



THE TIE THAT BINDS

**July/August 2018 Newsletter of the
First Baptist Church of Bordentown**



FROM
THE
PASTOR



“When All of God’s Singers Get Home”

Luther G. Presley & Virgil O. Stamps wrote this remarkable gospel song years ago that speaks to the loss of good friends in the ministry of song. I was quickly reminded of this song as our church family said goodbye this past week to two of our longtime choir members in the persons of John Altman and Alex Palkovich. I praise God for sharing them with us. They both loved to sing and were such an important part of our choir’s men’s sections. Yes, they have left a hole. But now, as God has called them home, we are thankful that we were able to prepare them for this day and we must be reassured that their voices will continue to be heard both in heaven and on earth. Yes, death always feels like an intruder, but let us all long for the day ourselves when we see Jesus face to face.

The great songwriter, Gloria Gaither later added a monologue to this great gospel classic that gives us reassurance in our grief: "I like to think that before time began, before the world was created or galaxies flung into space, there was God-- and He was singing a song. The music was so beautiful that it had to be heard. So, God created... and down through the ages He's always had His singers who picked up fragments of the melody, hummed bits harmony, wrote phrases of poetry, or danced short movements.

"No one has ever heard the whole song since that day God sang it alone. But one of these days He will gather all His children home, and one by one the singers of all the ages will lift their voices and fill in the parts life taught to them. At last we'll hear love's sweetest song as it was first conceived in the heart of the great song writer Himself. It will be perfect. What music there will be when the song of the ages is sung around the Father's throne when all of God's singers get home!"

(Pastor's message continued)

One by one, God is assembling His great singers and we have to be blessed that in our loss we are helping to add to that great choir one by one. May we find peace and comfort in our loss and long for the day ourselves when we, too, will sing soprano, alto, tenor, or bass in front of Jesus.

In the Name of the Great Comforter,
Pastor Mark

What a song of delight in that City so bright
Will be wafted 'neath Heaven's fair dome!
How the ransomed will raise happy songs in His praise,
When all of God's singers get home!

CHORUS:

When all of God's singers get home,
Where never a sorrow will come;
There'll be "no place like home,"
When all of God's singers get home.

As We sing here on earth, songs of sadness or mirth,
'Tis a foretaste of rapture to come.
But our joy can't compare with the glory up there,
When all of God's singers get home!

Having overcome sin, "Hallelujah, AMEN!"
Will be heard in that land o'er the foam;
Every heart will be light and each face will be bright--
When all of God's singers get home!

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Worship for July

Sunday, July 1st

Eric Hoheisel, Associate Regional Pastor, preaching

Communion Served

Scripture: Isaiah 30:15-21

Message "God is Sloooowwww Good!"

Continuing the Series: Who Am I?



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Sunday, July 8th

Scripture: Ephesians 5:1-21

Message: "I Am Adopted"

Sunday, July 15th

Scripture: Ephesians 5:22-33

Message: "I Am Loved"

Sunday, July 22nd

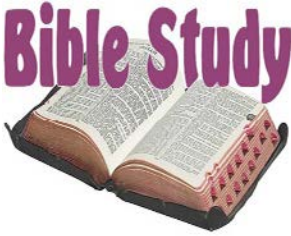
Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-9

Message: "I Am Rewarded"

Sunday, July 29th

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-24

Message: "I Am Victorious"



For July and August

Wed/Thurs, July 4th/5th
NO Bible Study

Wed/Thurs, July 11th/12th
Colossians 3:1-17
Living Differently

Wed/Thurs, July 18th/19th
NO Bible Study

Wed/Thurs, July 25th/26th
Colossians 3:18-21
Home, Sweet Home

Wed/Thurs, August 1st/2nd
Colossians 3:22-4:1
What About Work?

Wed/Thurs, August 8th/9th
Colossians 4:2-6
A Mouth That Makes A Difference

Wed/Thurs, August 15th/16th
Colossians 4:7-18
Companions on the Journey

Wed/Thurs, August 22nd/23rd
Philemon 1:8-21
The Miracle of Forgiveness

Wed/Thurs, August 29th/30th
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
True Transformation

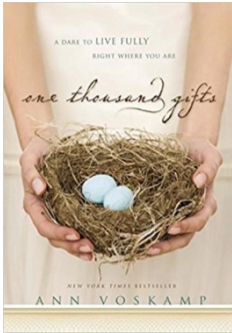
Keep Praying For

Barry Carlson
Phil Heitzenroeder
Mary Lou Hengeli
Paige Inman
Mike Immordino
Scott Magowan
Michael McCormick

Betty Nelson
Madeline Strusz
Dorothy Wilbert
Terry Zahorchak
Rose Zaiss
Truck Stop Ministry



