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THE FIRST WORD

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What it Means to be a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Church

The following excerpt from a June 13, 2018, article by *Suzii Paynter in *The Dallas News* explains what it means to be a CBF church.

Four freedoms have formed the core of Baptist life historically, and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship continues to affirm these values:

- Soul freedom: Every person has full access to God without the need for a human authority to mediate that relationship.
- Bible freedom: Individuals can and should interpret Scripture under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in consultation with others but not in obedience to others.
- Church freedom: Each local church is fully autonomous in its governance and is not answerable to a denominational hierarchy;
- Religious freedom: The separation of church and state provides the best protection for both religious minorities and majorities and for the secular government.

These freedoms yield diversity in the forms and practices of faith within the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's denominational network. This diversity flows naturally from the Baptist preoccupation with the freedom of choice. One essential quality of CBF is diversity in expression and common devotion in love.

Cooperative Baptists were formed 27 years ago, in 1991, because of differences with the SBC over theology, church governance, and how to interpret the Bible. Chief among those differences was the belief among us that women should generally be granted equal opportunity to serve in any capacity alongside men. God does not discriminate by gender in granting gifts for leadership in the home, the church, or the world.

The beauty of CBF is also found in our mission-focused churches and in our people. Together, we form a "denomi-network" that provides maximum freedom with maximum cooperation in mission, ministry, and service to others that reflects the generous love of Christ. Each church can follow the leadership of the Spirit in the calling of that congregation.

Allowing churches to flourish in their context and culture and with the giftedness of their members reflects the scriptural image of one body with many distinct but cooperating parts. CBF welcomes churches and individuals of diverse beliefs and divergent practices, seeing those differences as opportunities for our communities of faith to learn from one another and grow.

Cooperative Baptists believe that the good news of the Gospel is still good news. We believe that being Baptist still matters and that Cooperative Baptists have an identity of compassion, seeking justice while serving and loving our neighbor in the example of Jesus Christ.

Looking ahead, we must make visible those things that matter - things like love, joy, peace, kindness, faithfulness, and perseverance. You know, those things about which all Baptists can agree.

—Edited by Marilyn Butler

*The Rev. Suzii Paynter is executive coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

For more information about our beliefs on the role of women in church life, see the research paper in our church office on "Reexamining the Biblical Evidence" by Dr. David Stancil.



Steele Creek Park Shelter G

**Sunday evening, July 8, 6 to 8 p.m.!!
(Come early; we have the shelter all day)**

Activities for all ages!

Live music by Anthony Mangrum

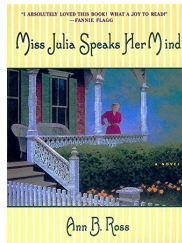
**Meat and drinks provided by the church.
Bring your favorite salad, dessert,
or side item.**

Admission to the park is free - mention at the gate you are with First Baptist Bristol. This is a great time to invite an unchurched friend or neighbor.



Looking for wholesome, fun summer reads? Your FBC Library has lots of Miss Julia Series books by Ann Ross. You **must** read the first one, *Miss Julia*

Speaks Her Mind, before you proceed to the others. One of our newest is *Miss Julia Lays Down the Law*, the 16th in the New York Times bestselling series. It's November and Miss Julia is looking forward to some quiet time before the holidays when snobby



Connie Clayburn and her rich husband move to town. After Connie heaps criticism of Abbotsville on a group of locals who were invited over for coffee, Miss Julia decides to confront her woman to woman. That's when she walked in on her lying on the kitchen floor--lifeless. This launches everyone's favorite steel-magnolia into her most rousing and arresting escapade ever.

Also, parents and teachers, don't forget we have many new, character-building, beautifully-illustrated books for the younger set in the Children's Room. Come by and scope out the ones on display.



Your Pastor Search Committee continues to review resumes for the position of Senior Pastor at FBC of Virginia. We have interviewed many candidates but as of now have not found the right fit for our church. We are having discussions with several candidates and are cautiously optimistic as we move forward. Continue to pray for your Pastor Search Committee as we continue our journey.



Our **Quarterly Business Meeting** will be held on Sunday, July 22, after the morning worship service when there will be a luncheon provided. According to our church's by-laws, chairs of teams and boards are asked to give a quarterly report of the group's activities. The report can be either written or oral. If the report is written, please give a copy to the church office so copies can be made for the membership. If at all possible, please submit the report no later than July 19. The information you share will be helpful in keeping the membership informed of what is happening in our church.



