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First Baptist Church of Clyde
Monthly Newsletter

July 2025

**HAPPY 4TH
OF JULY!!**

***Freedom in Christ
Celebration on the
4th of July***

Join us to watch the fireworks in
the Food Lion parking lot
beginning at 6:00PM on July 4th.

We will hand out water and
minister to our community. Bring
lawn chairs and yard games and
come fellowship and be a light to
our community!



Hello First Baptist Church,

Happy July!!!! Boy, has it been hot, and I for one have loved it. I love the summer time as we get to be outdoors, swim, go on vacations, work outside, or whatever else you do in the summer. It is a great time with friends and family. Each year when we get to the month of July, my mind always turns to Independence Day. July 4th is one of my favorite holidays because I am very patriotic. From time to time I just find myself randomly chanting USA! USA! I am very proud to be an American and I am very thankful to be free. And while I am thankful to be free in the United States of America, I am so much more thankful to be free in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are free because He poured out His blood on Calvary for me and for you. What a great truth that is today.

I want to remind you of 2 events coming up in July.

- 1) **Freedom in Christ 4th of July Celebration**- We will meet in the parking lot of Food Lion at Lake Junaluska at 6:00PM to hand out water and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the crowd. Come bring your yard games and let's celebrate freedom from tyranny and freedom from condemnation.
- 2) July 20th after morning worship, we will have **Christmas in July**. We encourage everyone to come and eat lunch with us. We will be taking donations (both money and stuff) for Operation Christmas Child. We hope with this and the VBS offering we can completely fund our shoebox ministry this fall. Missions are the only valid reason to decorate for Christmas before Thanksgiving. Ha Ha.

Please come out and support these 2 wonderful missions and evangelism opportunities as we attempt to share the Gospel both local and international.

It is an honor to be your pastor.

Byron Burnette



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Standing on the Rock

In uncertain times, we all need something steady to stand on. That's why the timeless hymn "The Solid Rock" still speaks so powerfully today. Written in 1834 by Pastor Edward Mote, its opening lines declare: "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." These are not just lyrics- they are a foundation.

God's Word tells us, "He only is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be shaken" (Psalm 62:6) Life is full of change, but Christ never changes. As

Charles Spurgeon once said, "I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages." Even our struggles can lead us to deeper trust in Jesus.

When we gather in worship- in song, in prayer, in hearing the Word- we are reminding one another that our hope is not in ourselves, but in Christ alone. May every time we sing be more than melody; may it be a bold declaration of faith:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

Ethan Johnson

**CHRIST IS THE SOLID
ROCK
ON WHICH I STAND**

FBC YOUTH FUN IN THE SUN

Tuesday, July 8:	Outdoor Movie Night	6:00-9:00PM
Tuesday, July 15:	Mini Golf & Ice Cream	6:00-9:00PM
Wednesday, July 23	Haywood Worship Night	6:00-8:00PM
Tuesday, July 29	FBC Softball Game	6:00-9:00PM
Tuesday, August 5	Fear Factor Night	6:00-8:00PM
Tuesday, August 12	Waterslide Kickball	6:00-8:00PM
Wednesday, August 20	Trampoline Park	6:00-8:00PM



NEWS & Notes



Please call or text 627-2201 if you have any prayer concerns to be added to our weekly prayer list. Also, please call or text to remove names from the prayer list.



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

You have 2 opportunities for Bible study each week this summer! Pastor Byron will be leading us through a study of the book of Esther.

Opportunity #1 Tuesday mornings at 10:00AM throughout the summer with a lunch following

Opportunity #2 Wednesday evenings at 6:00PM

(No childcare or meal provided at this time.)



We will be watching season 4 of *The Chosen* series on Sunday evenings at 6:00PM throughout the summer beginning on June 22. Snacks will be provided!



Please be sure the church office has your email address, phone number, address, and birthdate. You can call 627-2201 or drop into offering plate on Sunday.



Pray for our youth and chaperones as they travel to Charleston, South Carolina for the SummerSalt youth camp at Charleston Southern University June 30-July 4.

Scout Belue
Rylee Campbell
Canyon Conard
Cadden Davis
Macey Devlin
Micah Devlin
Andrew Hardin

Braxton Inman
Jacob Mease
Dominick Messer
Hampton Shipman
Braden Surrect
Max Trull

Chaperones: Michelle Davis, Brenna Devlin, Ethan & Emma Johnson, Jake Scott, Dustin Toon

On Sunday, June 29, there will be a special time of prayer during our worship service for this group and their upcoming trip. On **Sunday, July 6,** our youth and chaperones will lead in worship and share about their week at SummerSalt. **You won't want to miss this special time!**



Deacon Dialogue

Summer is officially here! VBS was wonderful. (Thank you so much to all who helped.) Gardens are growing, summer showers are popping up, and the annual battle against weeds has begun.