New Summer Bible Study



Just like you, Ann Voskamp hungers to live her one life well. Forget the bucket lists that have us escaping our everyday lives for exotic experiences. 'How,' Ann wondered, 'do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does the Christ-life really look like when your days are gritty, long--and sometimes even dark? How is God even here?' In *One Thousand Gifts*, Ann

invites you to embrace everyday blessings and embark on the transformative spiritual discipline of chronicling God's gifts. It's only in this expressing of gratitude for the life we already have, we discover the life we've always wanted...a life we can take, give thanks for, and break for others. We come to feel and know the impossible right down in our bones: we are wildly loved--by God. Let Ann's beautiful, heart-aching stories of the everyday give you a way of seeing that opens your eyes to ordinary amazing grace, a way of being present to God that makes you deeply happy, and a way of living that is finally fully alive. Come live the best dare of all!

The Bible Study will meet every other Thursday, beginning June 28th at 7:00 p.m.

From the Trustees



We continue to address Building Safety improvements. In addition to the existing availability of oxygen in the church lounge, there are newly stocked first aid kits located in the upstairs and downstairs kitchens as well as in the foyer just outside the lounge. New blood pressure cuffs are available in

the lounge and a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is now available (located in the foyer just outside the lounge). Recently placed exit plan cards in each pew have been recently supplemented with placard signs on the rear wall of the sanctuary indicating emergency evacuation exits. We will be trying to arrange for CPR/AED training in the near future for those who may wish to participate.

On June 10 after church services, Ken Neeld presented to the congregation a mid-year summary of the Local Expense Treasurer's financial data that included actual expenses incurred, budgeted amounts, variances, and income to date. A five-page handout, with status as of May 31, 2018, was made available to all of those who attended and a question and answer period followed the presentation.

The City of Bordentown Zoning & Enforcement Officer had issued a formal citation to the property owner adjacent to our Education Building. The Owner was required to clean-up his yard and vegetation that has overgrown into our 5 ft. section of property and to do so by May 25. This date has come and gone without compliance. We will pursue the next step with the City.

Two new window air-conditioners have been purchased. One was installed in the nursery to replace the non-functioning one. The other air-conditioner will be installed in the Sunday School Room/Youth Group Room above the upper fellowship hall area kitchen.

Trustees continued

The room air-conditioner donated last year for use in the lounge has been re-installed for the summer season.

Warren Bell has weeded and distributed mulch in the planting area in front of the church on Prince Street. Big improvement! Thanks, Warren.

We are getting competitive pricing for replacement of the Parsonage heating system circulation pump. It has been determined that the pump would most likely fail during the upcoming heating season and we are trying to head off the need for an "emergency replacement" during the middle of the winter.

The boilers for the sanctuary and educational building have received their annual inspection, again well before the heating season. Some very minor repairs were required on the steam boiler and this repair will take place once the part that was ordered arrives.

The Trustees have authorized the change in telephone service from Line Systems to Comcast. New Comcast internet service will also be installed in the church office. These services are scheduled to be installed during the second week of July and will greatly enhance our ability to communicate more effectively.

Some preliminary drawings are being sketched out in an effort to start our more detailed thinking process regarding the possible installation of a handicapped bathroom and storage area in the existing Toddler Room of the Educational Building. We will be obtaining some preliminary pricing to see what the magnitude of such a project would entail. Should the project go forward, we anticipate trying to use some of our congregation members that have construction experience to help bring down costs.

The newly purchased sound equipment for the sanctuary has arrived. Paul Chapin and other church volunteers anticipate starting to move forward with the installation during the last week of June.

A portrait of Rev. Eric Hoheisel, a man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing some greenery and a building.

Welcome Rev. Eric Hoheisel Associate Region Pastor American Baptists of New Jersey

Eric was born and raised in Ohio and grew up in a devout and loving Catholic family. Even at a young age he felt he might be called to ministry. That tug continued as he attended a Lutheran College and became involved in a non-denominational campus ministry. After college he moved to Washington DC and worked in urban ministry from 1987-1990 with Youth With a Mission – feeding the homeless and coordinating a Congressional Staff Fellowship. In the early 1990's he served as Executive Director of Love and Action, a ministry to men, women, and children with HIV/AIDS. While in Seminary at Eastern Baptist (Palmer) Seminary he served two congregations, Washington Community Fellowship (Mennonite) and Shiloh Baptist Church (ABC), eventually finding his home in the American Baptist Family.

After graduation he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown for two years, after which he received a call to pastor the Oaklyn Baptist Church in 1997. His pastorate in Oaklyn has lasted for nearly 20 years, and he has been active in ABCNJ life during that time. He has served as both Moderator and Secretary of The Greater Delaware Valley Association. He helped organize the S.M.A.S.H Youth Ministry and worked on the merger of two Associations in 2002. He has served on the Board of the Options Pregnancy Care Center in Cherry Hill, and he and his wife are active in the local chapter of the Autism Society of America. His wife, Jennifer, is a Professor of Philosophy at Camden County College and specializes in Biomedical Ethics. They have two adult sons.

