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# ***The Network***



The Weekly Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Paris, Tennessee

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*Sunday, August 2*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION DAY**



**Sunday, August 2**

**10:15 a.m. Worship Service**

*A church-wide fellowship meal  
will follow in Orr Hall*

**honoring**

**Angela James**

*for 20 years of service as  
Director of Children's Ministries*



## From the Pastor's Desk

What a joy it was to gather as the body of Christ last Sunday. From studying God's Word together in Sunday School, to witnessing the baptisms of two adults, to lifting our voices together in praise, to hearing a great message from Bryan Nelson about our greatest treasure – Jesus, to praying together for our schools, to sharing what we have been learning in our D groups, it was a great day from start to finish! If you have not been regularly engaged in Bible study and worship on Sundays, I encourage you to return and re-engage this Sunday!

In our recent quarterly business meeting, several items were approved that I want to summarize for those of you who were not present. We formally elected the following deacons who will serve a new three-year term: Ben Glover, John Hudson, Will Jelks, Randall Jones, Josh Knott, Scott Nanney and Brian Stubblefield. We also announced new deacon officers for the coming year: Jeff Atkins, chairman; Bryan Irby, vice-chairman; and Scott Nanney, secretary/treasurer.

In other business, we approved a report from our nominating committee, which listed church leaders for the 2026-27 church year. This list included church officers, committees, ministry teams, music leaders and Sunday School leaders. One of the new teams added this year was a strategic planning team that will soon begin the process of guiding our church to a strategic plan for the next 5-7 years. Additionally, we elected messengers to the annual meeting of the Western District Baptist Association and voted to license Tyler Puckett to the Gospel Ministry, a recognition of his calling and ongoing preparation for future ministry.

I hope you will plan to join us this Sunday as we recognize the faithful service of some individuals in our church, including Angela James, who celebrates 20 years as a member of our church staff. I will be sharing a message simply titled "Faithful" from Matthew 25:14-30. After the worship service, we invite everyone to stay for a time of fellowship and a meal. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

In Christ,  
Bro. Trent



## MANistry Breakfast

Saturday, August 1  
8 a.m. • Orr Hall



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Submission deadline  
for the next issue is  
Monday, August 3, 2026



# Fall Kickoff

Wednesday, August 5  
Children's Choirs,  
The LOFT, Equipping Centers

## Schedule of Kickoff Events

### Adult Equipping Center Preview

5:45 p.m. • Orr Hall

### Children's Choirs

Eiffel Tower Park Splash Pad • 6 p.m.

### Student Ministry

Eiffel Tower Park Pool • 6 p.m.

## Fall Equipping Center Studies

Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

*Beginning August 26*

### Finishing Well: A Study of 2 Timothy

*Taught By Dr. Trent Bullock*

**Orr Fellowship Hall**

### Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament

*Taught By Dr. Bryan Nelson*

**Farmer SS Classroom**



## Promotion Sunday Class Information

The first-floor Preschool Area is where infants through kindergarten will be checked in/out. First through fifth grade children will be checked in/out on the second-floor children's wing. A list of classroom teachers is below:

### Preschool Wing-1st Floor

- **Birth to 1** - Kim Denman, Martha McFadden, Carolyn Chilcutt and weekly volunteer
- **Age 1** - Becka Veazey, Maurie Ann Mitchell
- **Age 2** - Tiffany & Marly Latta
- **Age 3** - Ann Oliver, Vicky Sinclair, Becky White, Randall Jones
- **Age 4 & 5** - William & Ashley Russell

### Children's Wing 2nd Floor

- **1st Grade** - Rita Wofford, JoAnn Steedly, Carrye Jackson, Mike & Cindy Turner
- **2nd & 3rd Grades** - Ruth Herman, Deborah Noble, Robyn Dossett
- **4th & 5th Grades** - Jim & Karen Younger

## This Week At First Baptist

### SUNDAY, August 2

#### Sunday School Promotion

- 8:00** Prayer Time
- 9:00** Sunday School
- 10:15** Morning Worship
- 11:30** Church-wide Fellowship Meal
- 6:00** Adult, Youth & Children's Discipleship Groups

