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**Opportunities at First Baptist**

**Sunday, June 4**

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record broadcast)
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 11:30 AM Church Council Meeting

**Tuesday, June 6**

Last Day of School

**Wednesday, June 7**

- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM VBS Volunteers' Meeting
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, June 8**

8:30 AM VBS

**Friday, June 9**

8:30 AM VBS

**Saturday, June 10**

- 8:30 AM VBS
- 11:45 AM VBS Closing Celebration and Block Party

**Sunday, June 11**

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record broadcast)
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Youth Summer Sunday Party

**Tuesday, June 13**

10:00 AM Terrific Tuesday - Bowling and Lunch

**Wednesday, June 14**

- 12:00 PM Bible Study / Luncheon
- 3:33 PM Youth Summer Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, June 17**

9:30 AM Saturday Servants

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**The Lord's Supper  
Observance  
June 25th  
9:30am**

# VBS 2017

THURSDAY, JUNE 8 THRU SATURDAY, JUNE 10  
8:30AM - 12:15 PM

# LOST IN SPACE

RIISING 1ST-6TH GRADE INVITED  
CLOSING CELEBRATION AND BLOCK PARTY,  
JUNE 10, 11:30 - FREE LUNCH FOR FAMILIES  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR FREE TSHIRT IS JUNE 1

REGISTRATION LINK AT  
ANDERSONFBC.ORG



Dear First Baptist Family,  
We deeply appreciate your prayers and many acts of care, concern, and love during Randall's illness and recent passing. The calls, cards, visits, and delicious food meant so much. Thank you for being the loving church family you are.  
With our love,  
Dorothy Jeanne McClain

## CONGRATULATIONS!!



**Rosalind Grace Kozdon**

Born: May 21, 2017

8 lbs 19 ins

**Proud Grandparents:**

Dewey and Virginia Boyd

### First Baptist Church Contact Information

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**From one Minister to Another...**

As I write this, Memorial Day, 2017, is drawing to a close. I'm assuming that lots of us enjoyed cookouts over the long weekend. Many of us were traveling as well. Hope to see all of you back in church next Sunday--but glad you could get away as well!

We took a few moments in worship yesterday to remember the sacrifices that others have made for our freedom. It's up to us now to make sure that the price they paid was worth it!

Several years ago, a friend shared with me an editorial cartoon that reflects how we often celebrate Memorial Day. It pictured the bar code on a package of wieners with the caption, "The price of hotdogs."

Next came the register on a gas pump with the caption, "The price of gasoline." Finally, there was a cemetery grave marker and this sad and sobering caption: "The price of freedom."

Hopefully, we took a moment on Memorial Day to remember with gratitude those who have given their all for those of us who continue to enjoy the opportunities and freedoms this great nation affords us. And if you're a veteran who managed to survive your time at war, we thank you also for the sacrifices you've made!

**VBS NEEDS YOU!**

Many of our veterans responded to the call: "Uncle Sam Needs You!" Well, WE need some well-seasoned Christians to respond to the call to serve the Lord, His church, and His precious children in Vacation Bible School.

Amy has planned a VBS that's intentionally reaching out to our community to include children that have not likely been with us in VBS before. We're a church—it's what we do! Yes, this is our duty, and we need your help.

Yesterday's skit as we began worship gave us a taste of the good things to come as our fabulous FBC youth once again provide leadership for VBS. Year after year, they amaze me with their gifts and creativity.

I got to thinking about this, though. When I was their age, youth didn't provide leadership for VBS—ADULTS DID! Imagine that! Don't get me wrong. We do have adults who help each year—THANK YOU! But I'm sure Amy, along with all our youth and adult leaders would love to have you come alongside them to carry some of the leadership load.

Volunteer! Let Amy know (or Josh or me—we'll get the message to her if we can catch up with her!) of your willingness to serve. It will bless and encourage you to see the children at VBS and to observe our youth leaders—and their adult assistants—in action.

We're praying for a wonderful response to our invitation to the community to join us for VBS. Who knows? We may have enough children here that we really NEED your help. Wouldn't that be great!?

