farm. The only problem? Her eccentric mother beat her there and has taken over Dillon's old room. After a few nights of sleeping on a sagging sofa, Dillon is ready to give up, until she receives an unlikely gift—her grandfather's run-down vintage camp trailer, which she quickly resolves to restore with the help of Jordan Atwood, the handsome owner of the local hardware store.

But just when things are finally beginning to run smoothly, Dillon's non-committal ex-boyfriend shows up with roses . . . and a ring.

### ***Aiming for Love by Mary Connealy***

When strangers intrude on three sisters' hidden mountain life, their world will never be the same.

Josephine Nordegren is one of three sisters who grew up nearly wild in southwestern Colorado. She has the archery skills of Robin Hood and the curiosity of the Little Mermaid, fascinated by but locked away from the forbidden outside world—a world she's been raised to believe killed her parents. When David Warden, a rancher, brings in a herd much too close to the girls' secret home, her older sister is especially frightened, but Jo is too interested to stay away.

David's parents follow soon on his heels, escaping bandits at their ranch. But his father is wounded and needs shelter. Josephine and her sisters have only cabin on the mountain. Do they risk stepping into the world to help those in need? Or do they remain separated but safe in the peaks of Hope Mountain?



## ***Kidz Kollege***

We'll start up again next school year.  
Keep the faith - this too shall pass.

***Ed & Pauline Maness***

**Celebrate with our Newest Member:**

**By letter: *Mrs. Karen Barrett***

***And the Lord added to the Church . . .***

## ***Kidz Praise . . .***

An exciting bit of news...Kids' Praise is now on Pinterest! I will be using this platform to pin ideas for Bible study at home, games, learning scripture, and so forth. Please check it out when you have some time.

In June, we will be talking about rest and remembrance. Things like how we rest, how do we refocus on God, why should we remember. When you check out our videos at Kids' Praise on Youtube, be sure to hit the thumbs up button and subscribe to our channel so we can share with more people.

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

***Cyndi Harmon***



## ***A Note from Minister of Worship John Gorse***



Greetings Everyone,

It is with great anticipation and excitement I am looking forward to FBCO resuming in church worship services on Sunday June 7. There will be 2 services each Sunday. One at 9 o'clock and a 2nd at 10:45. There will be a limited number that will be allowed in the sanctuary with an overflow area back in the activities center with a video screen. I hope you will plan on attending and worshipping together in the coming weeks after this lengthy stay at home quarantine. It will be great to see each other again.

Over the last year our church has had several long time members, and truly dear friends pass. We as a church miss each one because of the special relationship we have had with them. Memorial Day weekend our family went and decorated the graves of family members of loved ones, and I was reminded of the special memories of family and friends. One that came to mind was Carl Nappier.

Mr Nappier, as I always called him, was a very interesting and talented man that I was fortunate to have a glimpse into some of his talents. After a Sunday morning service, probably 12 years ago or so, Mr Nappier came up to me and we talked about music and that he played some guitar, and I said he should play sometime in church. He wasn't sure about that, but I was welcome to come over to his house sometime and we could play music together.

One morning, I took a keyboard over to the Nappiers' home and set it up in his lower level music room. It was a remarkable place that had amps and music equipment that allowed Mr Nappier to play songs off his computer or CDs, and we could play along as he controlled it all with a remote. We would play a few songs and then break and we would chat and he would tell stories about the artists he liked or his childhood. I have jokingly said he taught me about Roy Acuff and Johnny Cash and I told him about the Rolling Stones. We took a break and Mrs Nappier had made a lunch for us that we enjoyed and then, back down to play more music. At the end he asked if I would like some of the music that we had played. Over the next few weeks, he burned several dozen CDs of songs from the Grand Old Opry early era artists, and gave them to me. Its a little embarrassing to admit that this octogenarian was more tech savvy than I was.

Before I left, he took me to a work shop area that had many guitars that he had made by hand, starting with just a block of wood and cutting and sanding into shape and drilling and assembling all the electric components, and crafting into top shelf guitars that were as good or better than what you could buy in a guitar store. He even had made one out of a cigar box.

I had known that he had taken several wrecked cars that had been totaled in the past and did all the body work and engine work to restore them back to original condition. But seeing his handiwork and craftsmanship on these guitars was breathtaking. He said it was ok to leave my keyboard there because "It didn't eat any oats" and over the next few years, I had the pleasure to "jam" several times with Mr Nappier and my only regret is that I didn't do it more. He did come and play a time or two with the Holy Ghost Praise Band for a service. I am honored to have had this special musical friendship with Mr Nappier and I treasure those memories.

I value the friendships that I have at FBCO with people of all ages but my advice to young people would be to seek out connecting with our seniors, as there is much wisdom and knowledge to be learned from them. Stay safe everyone and I look forward to seeing you in the services.

May God Continue to Bless Abundantly and I LOVE YOU ALL,

***John***