### WEDNESDAY, August 5

- 5:00** Family Night Meal
- 5:45** Equipping Center Preview; Children's & Youth Kickoff Events at Eiffel Tower Park
- 7:00** Adult Choir Practice

### SUNDAY, August 9

- 8:00** Prayer Time
- 9:00** Sunday School
- 10:15** Morning Worship
- 6:00** Adult, Youth & Children's Discipleship Groups

### WEDNESDAY, August 12

- 5:00** Family Night Meal
- 5:45** Equipping Center Studies; Children's Choirs; Students-The LOFT
- 7:00** Adult Choir Practice

## August LLL Meeting

**Monday, August 17**

**11 a.m. • Orr Hall**

### Program:

**Lynn Willis**

*Meteorology*

*Reservations/cancellations are requested by Friday, August 14 by calling the church office at 731-642-5074.*

**Wednesday, August 19**

**Guest  
Speaker**

**Adam Focht**

*Israel Tour Guide*

**5:45 p.m.**

**Orr Hall**

# First Baptist Church



313 N Poplar Street  
Paris, Tennessee 38242  
*One Block North  
of the Court Square*

## Sunday School

9 a.m.

## Morning Worship

10:15 a.m.



## Sunday, August 2

*Faithful*

Matthew 25:14-30

**Dr. Trent Bullock**



## Requested Items for OCC

*Fabric of at least 1 yard  
& Pillowcases*

## Items for August

*School Supplies: Pencils, Sharpeners,  
Crayons, Erasers, Pens, Scissors*

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## FINANCIAL REPORTS

**July 26, 2026**

Worship Attendance ..... 354  
Sunday School Attendance .. 287  
Budget Required ..... \$29,206.83  
Budget Received ..... \$29,440.02  
Other Designated ..... \$2,501.37  
Total ..... \$31,941.39

## GIFTS RECEIVED

Minnie Lou Perkins in memory of  
**Amanda Hailey**; Jack, Pam &  
Juanita Sparks in memory of **Doug  
Overton.**



**August 5**

Meatloaf

Cabbage

Purple Hull Peas

Coleslaw

Dessert

## **Alternate Menu:**

Chicken Tenders/Fries/Dessert

## Church Volunteers for August 2

### **Bus Ministry**

#### Driver

Chris Townsend

### **Children's Ministry**

#### Babies

Leigh Ann Horton

#### 1-year-olds

Marilyn Oliver

#### 2 & 3-year-olds

### **Media Ministry**

#### Sound

Barry Flood

#### Video

Dan Redden

#### Media Room

Michael Denman

Kevin Nanney

Philip Todd

### **Security/Usher Ministry**

#### Security

Wade Allman

Chuck Elizondo

Jamie James

Michael Miller

Bob Moultrie

Bo Sinclair

#### Offertory Prayer

Wayne Lee

#### Ushers

Kerry Bell

David Crawford

Robert Head

Aaron Herman

Brian Horton

Jamie James

Parker James

Reece Veazey

Roger Veazey

### Welcome Team Ministry Greeters for August

John Hudson, Dawn Scharff, Reece Veazey, Kallie Veazey

## Bible Reading Plan

### **Week 30 (July 27-31)**

**Day 1** - 1 Samuel 28; 1 Cor. 13; Psalm 108

**Day 2** - 1 Samuel 31; 1 Cor. 14; Psalm 109

**Day 3** - 2 Samuel 1; 1 Cor. 15; Psalm 110

**Day 4** - 2 Samuel 3; 1 Cor. 16; Psalm 111

**Day 5** - 2 Samuel 5; 2 Cor. 1; Psalm 112

### **Week 31 (August 3-7)**

**Day 1** - 2 Samuel 6; 2 Cor. 2; Psalm 113

**Day 2** - 2 Samuel 7; 2 Cor. 3; Psalm 114

**Day 3** - 2 Samuel 9; 2 Cor. 4; Psalm 115

**Day 4** - 2 Samuel 11; 2 Cor. 5; Psalm 116

**Day 5** - 2 Samuel 12; 2 Cor. 6; Psalm 117