

# *First Family News June/July 2021*

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**From the Pastor 's Desk**

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These are indeed exciting times. As we have wrapped up our construction project and beginning to use our new facilities it is exciting to see how the Lord is moving us forward in our continuing “Journey to Tomorrow”. He has provided these new and updated facilities so that we are ready to meet the needs of our church family and our community as we move out of the pandemic wilderness. The Lord has led us to create a new volunteer Minister of Christian Education and discipleship staff position and blessed us with someone to fill that position. As Jeff develops these areas of ministry it will serve to improve our ability to minister to each other, to the Oak Island community and beyond.

The Lord has guided us through the wilderness and as we come out the other side, we see that He has brought us through in good shape. The Lord has grown our church family and continues to bring new folks into our community. Praise to the Lord and each of you, we have come through the last year plus in very strong financial condition. Which also puts us on firm ground as we move forward on our “Journey to Tomorrow.”

The books have not been closed on our “Journey to Tomorrow.” The Lord has brought us a long way and there is still a way to go before we are home. Each of us still has room to grow in our personal spiritual walk. There is still work He would have us do here in our community, in North Carolina, North America and to the ends of the earth. Let us praise the Lord for all He has done in and through us and then let’s join hearts and hands as Jesus leads us boldly into the days ahead.

Always remember the Lord love you and so does your pastor. God bless!

*Pastor Charlie*

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, July 6th, at 7pm. Church leaders, please mark your calendars and plan to be at this meeting. Watch the announcements for continuing updates.



## SON DRENCHED

We will be conducting a week of Son Drenched Beach Ministry June 14-18 and July 12-16. We will hold the ministry each day from 10am until 2pm on the beach between the beach access at E. 14<sup>th</sup> Place and Ocean Crest Pier. Each day involves setting up tents, tables and chairs, inviting vacationers to come to the tent, doing a craft activity with all who come and then taking down the tables, chairs and tents at the end of the day. We have often done a Family Fun Night on the pier on Thursday evening of this week. At this activity we sing, do puppets, make balloon animals for the children and other fun activities. Sometimes Charlie Beartalker shows up. This week is a good outreach to the folks who visit our community. Plan to be a part. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Area. If you have questions ask Pastor Charlie or Jeff Stutts.



**August/ September 2021 Newsletter Info is due to the Church Office by Monday, July 12th.** All Department or Committee heads submitting information should mark their calendars or set reminders accordingly.  
**E-mail your articles to [secretary@fbcoi.org](mailto:secretary@fbcoi.org).**



Dear Church Family,

I first want to thank everyone for their support and confidence in me as I begin my new journey as your Minister of Christian Education and Discipleship. I am very excited to see how God will use me and this new position and how He is going to bless our church in the future. I feel a sense of excitement throughout our church as we approach a time of getting back to normal and as we begin our discipleship activities in the fall.

Our discipleship model will be in two parts. The first part consists of an information component where we will be conducting Discipleship training and classes. This will help our members grow in their spiritual journey and their walk with Christ. The second part is based on activities and going out into our community to meet the needs of those who are struggling with everyday problems and obstacles. I have begun reaching out to people and organizations in our community in hopes of forming a partnership with them to not only assist with quality-of-life issues but to help spread the gospel as a church family. Christ commanded us to go out into the cities to witness to the lost and we want to be obedient in our efforts. Our Evangelism committee will play an important role in this part of our Discipleship model but Christ commands we all use our spiritual gifts to build up the church so I'm looking forward to working with everyone as we go forward.

Also, I am so excited to have us back on the church campus for our Sunday morning Bible Study! God has certainly blessed us with awesome facilities and our attendance thus far has been more than I anticipated! We have some great studies beginning in June and I pray that if you have not found a class yet to please reach out to me so you may begin to learn and have true Christian fellowship with others.

Lastly, our Spiritual Gifts class and Starting Point class will begin in June on Sunday evenings at 7 pm. God has given us spiritual gifts for many purposes. Ultimately, **all of these gifts have been provided to equip us to glorify God.** The gifts of the Spirit were given *"for the **perfecting of the saints**, for the **work of the ministry**, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**: Till we all come in the **unity of the faith**, and of the **knowledge of the Son of God**, unto a perfect [complete, mature] man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ . . . speaking the truth in love, [that we] may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ"* (Ephesians 4:12–13, 15).

I pray that each of you learn what gift God has blessed you with and will learn how to use that gift to not only build up His church, but to come to a better understanding of the One who was sent here to teach us and to show us how to love and to serve.

In Christ, Jeffery Stutts

Minister of Christian Education and Discipleship



Praise the Lord (PTL) we're almost there!



### INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Our instrumental ensemble now has 2 Trumpets, 2 French Horns, 2 Clarinets, and 1 Trombone. We're planning to start the first of September and there's room for more players. Get that instrument out of the closet and come and join us. Even if you haven't played in a long time it will come back. The gift God gave you will come back and you can use your gift for His glory.