There's also the block party on Saturday—a good time to show our Christian hospitality and love. If you've got some to give, join us!

In a Spirit of Partnership...

*In a Spirit of Partnership...*

*James R. Thomason, Pastor*

PS With summer upon us, remember this is a time when many of our families are traveling. Let them know you've missed them so they'll realize we value their presence with us. Also, summer can be a time when the number of visitors increase (we had several last Sunday), so be on the look out for them as well so we can extend to them a very warm FBC welcome!

**Our Members in Action**

**June 4**

**Worship Childcare:**

Ginger Smith, Chad and Kara Waters

**Deacons of the Week:**

Patricia Torbert, Offertory Prayer  
Charles Cromer, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

Wes Wallace and David Frye

**June 11**

**Worship Childcare:**

Alicia Neal Darby and Leigh Maxwell

**Deacons of the Week:**

Alicia Neal Darby, Offertory Prayer  
Glenn Torbert, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

Jeff Neal and Glenn Bolt

**June Collection Committee**

Brian Eicke, Fran Singleton, John Nichols,  
Chad Walker, Alene Sullivan, Rusty Smith

**Wednesday Lunch & Supper**

**June 7**

**No Noon Meal or Bible Study due to preparation for Vacation Bible School.**

**June 14**

**Lunch**

BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw,  
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

(Suppers will resume September 6, 2017)

**\*Lunch Reservations\***

**Please contact the church office by Noon on Tuesdays to make or cancel your reservations.**



Choir rehearsals continue through **Wednesday, June 21st**. The Summer Choir begins **Sunday, July 2nd**. We will meet at 9:00am each Sunday before the worship service to rehearse. No experience is needed! WHO IS INVITED? EVERYONE!... Friends, family, summer "company," kids, grandkids, spouses, etc. Anyone 4th grade or older is welcome to join us! Regular Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will resume **Wednesday, August 2nd**.

**Church Council Meeting**

This Sunday, June 4 — 11:30am  
Deacons' Conference Room

**VBS Volunteers Meeting**

Wednesday, June 7 — 6:30pm  
This is an important meeting for all youth and adult VBS Volunteers.

**SUMMER YOUTH SCHEDULE**

**June**

- 7th - 6:30pm: **VBS Volunteer Meeting**
- 11th, 25th - 6:00pm: **Summer Sunday Party**
- 14th, 21st - 3:33pm: **Summer Bible Study**
- 23rd: **Greenville Drive Game \$10, sign up by July 11**
- 25th - 11:30am: **Passport Youth and Parent's Meeting**



**July**

- 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th - 6:00pm: **Summer Sunday Party**
- 5th, 26th - 3:33pm: **Summer Bible Study**
- 7th - 10:00am: **Hiking** Bring bagged lunch
- 9th—14th: **Passport Choices** final payment due July 9
- 27th - 9:30am: **Tubing \$10, bring bagged lunch**
- 31st: **Mission: Anderson** begins

**August**

- 1st—4th: **Mission: Anderson** continues
- 6th, 13th, 20th - 6:00pm: **Summer Sunday Party**
- 7th: **Carowinds \$35, sign up by August 1**
- 9th, 16th - 3:33pm: **Summer Bible Study**
- Date TBA: **Back to School Retreat**

**Passport Youth and Parents Meeting**

**June 25 - 11:30am**  
Youth and parents gather to sign paper work and receive important information for this year's Passport Camp.



**TERRIFIC TUESDAYS**

**THIS SUMMER**

(ages: rising 1st - 6th grade)

**6/13 - 10:00am**

**Bowling and Lunch**  
(bring \$7 and money for Chick-fil-A)

**6/20 - 10:00am**

**Tubing and Waterslide**  
(\$10, bring bagged lunch)

**6/27-30**

Passport Kids

**7/18**

**Swimming**  
(Location and time: TBA)

**7/25 - 9:45am**

**Movie**  
(Amstar, bring \$4)

**8/1 - 10:30am**

**Water Day**  
(FBC, free)

**8/7**

**Carowinds**  
(\$35, Register by 7/1)

**8/15:**

**End of Summer Party**  
(Location and time: TBA)