

4th of July CHURCH PICNIC

WE WILL PROVIDE HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS, PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE. FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS.



WE'LL HAVE WATER SLIDES AND FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS. DRESS ACCORDINGLY OR BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES.

Saturday, JULY 4TH @ 11 AM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF POLK CITY

The purpose of this Church is to worship and enjoy the Lord Jesus Christ, share His plan of Salvation with the world, teach people how to live as Jesus followers, and share His love with everyone.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

<u>Sunday:</u> (For ALL ages)		
Sunday School		9:00 AM
Worship Service		10:00 AM
Children's Church		10:00 AM
Evening Worship		6:00 PM
<u>Monday:</u>		
Men's Prayer Meeting		6:00 AM
Ladies Prayer Meeting		9:30 AM
Visitation		6:00 PM
<u>Wednesday:</u>		
Kids Club (K - 5th grade)		7:00 PM
Catalyst (6th - 12th grade)		7:00 PM
Adult Bible Study & Prayer		7:00 PM

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Friday, July 10th at 6:00 PM

Come out for a night of food and entertainment as the youth put on a talent show to raise money for summer camp which is July 20th - 24th.

We will have a spaghetti dinner. All donations will go towards the youth going to Student Life Camp at Lake Yale in Leesburg.

The cost per kid to go to camp is \$400.

We hope to see you there!

Please be in prayer for this community outreach event! We will have food, bounce houses, a prayer booth, Bibles, and more. Our goal is to have 200 backpacks full of school supplies, hygiene items, and food to help kick off a good school year for the students in our community.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Loose Leaf Paper
- Notebooks
- 3 Prong Folders w/ Pockets
- Pencil Cases
- Pencils
- Pens
- Crayons/Colored Pencils
- Rulers
- Glue Sticks
- Tissues
- Brush/Comb
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Single Serve Fruit Cups/Applesauce
- Cheese & Peanut Butter Crackers
- Ramen Noodles/Mac & Cheese
- Single Serve Cereal/Oatmeal
- Granola Bars
- Cans of Soup/Chef Boyardee

WE'RE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR OUR



BACK TO SCHOOL

BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

We will have our backpack packing service on Sunday, July 26th during the evening service. We would love to have you come pack the backpacks to be ready for our backpack giveaway and pray over the backpacks and our community outreach event.

A word
from our
pastor

As we enter July, we leave behind the cool mornings and prepare to endure the summer heat. I am reminded of the way God has ordered His creation. The changing seasons and steady rhythms of the world around us remind us of His faithfulness and sovereignty, giving us confidence that the One who sustains creation will also faithfully sustain His people.

This month, we especially reflect on the freedom we enjoy—not only as citizens of our nation, but even more as citizens of God’s eternal kingdom. As we celebrate Independence Day with family and friends, let us give thanks for the greater freedom found in the gospel through Jesus Christ.

I am looking forward to our Fourth of July celebration, a wonderful opportunity to gather as a church family, enjoy fellowship, and welcome others into our community. In addition, our students will be heading to youth camp. Let us join together in praying that God will strengthen their faith, deepen their love for His Word, and draw those who do not yet know Him to salvation. We trust that the seeds planted there will bear fruit not only in their lives but also in the life of our church.

As summer continues, may we remain faithful in worship, devoted to His Word, and eager to love and serve one another. May we walk each day in the joy and purpose that only Christ can provide.

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 5:1

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
Pastor Halston

Hey everyone, I just wanted to say happy quincentennial (250) to America! I hope you will have an amazing 4th of July and that you will make it to our Church wide Picnic that day. Also, I wanted to give a huge shout out to all the men who sang in our Father’s Day Men’s choir. I heard so many compliments that if you guys are not careful you may have to sing more often.

Just a reminder that even though the choir is still off this month that we are always looking for new instruments to add to our band. However, if you are interested in singing with the Choir we will start back practice on Sunday, August 2nd at 5pm. I hope to see you then!