If you have an instrument and don't have the time to join us, then **consider letting the music ministry have or use your instrument for someone who may want to participate but doesn't own an instrument.** All instruments appreciated.

The fun continues with our melody bell choir. No music reading skills are required. All

you have to do is recognize your color and then ring your bell.



BY the time you read this article the Bells will have played for our Memorial service. I know you appreciate the way we were able to show our patriotism with the honoring of our flag and country. We still meet every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Come early (8:30 am) and have breakfast with us. **No sign-up required.** Just show-up and start ringing. Everyone, youth through senior adult, is invited. The summer would be a great time for our youth who are out of school to participate. Hope to see you next Tuesday.



We're only one or two ringers shy of having enough to add our handbells back to our music ministry. Music reading is not required. Pastor Raleigh will teach you everything you need to know. Come and be a part of this very worshipful addition to our music ministry. Contact Pastor Raleigh if you want this to be part of your giving back to the Lord.

*It looks like we are a GO for restarting our ASMC. We'll be "kicking it*



*off" with an "Open House" and registration party on Monday, August 30, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 we have been unable to offer the ASMC. Encourage your child or grandchild to join with us as we travel "Down by the Creekbank" to learn about God's creation. "Social guidelines" will be observed to protect the children and leaders. Our guidelines will correspond with the elementary school's procedures. Safety will be our top priority.*



*We want to welcome our newest member to the choir. Wayne Brookover has moved to the Island with his wife. He is from the D.C. area and will be an asset to the choir. We've started rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you have past experience singing in a choir or just enjoy singing for the Lord, come let's get those voices tuned-up for worship leading on Sundays. Contact Pastor Raleigh if you're interested.*

# ISLAND YOUTH

*reaching for higher ground*

June/July  
2021

## June

June 2 SBHS Graduation Day- No Youth  
June 6 9:45a Sunday School  
June 9 6:30p Bible Study  
June 13 9:45a Sunday School  
June 16 6:30p **SUMMER GAMES!**  
June 20 9:45a Sunday School  
June 23 6:30p Bible Study  
June 27 9:45a Sunday School  
June 30 6:30p Bible Study

## July

July 4 9:45a Sunday School  
July 7 6:30p Bible Study  
July 11 9:45a Sunday School  
July 14 6:30p **Pizza and Beach Night!**  
July 18 9:45a Sunday School  
July 21 6:30p Bible Study  
July 25 9:45a Sunday School  
July 28 6:30p **Mission Outing**

***Thank you for your continued prayers for our youth ministry!***

***Congratulations to all current and former FBCOI Youth members who graduated high school and/ or college in 2021:***



***Piper Alvarez  
Maggie Bishop  
Gracie Duncan  
Rebekah Gibby  
Peyton McCoy  
McKaylah Vining***

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8



It's a great time to be a child of God at First Baptist Church of Oak Island! We are thrilled to be able to meet in person on a regular basis and are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things. That means there are plenty of opportunities for you to be a part of training our youngest disciples!

## HELP WANTED

We need YOU!

Volunteers are needed to serve in:

- Our nursery during the worship hour. Three to four adults are needed each Sunday to serve in both the baby and toddler nurseries. With 9 teams, each person would only serve once every 2 months. Our nurseries are not always used, so volunteers may not be required to serve every time they are scheduled.
- Children's Church for a portion of the worship hour. Children and volunteers begin the service in the sanctuary and leave just before the sermon. Teams of two adults are asked to serve for two-week sessions. With 10 sets of volunteers, teams only serve twice per year. Materials are prepared in advance for you and include a video segment as well as options for crafts, games, and other activities.
- Vacation Bible School, August 8-12, 6:00-8:30. This year's VBS will serve rising Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. Opportunities to serve are available in all areas.
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Interested? Contact Beth Key at 704-517-7490 or [keysinapod@gmail.com](mailto:keysinapod@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

**JUNE 18 \* 5:30-7:30- JUNE JAM!**

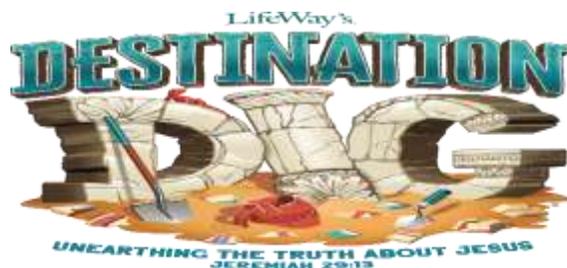
Bring the family for an evening of mission projects and games. Dinner provided. Please RSVP to Beth by June 15.

**JULY 17 \* 10:00-UNTIL**

Put on your swimsuit and sunscreen and pack your lunch, then meet at the 46<sup>th</sup> Street East access for a day of fun in the sun.

**AUGUST 8-12 \* 6:00-8:30**

Destination Dig! Come unearth the truth about Jesus with rising Kindergarten to Sixth graders. See Beth Key to volunteer.