As I write this we have traveled across the country, and I have been reminded afresh of the vastness and beauty of God's creation. How could anyone go through Carlsbad Caverns and gaze with awe across the expanse of the Grand Canyon without praising God for His creation!

At one stop in Phoenix we saw the trash left from the previous day's mass protest. Sadly these people are not thankful to live in a land where we have freedom of speech, freedom to worship, and much more that much of the world can only dream of. America is still the "beautiful" land of opportunity.

But— we have a greater freedom as believers! Jesus Christ our KING sacrificed His life on that old rugged cross to free us from the burden of sin and give us HOPE of eternal life with Him in heaven. Thank you, Lord!

So— let's celebrate our nation's freedom and praise the Lord for our spiritual freedom.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!

Kerry Cogburn
Chairman of Deacons

AND YOU SHALL KNOW THE
TRUTH
AND THE
SHALL MAKE YOU FREE!
JOHN 8:32

Food for Thought

A man asked God how long a million years was to him. God answered, "Like a minute." A man asked God how much a million dollars was to him. God answered, "Like a penny." The man thought and then asked, "God, will you give me a penny?" God replied, "In a minute."

First Baptist Church of Clyde has helped with the maintenance of the Pleasant Hill Cemetery for many years. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, write a check to **Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund** and drop it in the offering plate. We will get you a receipt for your taxes.



Daily Bible Reading



Jesus Purchased Our Freedom

- July 1: Ephesians 1:7
- July 2: Romans 8:15
- July 3: 2 Corinthians 3:17
- July 4: John 10:9
- July 5: 1 Corinthians 7:23
- July 6: 1 Corinthians 8:9

We Are Free From.....

- July 7: John 8: 31-36
- July 8: Galatians 5:1
- July 9: Romans 6:7
- July 10: Romans 8:1
- July 11: Colossians 1:21-22
- July 12: Acts 13:38-39
- July 13: Romans 8:2
- July 14: Luke 4:18
- July 15: Galatians 1:10
- July 16: Galatians 3:22
- July 17: Psalm 34:4
- July 18: Matthew 4:24
- July 19: Matthew 8:16
- July 20: Psalm 118:5
- July 21: Galatians 3:13
- July 22: Galatians 6:14

We Are Free To.....

- July 23: Romans 12:2
- July 24: Ephesians 3: 11-12
- July 25: Psalm 119:45
- July 26: 1 Corinthians 6:12
- July 27: 1 Peter 2:16
- July 28: Galatians 5:13-14
- July 29: Isaiah 61:1
- July 30: Romans 5:17
- July 31: Isaiah 42:6-7

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- July 4 Gracie Best
- July 5 Mary Singleton
- July 10 Betty Jackson
- July 15 Charlie Medford
- July 16 Meigan Messer
- July 19 Lisa Toon
- July 29 Lindsey Burnette
Lucille Hannah
- July 30 Matthew Devlin



On Sunday, July 27, we will have a **Biblical Budget Workshop** immediately following morning worship. A light lunch will be provided. All are encouraged to attend.



On Sunday, July 20, FBC Clyde will celebrate **Christmas in July!** Stay after the worship service for a special luncheon, and bring items and/or money for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes as we get a jumpstart on this ministry. Pastor Byron says, "The only reason we can celebrate Christmas before Thanksgiving is because it's about missions!" -LOL-



TRULY HE IS
my rock
AND MY SALVATION;
HE IS MY FORTRESS, I WILL
never be shaken.

PSALM 62:2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30am Bible Study Groups 10:30am FBC Worship Celebration 4:00pm CPR CLASS 6:00pm The Chosen Video Series	30  Youth Leave for SummerSalt Camp	1  10:00am Summer in the Word	2 6:00pm Summer in the Word 7:00pm Worship Team Practice	3	4  Youth Return from SummerSalt Camp 6:00pm Freedom in Christ Celebration	5
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Wandi's Corner

Cherry Cranberry Jello Salad

From Cindy Stowers



- 1 large package (6 oz) Cherry Jello
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 large (12 oz) can crushed pineapple (do not drain)
- 1 (14 oz) can whole cranberry
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
- 1 cup chopped apples

In a large bowl, dissolve the jello in boiling water by stirring for approximately 2 minutes. Add cold water, crushed pineapple, and cranberry sauce. Mix well until all is blended together. Add apples. Pour into a casserole dish (you can spray lightly with vegetable oil to help with serving). Put in refrigerator and let set. (4-5 hours) In a bowl, whip the cream with powdered sugar until set. In a separate bowl, beat the cream cheese until smooth. Add the whipped cream to the cream cheese and beat until smooth and blended well. Spread over the top of the set jello. Sprinkle nuts over the top. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.



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HEARS
YOUR
PRAYERS