

First Baptist Church

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Parson to Person

Our Patriotic Service this year is on June 28. Some 250 years ago our nation began. The celebrations are going to be significant. Many of us remember the celebration of our 200th birthday. And many of us were not alive back in 1976.

Our nation has changed a great deal in the last 250 years. Our nation has changed a great deal in the last 50 years. The \$2 bill was introduced. Jimmy Carter was going to win the 1976 presidential election. A 25 inch color TV cost \$599 and gasoline cost \$0.61/gallon. Cell phones did not exist. And a vast majority of homes did not have a personal computer. There was no social media. No Facebook. No Snapchat. No such thing as FaceTime or Text messages. There was no such thing as Life360. Parents told their children to go play outside. Parents had no clue where we were or what we were doing. And if we got thirsty, we were instructed on how to drink water out of the hose.

Now gasoline is higher. Milk is higher. Bread is higher. Wages are higher. You can get a 65 inch 4K TV for \$329. You can know where your kids are at all times. And as long as you are willing to pay the extra 3%, there is no need for a \$2 bill or any cash whatsoever. And we now sell water in plastic bottles. Studies have shown that, compared to 1976, anxiety is higher, depression is higher, stress is higher, and our population is on more medication than ever before.

If you look at the old news headlines, we see that there are still some things that have not changed. Politics is still just as violently volatile. Americans, by nature, are mostly loud and obnoxious when compared to other countries.

It is right for us to celebrate our nation's 250 years of existence. It is also right for us to be concerned about our nation's future. I believe that if we are going to continue to be a strong nation, each one of us needs to bear the personal responsibility of moral discipline. Freedom without moral discipline erodes into chaos. When everyone is trying to see what they can get away with, then our citizenry will tear itself apart.

We have laws to regulate some degree of fairness. These laws are the low bar, the lowest possible standard. What may be legal may not be morally correct. While I feel like it is every citizen's responsibility to be morally responsible, I feel like for the Christian, it is our duty to live up to the standard of Biblical living.

I believe the world needs this United States of America to thrive. I also believe that in order for us to thrive, the Body of Believers/the Church/Christians need to set the standard of right living. Right living means to live by the Bible, to be compassionate, to be generous, to be gracious, to be joyful, loving, and grateful.

The 2020's have been full of populous polarization, domestic violence, global war, paranoia, and fear. Those of us that are believers in Jesus, our time is now. This is the time to show forth what it means to be Divinely blessed, graciously saved, and joyfully employed in service to the King of kings.

So, as the fireworks of the day's celebration burst into night, may it also serve as a reminder that we should let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify the Father in heaven.

Happy Birthday, America, BroKen

 June 2026 						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NATIONAL SAY SOMETHING NICE DAY -----VACATION	2 BIBLE SCHOOL-----	3	4 NATIONAL CHEESE DAY	5	6 FBCYTH Rafting Trip
7 FBCYTH Rafting Trip	8	9 -----GENERATE CAMP	10 NATIONAL ICED TEA DAY IN CHATTANOOGA,	11 TENNESSEE-----	12 NATIONAL RED ROSE DAY	13 6:00pm Emery Tedder & Riley Wardlaw Wedding
14 1:30-3:00am Bridal Shower for Anne Taylor Oaks 5:00pm Baptism	15	16 NATIONAL FUDGE DAY	17 6:30pm Children's Camp Parent Meeting in Sanctuary	18 NATIONAL GO FISHING DAY	19	20 NATIONAL VANILLA MILK SHAKE DAY
21	22	23 IN TALLADEGA,	24 ALABAMA-----	25 NATIONAL STRAWBERRY PARFAIT DAY	26	27 10:00-11:30am Baby Shower for Lydia Walker
28 7:30am Brotherhood Brkfst 11:00am Patriotic Service in Sanctuary	29	30 NATIONAL METEOR WATCH DAY				

Welcome to our new member...



Darcy Peeples

What's Happening this Month...



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
May 31-June 3
6:00pm-8:30pm
for kiddos that have completed
K-6 grade
*Register online or in person.
If you would like to help with VBS,
please contact Danielle Davis.

GENERATE CAMP
June 8-12
in Chattanooga, TN
If your youth has signed up to go
White Water Rafting, they will leave on
June 6.



Mr. & Mrs. Brad Wardlaw
request the honor of your presence
at the wedding of their daughter,
Riley Lane to Emery Tedder,
son of Mr. & Mrs. Eric Tedder
on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at
in the Sanctuary.

VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, May 3, 2026
Sunday School Total.....444
First Day Worship.....321 (42)
11:00am Worship.....208 (20)

Sunday, May 10, 2026
Sunday School Total.....451
First Day Worship.....314 (20)
11:00am Worship.....306

Sunday, May 17, 2026
Sunday School Total.....430
First Day Worship.....359 (27)
11:00am Worship.....139 (23)

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Sunday School Total.....389
First Day Worship.....305 (27)
11:00am Worship.....141 (12)

Sunday, May 31, 2026
Sunday School Total.....
First Day Worship.....
11:00am Worship.....

BAPTISM
We will celebrate through
Believer's Baptism on
Sunday, June 14 at 5:00pm in the
Sanctuary



*You are invited to a Bridal Shower
honoring Mrs. Anne Taylor Oaks
on Sunday, June 14 from 1:30-3:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall.*

CHILDREN'S CAMP PARENT MEETING
Wed, June 17 at 6:30pm
in the Sanctuary.
If your child is signed up to go to
Children's Camp this year, please make
plans to attend this meeting.



CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP
CentriKid Camp @ Shocco Springs
June 21-24

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE FAIR
Bring your family out to the Pontotoc County
Agri-Center for the annual
Family Night at the Fair
on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30pm.
Special guest is Paul Daily
with Wild Horse Ministries.



Deacons Meeting
Sunday, June 21
at 3:30pm in the
Fellowship Hall.

Brotherhood Breakfast
Sunday, June 28 at 7:30pm
in the Fellowship Hall



**Family Night Supper
will start back up
in August 2026**

You are invited to a Baby Shower
honoring Mrs. Lydia Walker
on Saturday, June 27 from 10:00-11:30am
in the Fellowship Hall.
Lydia is registered at Ultra Violet Boutique
and online at Amazon.Com





Join us in the Sanctuary for our
Patriotic Service
on June 28 at 11:00am
as we honor the great men and women
who have sacrificed for our freedom!

Have a great summer!
If you have any
questions about
upcoming events at
church, please call the
church office at
662-489-1346

DEACONS ON CALL
for JUNE 2026

June 7-
Jody Stringer
Josh Purdon
Glenn Gillen

June 14-
Eddy taylor
Buddy Montgomery
Benjamin Hill

June 21-
Mark Vandiver
Kyle Walker
Scott Hatcher

June 28-
Craig Downing
Larry Young
Tommy Wood

11:00am USHERS for JUNE 2026
(* indicates prayer door)

June 7-
*Randy Todd, Scott Emison, Joe Brown,
Clark Sexton, Jay Reeder, Rick Burgett

June 14-
*Ben Howard, Rickey Littlejohn, Joe Austin,
Bryan Warren, Matt Koon, Jay Russell

June 21-
*Carey McMullan, Mike Bowen, Steve Montgomery,
Jay Hughes, Roger Gentry, Wally Henry

June 28-
*Eddy Taylor, Adam Gentry, Phillip Cox,
Kevin Morrow, Richie Chrestman, Sam Dowdy

**If you are unable to usher, please find someone to
take your place.