Making a joyful noise,
Joey Hufschmidt



Tithes and Offerings for the
Months of April & May:
April: \$37,586.86
May: \$49,736.57

Welcome New Members for the
Months of April & May:

Welcome

By Statement
Joy McKeegan
Kimberly Finley
By Baptism
Jessica Carroll

We will have our Quarterly Business Meeting on
Sunday, July 19th at the end of the evening service.
All documents will be available
for you to review on
Sunday, July 12th.



Happy 4th Of July

Hello Ladies, please join us for our next **Sisters of Strength** meeting Tuesday, July 21st at 6 pm. We will be talking about how important our Freedom in Christ is during the month the nation is celebrating our 250th Country's independence.

Dee Dee Schreibung
Women's Ministry Leader

Submit as free people, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but as God's slaves. 1 Peter 2:16

In the Natural Sense, July is a time of remembrance and celebration. It is an opportunity to look back over our country’s history and remember where we came from, the struggles of our ancestors and the basic premises on which we were founded. One of them is the freedom to worship as we desire without being told what church or beliefs were authorized by the government. The concept of “separation of Church and State” was for the State to stay out of the Church but the Church was allowed to be involved in the State.

In the Spiritual Sense, it is an opportunity to exercise one of the freedoms our forefathers fought for – the freedom to attend the church of our choice and to become involved in all of the programs offered. One of those programs/opportunities involves Sunday School. – a great opportunity to become personally involved with other members, supporting and encouraging each other and to enjoy studying the scriptures together. We have classes for all ages and encourage you to come join us at 9am each Sunday.

David Bridges: Sunday School Director



Hey everyone, July is a BIG month for our youth! First we will have our last fundraiser before camp. On Friday July 10th we will have FBC’s Got Talent, this will be a night of entertainment as the youth demonstrate their talents and you will get to enjoy that while you eat some spaghetti. All donations will go to support our youth as they get ready to go to camp at Lake Yale July 20-24. Please be in prayer that God would do something absolutely amazing in the lives of our students. Lastly, just a reminder that Catalyst will continue to start at 7pm until AWANA starts back. See you soon!

Joey, Youth Minister

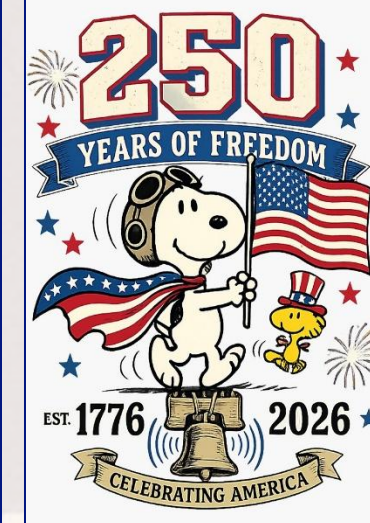


Women on Mission will not meet for the month of July. We will meet again in August.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes give thousands of children the opportunity to hear the Gospel, take the Greatest Journey, and learn to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. In order to have a packing party this year, we need to have enough donations to pack 100 shoeboxes. Soon we will be assessing the donations that have come in to determine if we are still able to have the packing party.

I pray that your summer has been wonderful!

Love in Christ,
Marty Scott
Women on Mission Leader



Well Men, the heat is on and we can all feel it for sure! Come and be part of our 4th of July cookout and let's do what men do...GRILL!!! I truly hope to see you all and don't forget Iron Disciples every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm!

Serving Him together with you,
Andrew, Men's Ministry Leader



Our Summer Welding Discipleship Program has begun, and we are excited to educate, encourage, and evangelize our next generation. Please pray for this ministry and the students as we disciple and learn together. I'm so proud of these boys as they are learning the valuable skill of welding and what it looks like to be a godly man.

Serving Him with you,
-Brother Andrew, Luke 5 Ministries