Rev. Hoheisel continued

Rev. Hoheisel has a keen interest in prayer as a spiritual discipline and a passion for leading retreats and spiritual formation for others who also desire to grow in this essential practice. As an artist he finds great joy in establishing connections between spirituality and the fine arts. "I am thankful," he says, "for the privilege to serve all of the churches of our region as they seek to go deeper with God and live as generous witnesses to Christ in our world."

Worship for August

New Series: Some teachings of David



Sunday, August 5th Communion Served

Scripture: 1 Samuel 20

Message: "We Need Friends"

Sunday, August 12th

Scripture: 1 Samuel 25

Message : "We Need Grace"

Sunday, August 19th

Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:17-27

Message: "We Need to Mourn"

Sunday, August 26th

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-15

Message: "We Need Intimacy"



Time Change – Sunday School doesn't end for the summer! Beginning July 1st, Summer Intergenerational Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. Come if you're in town.



On Sunday July 29th, we will once again celebrate the institution of marriage in our morning worship. If you have celebrated or will be celebrating a wedding anniversary this year that ends in a "0" or "5," please let Pastor Mark know by completing the tear-off portion of the bulletin and placing it in the offering plate. Help us celebrate you and the rest of the church family that day.



Pastor Mark and Lynne will be away on vacation from June 30th to July 7th. If you need pastoral care during Pastor Mark's absence, please call our Diaconate chair, Amy Farina at 609-298-1992.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BORDENTOWN

CAMP CROSSROADS

July 16-20 6:30-8pm



127 Prince Street, Bordentown
Prizes, Fun, Games, Bible Story, Songs, Snack
Register: 609-291-9250



Thank you!

To My Dear Church Family,

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the preparation of John's funeral service. Pastor Mark for preparing the celebration of his life, delivering a heartwarming tribute, and the many visits to Capital Health and Mercerville Center. To the Choir for their beautiful honoring of John. To the women who prepared the luncheon. Thank you all who for your prayers and cards.

*Your friend in Christ,
Joan Altman*



Summer Fun and Service

Youth Group will meet during the summer beginning Thursday July 5th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, instead of Sunday evenings.

July 27-29 – Summer retreat to the beach.

The weekend will be filled with fun and service. Staying at the First Baptist Church of Manasquan and doing cleanup and repair on Saturday throughout the shore community in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. You can look forward to some swim time and boardwalk time as well. Cost is \$50 per person.

August 8th – Swim & BBQ Party at the Bordentown Community Pool. Stay tuned for the time.

Look forward to a trip to Great Adventure sometime during the summer as well. Any questions, see Pastor Will or Keith McWhirk.



July Birthdays

Jim McCormick	1
Terry Bell	2
Susan Scassero	6
Tracey Lease	9
Nancy Nelson	9
Victoria Huber	10
Paul Chapin	11
Evan Roohr	11
Sara Lewis	14
Brian Heitzenroeder	14
Andrew Scassero	16
John Kettner	24
Elizabeth Harrison	26
Colleen Schaeffer	27



August Birthdays

Lindsey Bell	2
Lillian Brady	3
Ray Sullivan	4
Barry Carlson	14
Gillian Lease	14
Pastor Mark Stauffer	14
Junior Socito	15
Bill Carson	16
Kristy Franks	20
Terry Zahorchak	20
Skylar Lease	21
John Brady	22
Madeline Strusz	22
Lindsay Blair	25
Melanie De la Cruz	25





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship	2	3 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m.	4	5 Youth Gr. 7:00 p.m.	6	7
Pastor Mark and Lynne on Vacation June 30 th – July 7 th						
8 9:30 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship	9	10 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m.	11 Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	12 Bible Study 11:00 a.m. & 7 p.m. Youth Gr. 7:00 p.m.	13	14
15 9:30 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship	16	17 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m.	18	19 Youth Gr. 7:00 p.m.	20	21
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 16-20th 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.						
22 9:30 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship	23 Motel Ministry 3:00 p.m.	24 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m.	25 Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	26 Bible Study 11:00 a.m. & 7 p.m. Youth Gr. 7:00 p.m.	27	28
						Manasquan Mission Trip July 27 th -29 th
29 9:30 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:30 am Diaconate	30	31 Chr. Education 7:00 p.m.	Notes:			

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	2 Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	3	4
5 9:30 a.m. S.S. 10:15 a.m. Worship	6	7 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m.	8 Youth Gr. & Drop-In Pool Party Bible Study 7:15 p.m.	9 Bible Study 11am & 7pm Youth Gr. 7:00 p.m.	10	11
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