## Women's Ministry

During March and extending through Easter, we received the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Our offering goal was \$10,000. Once again with your generous gifts we exceeded our goal. We gave \$8,920 to North American Missions and \$2,000 to True Vine Church, our partner church plant in Saugus, Massachusetts. Thank you for your gifts and prayers!

During April we collected gift cards from Food Lion, Walmart, Lowes Foods and Sam's Club for the Food Roundup for North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes. We sent a total of \$1,515! Thank you for shining Christ's light into their darkness.

With summer approaching, the Lena Early Mission Group will be taking a break during July and August. The other ladies' groups will continue to meet.

We are looking forward to the fall and the return of our Mission Friends, GAs, and RAs meeting again. Be watching for details in the next newsletter!

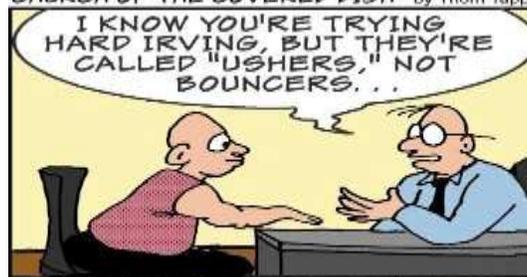
Joan Carter  
WMU Director



### Church Chuckles

*A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Preacher," said the young man, "I'm sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."*

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



Another good reason to have new member training.

# Happy Birthday

<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>
01 <i>Kelly Stutts</i>	02 <i>Jack Benjamin</i>
03 <i>Lauren McCoy &amp; Wes Heafner</i>	04 <i>Pat Eatmon</i>
06 <i>Julie Overpeck</i>	05 <i>Elaina Nobles</i>
07 <i>Nona Gabany &amp; Karen Schneider</i>	06 <i>Nancy Berry</i>
08 <i>Joan Carter</i>	07 <i>Lynn Mills</i>
11 <i>Rob Johnson</i>	10 <i>Sterlin Smith &amp; Lee Anna Sturkie</i>
17 <i>Eileen Davis</i>	11 <i>Chloe Key</i>
20 <i>Gary Holbrooks &amp; Bunnie Richardson</i>	14 <i>Paul Whitley</i>
21 <i>Lynn Cornelius</i>	16 <i>Evelyn Beavers</i>
22 <i>Gini Epps; Marion Gunther &amp; Beth Key</i>	18 <i>Amber Bolduc</i>
24 <i>Paul Cummings &amp; Martha Johnson</i>	20 <i>Evan Gescat; Adele Scott &amp; Joe Barker</i>
25 <i>Ann Carpenter</i>	23 <i>Randy Martin</i>
28 <i>Daniel Ward</i>	24 <i>Cassidy Barker</i>
29 <i>Shaun Wilcox</i>	25 <i>Becky Ennis &amp; Bebe Bridges Taylor</i>
30 <i>Marcia Palmeter</i>	27 <i>Susan Holbrooks</i>
	28 <i>Janice Finchum</i>
	29 <i>Peggy Fagg</i>
	30 <i>Adam Broadwell</i>
	31 <i>Linda Coble</i>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Property & Space- 7pm	2 <b>SBHS Graduation</b> Prayer Mtg./ Bible Study - 7pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Youth Bible - 6:30pm Prayer Mtg./ Bible Study - 7pm	10	11	12
13	14 Son Drenched Beach Ministry-----  Deacons- 7pm	15 -----	16 ----- <b>Youth Summer Games- 6:30pm</b> Prayer Mtg./ Bible Study - 7pm	17 -----	18 -----] <b>June Jam-Children's Ministry-5:30-7:30pm</b>	19
20 	21	22 Stewardship- 7pm	23 Youth Bible - 6:30pm Prayer Mtg./ Bible Study - 7pm	24 Men's Prayer Group- 7pm	25	26
27 <b>Todd Anniversary Celebration- 2-4pm</b>	28	29	30 Youth Bible - 6:30pm Prayer Mtg./ Bible Study - 7pm			



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4 Lord's Supper 	5	6 Church Council- 7pm Property & Space- 7pm	7 Youth Bible - 6:30pm Prayer Mtg./ Bible Study - 7pm	8	9	10
11	12 Son Drenched Beach Ministry-----  <b>Newsletter Info Due</b>  Deacons- 7pm	13 -----	14 ----- <b>Youth Pizza &amp; Beach Night - 6:30pm</b> Prayer Mtg./ Bible Study - 7pm	15 -----	16 -----]	17 <b>Beach Blast Day- Children's Ministry- 10am-?</b>
18	19 BBA Quarterly Meeting- 7pm	20 Stewardship- 7pm	21 Youth Bible - 6:30pm <b>Quarterly Church Conference- 7pm</b>	22 Men's Prayer Group- 7pm	23	24
25	26	27	28 <b>Youth Mission Outing - 6:30pm</b> Prayer Mtg./ Bible Study - 7pm	29	30	31