

JULY 2026 BROADCASTER

David Shepherd King

We had a wonderful week at Vacation Bible School learning about David as a shepherd boy and as a king! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to make VBS happen! Special thanks to Tom Honegger for our David and Goliath props!



"I CAN FACE MY GIANTS WITH CONFIDENCE!"

July's Mission Spotlight is One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering began in 1949 as a response to the devastation of World War II. A broadcast including an address by President Harry S. Truman concluded by asking Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. More than 75,000 churches responded. Today, OGHS serves people in over 80 countries around the world. Sponsored by five Christian denominations (including our own American Baptist Churches USA) and Christian World Service, OGHS makes sure we can respond to needs as soon as they happen and that tens of thousands receive support for ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and development. When she was here earlier this year, Kit Ripley shared that OGHS helped repair the New Life Center after devastating flooding in Northern Thailand. Thanks to OGHS, they were able to continue the Center's important work with survivors of trauma. You can contribute to OGHS by designating a portion of your offering towards this mission this month and by praying for the recipients of our united love offering.



This is our church's QR Code. Use your QR reader in your phone's camera to scan it. The link will take you to our website where you'll find recordings of our services, the weekly bulletin, an opportunity to give to our Church and missions, and more.

You Mean You Want Me To Get In Front of People?

Agoraphobia or Glossophobia is all too common in the church, even our church. Fear of being in front of people or speaking in front of people can be a reason why getting in front of church can be so hard. Even celebration days, weddings, or baptisms, can be nerve-wracking to some. And then there is the risk of being emotional in front of others, such as while sharing a memory at a remembrance of life service.

True, things do not always go to plan, but when you are in front of family, either biological family or brothers and sisters in Christ, we know that it might be a little better. Keep in mind, we don't want to see perfection, we want to see you! We want to learn about you, from you. We want to hear a prayer request directly from you. We want to participate in your big days, like the day you dedicate your child to the Lord and pledge to raise them in a way in which they will know of the good news of the gospel and see it lived out through you.

Sometimes, shy as we might be, we need to accept a round of happy birthday singing from the church, or share our testimony. This connects us with the church as a whole and with each other as individuals. One simple analogy is learning to dance. If the body of Christ is to learn how to dance, then the parts of the body need to learn how to coordinate with each other. You get better through practice and familiarity.

Please don't be too shy to share your big life faith moments with us as a congregation. I am often glad I have and love the memories of those days. We are never perfect, but God loves us and blesses our willingness to share with fellow believers and those who need to believe in Jesus' name for salvation for the first time.

In Love, Rev. Andrew Shields, Senior Pastor

May Financial Update

May was a typical month for actual expenses and giving. Year to date, we're within about \$500 of both budgeted and actual giving and expenses.

	March	April	May	YTD
*Giving:	\$21,286	\$19,557	\$20,622	\$100,419
Budget:	\$20,167	\$20,167	\$20,167	\$100,835
Difference:	\$1,119	-\$610	\$455	-\$419

*Giving includes Day Care reimbursements and is adjusted for prepaid offerings.

God is Good and continues to bless!

FIRST BAPTIST DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

As we enter the month of July, I have been reminded how important it is to cherish the people we love and appreciate the time we have together. Life can change quickly and it's often the simple moments with family and friends that become our most treasured memories. This year has brought some challenges for my family and I would greatly appreciate your prayers for my family. My mom passed at 1:19am on June 22nd. Your prayers, support, and kindness mean more than words can express.

This month, I encourage everyone to count their blessings, spend time with loved ones and trust God through both the good times and the difficult ones. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalms 46:1

May God bless you and your families this month.

God bless, Mr. Caleb



July birthdays...

28th – Miss Julia – Lead Wobbler Teacher

Looking ahead...

CLOSED July 3rd – 4th of July Observed

An Update from the Diaconate on "Implementing Our Future" For Our Church:

- In March, we hosted a seminar with Rev. Mark Eaton who spoke about the process of revitalizing a church and what is involved.
- In May and June, we had a book study on "There's Hope for Your Church," facilitated by Sue Siesel. Active participation and discussions among several individuals led us to our next steps.
- We're currently in the process of assessing four areas of our church: worship, membership, outreach/evangelism, and Christian education. We are exploring what we are currently doing, considering what other churches have done, and determining what we would like to do in the near future. Nothing is out of bounds for consideration!

Got some ideas to share? Please talk to any member of the diaconate! We would love to have everyone's input as we consider where God is leading First Baptist in the next 3-5 years.

- The Deacons: Karlyn Lauer, Sue Siesel, Sue Honegger, Patti Tuerck, Beth Sanders, Andrew Gleason, and Adam Hawkins

GIGGLES IN THE GARDEN PARTY



The women of the church and their friends are invited to an afternoon of fun and fellowship on Saturday, July 18th from 1-3pm. Humor is the theme and local comedian Jodi McDermitt will be speaking. Everyone is encouraged to bring an item that will make the group laugh. A light lunch will be served. Tickets are \$10 and buy one get one free to encourage you to bring your friends! Call the church office or see Sue Siesel or Beth Sanders to buy tickets!