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Children's Ministry Day Camp

Saturday

July 21

9 am - 3 pm

TBC Gymnasium

Smother's Park

Bounce Houses

Lots of Fun!



Sharing the
LORD'S SUPPER

July 22

10:45 am



Rev. Micah Spicer

Senior Pastor

Ready or not, mid-July is upon us, and August is just around the corner. I have been your pastor for a whole year now. So far, I have survived 50 sermons, 4 funerals, 3 weddings, and 2 water main breaks. I've driven on icy roads in winter and sweat mowing the lawn in the humid summer sunshine. In my reflections, I acknowledge that I have made some mistakes. If life gave me mulligans, I would gladly take a couple. However, I do not regret coming to Third, nor would I take back this year in my life, as it has been a growing experience like no other.

It also excites me to think about the future of Third. Through hard

work and input from Sunday School classes, the Leadership Ministry Team has adopted a new missions statement for our church:

Trust God
Bless Others
Celebrate Grace

This mission statement will set the foundation for everything our congregation does moving forward. (Every ministry, mission, event, etc.) We realize that in order to fulfill our mission we must develop new and innovative approaches to ministry and evangelism. Challenges and obstacles lie in the path ahead, but I firmly believe that the Spirit will navigate us through this next

chapter to a place where we flourish as God's people. The future is bright. I look forward to the ride.

God's Economy



A look at the Societal and Economic structure of the Hebrew people.

Sundays at 10:45 AM
June 24-July 29

Jan Lampkin, Minister to Children

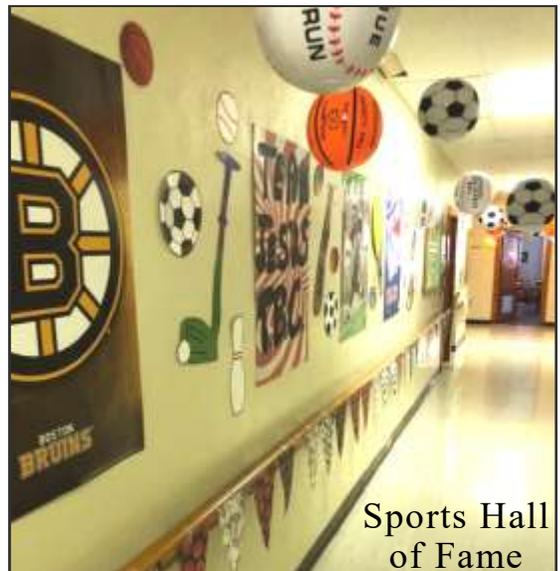
"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 2:6

Vacation Bible School is happening! We had a total of 137 for the first night! Unfortunately we had to cancel Monday and Tuesday night because of the city water situation. We were able to resume on Wednesday night. We revised our program to compensate for the time missed. So, this year we had a 2 night VBS instead of 4 nights.

A special thanks to the VBS staff of volunteers and youth. Thanks for your willingness to work with VBS and with the children. We are disappointed that we had to cancel two nights, but the children really enjoyed their time in VBS.

The Church Day Camp is scheduled for Saturday, July 21 beginning at 9:00 am. We will visit Smother's Park (so come prepared to get wet), have the bounce houses in the gym, and eat lots of food and candy!

I have included a few pictures of VBS 2018 - Game On!



Sports Hall of Fame



Team Jesus Arena

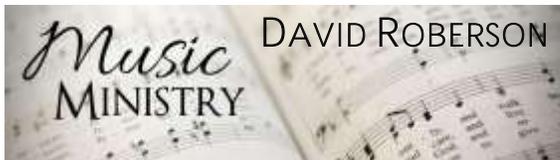


Craft Locker Room

We are the Voice for Jesus



“Not a word was spoke between us, there was little risk involved, everything up to that point had been left unresolved.” As Bob Dylan’s words note, it’s hard to resolve anything if you are unwilling to speak. I do not mean yelling, calling each other names or acting as though you are always right when your flaws are pointed out. I mean a real conversation where you admit you are wrong, you accept your faults, and you try your hardest to say what you really mean. The former is easy. That is



Well, we’ve had one Sunday without the sanctuary choir. Three more to go. Nobody complained too loudly! Once again, my intent with this vacation is to express my gratitude to the choir for their tireless service to our congregation. They are one group we rely on every week and I hope a few Sundays off will help them recharge their batteries. Thanks to the congregation for being understanding!