First Baptist Church acknowledges with gratitude each gift you have given in memory of or in honor of loved ones and friends.

Bereavement Fund

In memory of Jonathan Roberts, son of Donna Wohlford
By Hannah Sunday School Class of FBB

Debt Retirement Fund

In honor of JoAnne Barbour

By her grandchildren, Nathan & Matt Barnes,
Sophie, Hannah, & Tess Finke, & Riley Barbour

Capital Fund – Windows

In honor of Bob & Betty Jones

By Regina Walters

First Baptist Fund

In honor of Abraham Davies,

son of Rhys & Deidre Davies

In memory of Jonathan Roberts

By Gene & Jane Eller

Special Music/Concerts Fund

In memory of Jonathan Roberts

By Bob & Penny Bruce

Youth Ministry Fund

In memory of David Thompson

By Eddie Robinette

JOANN FEAZELL CHOIR REUNION

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2018

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BRISTOL, VA

ALL CRIB CHOIRS - YOUTH TOURING CHOIRS FOR 45 YEARS

****Visit the FBC website and click on the Joann Feazell Choir Reunion slide to find more information and to register for the event. There is NO registration fee, we are just trying to get a head count.****

Joann Feazell Memorabilia

The reunion committee is seeking any photos, posters, programs or other items that you would like to display during the weekend of the reunion. All items will be returned. Please clearly mark your items and drop them off to the collection point in the church office. Contact Linda Spouse at 276-591-3235 if you have questions or need additional information.

BalladHealth 

FBC is responsible for Ballad Health Hospice needs August 1 - 15. We are responsible for providing meals for the families and restocking the pantry with food and paper goods. Monetary donations can be made to the church for the supplies. Sharon Kerr and Lu Ann Crockett are in charge of shopping. Nell Campbell is coordinating the meals. She will be contacting volunteers during July.



TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Terrific Tuesdays - Children ages 2 1/2 - 5th grade are invited to be a part of Terrific Tuesdays which includes games, sports, swimming, and learning of God's love for us and how to share it! Tuesday, July 10, will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 31, will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. If your **preschooler** is attending the afternoon activity on July 10, there must be a parent available to attend with them for liability purposes due to this being a swim activity. On July 31, all preschool - 5th graders will be visiting the Ripley's Aquarium in Gatlinburg, TN. We will be leaving at 8 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m.

Terrific Tuesday Schedule

July 10 - Kingsport Aquatic Center - Kingsport, TN
July 31 - Ripley's Aquarium - Gatlinburg, TN

Call or visit the office to register during regular business hours or contact Tabettha Palumbo at tabetha@fbcbristol.org. You can download the forms on the church website, www.fbcbristol.org. There are spots available for both remaining Terrific Tuesdays.

***If a booster seat is required, parents will need to leave one at the church.**



The Mission Team will be collecting school supplies for local children in need. Stores already have items on sale. A collection box is in Rosser Hall to drop off your donations. Schools are back in session at the beginning of August, so please have donations in by the end of July.



Christmas in July - Communities in Schools, an organization which supports Bristol, VA, students, has requested that we join them in providing school clothes. Please contact Tim Hiss at (423) 878-4467, if you are interested in adopting a student.

Monetary donations are also appreciated. The deadline is July 25.

Our Staff

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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June 2018 Financial Report Capital Campaign

Budgeted Income	\$ 34,800.00
Actual Income	\$ 28,823.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 30,150.00
Monthly Gain/(Loss)	\$ (1,327.00)

Year-To-Date for 2018

Budgeted Income	\$ 224,080.00
Actual Income	\$ 218,780.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 199,896.00
YTD Gain/(Loss)	\$ 18,884.00

Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 146,521.00
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Ushers for the Month of June

Head Usher: Dean Cloyd (423) 968-3462
Gilbert & Young Ja Coleman
Greg Stubbs & Steve Talbert
Michael Warren & Tanner Poore
Nic & Tripp Crockett

Greeters:

July 1, 8, & 29 - Dennis & Sandy Leonard
July 15 & 22 - Eldon & Linda Wilson

Deacon of the Week for

July 1 - Mike Browder
July 8 - Jennifer Rouse
July 15 - Matt Chandler
July 22 - Leroy Doran
July 29 - Dennis Hare