

# The Baptist Record

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



### Every breath you take...

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” (Psalm 150:6) Do we ever stop to recognize where every breath we take comes from? It is being given to us by the only one able to give life. Others may make false claims, but only Jesus delivers on every promise. This verse does not mean that we give the Lord praise one time and then we are finished. It means that once we start that we never stop. Obviously every word out of our mouth is not “praise Jesus, praise Jesus.” But every word we say, every deed that we do and every thought we have should leave no doubt as to who they are for. Jesus is the air we breathe. Jesus is the song we sing. Jesus is the life in me. May our desire be to praise the Lord with every breath we take.

Sunday was a great day to be in God’s house. May we seize every opportunity to worship our Lord corporately and individually. Both are avenues for us to begin looking for the lost. May the life we live never allow someone to truthfully say, “I didn’t know you were a Christian.” Let us leave no doubt about who we belong to.

It is getting close to the beginning of our new Sunday School year. The nominating committee is finishing up our list of teachers and committees. You may still be receiving a call to help. I plan to have a meeting for our Wednesday night programs on Aug. 21 at 5:45 p.m. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help.

*In Christ’s Love,  
Bro. Travis*



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Aug. 15 Maloy Gary
- Aug. 15 Leah Bland
- Aug. 15 Jean Ann Green
- Aug. 15 Tony Hester
- Aug. 17 Rachel Gray
- Aug. 18 Jo Faulkenbery
- Aug. 18 Linda Naramore
- Aug. 19 June Shaw
- Aug. 19 Mattelyn Booth
- Aug. 22 Jean Atkins
- Aug. 22 Lyle Hitt
- Aug. 22 Tayler Hitt
- Aug. 22 Amy Ellison Rhyne
- Aug. 22 Olivia Fields

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**Are you involved with a Bible study at FBC Eupora? Join us at 9:45 a.m. Sept. 1 as we begin a six-week church-wide study. We hope to see you there!**

### I pray that we fall in love with Christ all over again

*What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. James 2:14-18 (ESV)*

This passage begs the question: “How are your works?” If you are a born again believer in Jesus Christ, how is He working in

and through you? The more you think about above verses, the more common sense it really makes. Think of it this way: if I were to tell you that that I built houses for a living, which would be the best and most convincing way of doing it, by telling you or by bringing you to the job site and letting you watch me build the house? It’s the same way with our faith. It’s one thing to tell someone that you are a Christian, but it speaks volumes and brings life to your faith when you let your actions do the talking.

Don’t be mistaken. I’m not saying that we should do good works to prove to others that we are believers. Our love for Christ should

well up inside of us and burst forth into love and working for others all the time. That’s really the point of this article. Do we love Christ? Do our works reflect it? Do we devote ourselves totally to Him or are we living self-serving lives? Do we only think of ourselves and what is best for us - maybe we will help someone else when it is convenient? I pray that our church would fall in love with Christ all over again. I pray that our love for Him would be so great that each of us is bursting with urgency and conviction to help others and preach, teach, and spread the Gospel.

*Have a blessed week,  
Bro. Jason*

### There are so many opportunities to share the gospel

There has been a lot going on at First Baptist Church here in the last couple of days. Everyone has started back to school and getting back into a regular routine. We had our first annual Back to School Nerd Party last Wednesday night. It was a huge success full of prizes and chicken from Chick-Fil-A. It was good to see lots of parents and students come and have fun dressing up and playing the part of a nerd. One thing that I reminded the students about was what their goal was for the new school year. That goal is to share the Gospel with their peers and not be afraid to talk about their faith. There are so many opportunities to share the Gospel on their school campus and they are commanded by God to tell others about His message.

We as Christians sometimes are timid about whether or not we should share the Gospel with someone that we know is not a Christian. Sometimes it is fear of rejection or it could be that we just don’t want to. Jesus said that if we are ashamed of him on earth then he will be ashamed of us before His father in heaven. So, my challenge for all you teachers and students and everyone who may read this that is a believer in Christ Jesus, share the Gospel with those that don’t know Him. We are commanded to do so, LIVE UNASHAMED! (Romans 1:16)

*Blessings,  
Kevin Barnette*

### First graders are invited to join us for G-FORCE this year

Hey everybody! I hope you’ve had a good week at school.

We will have G-Force this week. We will have the second lesson in our series called “Zooplosion.” In this lesson, we will learn we can trust God to provide for us when we

are obedient. Our Bible verse will be “And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19.

This is a special invitation for all

new first graders to come to the fellowship hall right after Sunday School and join us this week! Hope to see you all there!

Have a great weekend!

*Love,  
Mrs. Anita*

### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday, August 18**  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship in the FLC  
11:00 G-Force (Children’s Worship for grades 1-6)  
5:15 Ignite (Bible study for youth)  
6:00 Evening Worship in the FLC
- Monday, August 19**  
6:30 Deacon’s Meeting
- Wednesday, August 21**  
9:30 Lifestyles WMU  
5:00 FOLLOW ME Simulcast  
5:45 MISSION Wednesday Group Meeting  
6:30 Prayer & Praise Service  
6:30 Revelation (Youth Bible Study & Worship)  
7:15 Adult Worship Choir Practice

### THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the gift of your VBS missions offering. Through your gift, many eternal seeds of the gospel were planted, souls were given to God and others surrendered to missions. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

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300 PLASTIC SHOEBOXES**  
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### SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Adult	160
College/Career	5
Youth	22
Children	14
Preschool/Nursery	10
Golden Living Center	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>239</b>

### FINANCIAL

Weekly Bud. Rec.	\$10,692.00
Weekly Bud. Need	\$10,413.35
Budget Needs to Date	\$333,227.20
Gifts to Date	\$341,033.50
Over Budget	\$7,806.30

### BUILDING FUND

Current balance	\$187,310.52
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**Nursery** — Charla Boatman  
**Children’s Church** — Carol Turner  
**Sanctuary Flowers** — Eunice Turner

### CHURCH STAFF

**Travis Gray**—Pastor  
**W. S. Stewart, Sr.**—Pastor Emeritus  
**Jason Carson**—Music Minister/Assoc. Pastor  
**Kevin Barnette**—Youth Director  
**Anita Russell**—Children’s Director  
**Yvonne Hitt**—Financial Secretary  
**Marcelle Robertson**—Custodian  
**Kathy Bailey**—Librarian  
**Sara Hitt**—Church Clerk  
**Gwen Sisson**—Church Secretary