This Sunday we will have a small group singing a wonderful new arrangement of the text Peace Like a River. The tune is different and the text has been altered a bit but I think you will enjoy it. July 22nd Josh Hardesty will sing for us and on the 25th we have a small ladies ensemble scheduled.

Court Lewis *Youth Minister*

why little children are so good at it. The latter is more difficult and is why so many adults are bad at it. I have been working through the Psalms with the Youth, in an attempt to illustrate different ways in which we can talk and let our feelings be known. Since they like music so much, I thought the Psalms would serve as a nice way for them to discover the “songs” of fear, anxiety, joy, love, and triumph offered in the Bible. Do not be surprised if you hear them saying, “Selah.”



Scarlett Blair, Jayline Gray, and Elliott and Court Lewis working on the corner sign flower bed.

Joe Bob Pierce, *Formations*

Our fellow church member Ron Williams has been serving as the interim pastor at Unity Fellowship just down the street from Third Baptist. Unity Fellowship is the new name of the church formed by the merger of Zion United church of Christ and Journey Fellowship. Another Look Sunday School class decided to take a field trip, so we attended the 9:00 a.m. worship service at Unity Fellowship on Sunday, July 1st. We were warmly received and most of our class attended the service. Pastor Micah also joined us. It was a pleasure hearing Bro. Ron preach again! He took a text from

Philippians 4 and delivered a sermon on living and serving “in the Lord.”

Another Look class is continuing its study of the lives of the disciples in a book by Hulitt Gloer entitled “As You Go.” We are taking turns leading and the learning and discussions that take place have been marvelous! If you are not attending Sunday School at Third Baptist Church, you are missing a blessing. Let me know if you’re needing help finding a class or have any questions about Sunday School. We would love for more members to be involved!

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, JULY 15

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Stewardship Finance
 2:00 PM Murphy Reception, FSR
 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting
 6:00 PM Business Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 16

9:30 AM Peer Learning Group

TUESDAY, JULY 17

10:00 AM Paula Settle WOM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

6:00 PM Prayer Meeting:
 Baptist Heritage Series

THURSDAY, JULY 19

4:30 PM Community Meal

SATURDAY, JULY 21

9:00 AM Children's Day Camp

SUNDAY, JULY 22

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 Lord's Supper

MONDAY, JULY 23

TUESDAY, JULY 24

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

6:00 PM Prayer Meeting:
 Baptist Heritage Series

THURSDAY, JULY 26

5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY, JULY 27

10:30 AM Sr. Adult Short Trip
 5:00 PM Chinn Emmanuel
 State Conference
 (All day Saturday;
 Sunday 2-7 PM)
 7:00 PM Youth Summer Dance

SYMPATHY

The Church extends its deepest love and sympathy to:
the family of Sue Van Fleet.

MEMORIALS

Contributions to the Church have been received...
in memory of Sue Van Fleet
 by Charles Cobb, Jim and Nadine Shaw; June Coons; Ron and Elaine
 Williams; Bill Carrico; Lois Owens; Jacquelyn Owens;



PRESCHOOL PRAISE

July 15

Patty Drury, Jean Snyder

July 22

John & Jan Lampkin

ATRIUM SOCIAL

July 15:

New Millennium Class

July 22:

The Esther Class

ATRIUM DUTY

July 15:

Patty Drury; Laura Bronn

July 22:

Jean Snyder, Judy Dixon

DEACON INFORMATION

July 15

Lee Kincaid, Laura Bronn

Hope and Harvest Team

Ron Williams, Laura Bronn

July 22

Gary Kirtley, Judy Dixon

Hope and Harvest Team

Judy Dixon, Carolyn Estes



Join the Senior Adults on
Friday, July 27
 as they travel to
 Evansville, Indiana for lunch at

STOHL'S **COUNTRY INN SOUTH**

Gather at the church at
 10:30 and hop on the bus for
 some good food, lots of laughter
 and maybe a story or two!
 Contact Ron or Elaine Williams
 and let them know you're on
 board for this outing!