



125 Sedgefield Street  
BRISTOL, VIRGINIA 24201

## THE FIRST WORD

June 2021

First Baptist Family,

After nearly a year and a half, things are finally beginning to return to some semblance of normal. By now, you've already seen or heard the announcement from the CDC recommending that people fully vaccinated no longer need to wear masks or physically distance from others. As I've previously mentioned, the CDC still recommends that those who are not vaccinated, including children, and those with compromised immune systems continue to wear masks. Additionally, I'm sure that some who are fully vaccinated will choose to continue to wear a mask for various reasons. To be respectful of those who choose to wear masks and those who don't, we've planned several church events this summer. These events are primarily going to be outside.

June is arguably going to be our busiest month. Our Youth are going to have mission trip training and a fundraiser event, but we're also going to have some churchwide events as well. **On Wednesday, June 9 at 6 PM, we're going to have an Ice Cream Chill Off.** We're inviting people to bring their best homemade ice cream, and we'll have a contest to determine the winner. If homemade ice cream isn't your thing, we still invite you to bring your favorite summer-time dessert. We'll also have hotdogs, chips, drinks, and watermelon. **Then on June 13-15, our children will gather together for Vacation Bible School!** The plan is to have as much of it outside as possible. We will still need some adult volunteers, so if you are interested in helping, please see Ben. **Our Youth will go on their mission trip June 21-27.** And we'll have two guests on Wednesday nights in June. **On Wednesday, June 23, Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, missionaries serving in Kiev, Ukraine, will be joining us via Zoom.** If the Podgaiskys sound familiar to you, that's because they spoke at FBC Bristol about 13 or 14 years ago. **Then on Wednesday, June 30, Joshua and Jessica Hearne, missionaries serving in Danville, VA, will be joining us via Zoom.** Josh and Jessica were scheduled to join us in person in

May 2020, but COVID postponed their visit.

In July things will slow down a little bit. **We're going to be taking our annual Wednesday night break during the month of July, but our youth will be going to camp July 20-24, and we'll have a church-wide movie on Friday, July 30.** You're invited to bring a blanket or chair, some of your favorite movie snacks, and join us for a family-friendly movie outside. **Then in August, we'll have Youth Sunday and a choir cook-out on Sunday, August 8. And on Wednesday, August 11, we'll have our Fall Kick-Off, where we'll kick off our Wednesday evening and fall programming. A little later this year, the church picnic is going to be on Sunday, September 12.** We're also going to have some other children and youth events sprinkled in throughout the summer. **More information on all of these events will be made available as we get closer to them, so please continue to read your weekly e-news and look for the announcements in our worship bulletin.**

After time apart, we're finally turning the corner on this awful pandemic and able to safely resume numerous events. While I know this summer will be busy and that many of you will be traveling and taking some much-needed vacation (and you can count me and the rest of the church staff in that group, too), I hope that you'll join us for as many of these events as you can. Not wearing masks in worship, food and fellowship together, all of that sounds like normal church. They are things I've missed terribly over these last several months, and I know you have, too. So, in the midst of your travels and summer busyness, I encourage you to join us in worship and in fellowship. I know that you'll be glad that you did.

As always, it is a joy to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,  
Kris

# Vacation Bible School

## 2021

**June 13,14, and 15.**

We are having a  
Fun Filled Three Day VBS  
starting on Sunday evening

June 13 from  
6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m.

4- year olds through 5th graders.

You can register on REALM  
Or notify Ben.

BLAND MINISTRIES  
IS NO LONGER  
REQUESTING  
SOUP LABELS.

THEREFORE,  
WE ARE  
NO LONGER  
COLLECTING THEM.

## Library Lines

*Searching for Happiness: How Generosity, Faith, and Other Spiritual Habits Can Lead to a Full Life* by Martin Thielen. Using psychological research, personal anecdotes, and Scripture, Thielen shows that happiness is an "inside" job. He describes ten practices that **DO** contribute to happiness in this easy-to-read book in which he shares many of his own experiences as well as those of others through which he illustrates his lessons. Perfect for small group study, there is an 18-page guide for Study and Reflection as well as a page titled "Tips for Group Leaders." Notes with additional resources are included. This study could provide opportunities for individuals in a small group to share their own experiences and learn from each other in addition to the book.

~May Tabor

## WHAT'S NEW at FBC?????

### A PHOTO BOOTH!

There will be a photo booth  
For special occasions!

It will be located in the hallway  
at the back of the  
Sanctuary  
unless noted otherwise.

**Be sure to check out our next booth!**

**Father's Day**

**June 20, 2021**

# Congrats Grads!





**"Unidiversity" 2021**  
**Maryville College, Maryville TN**  
**July 20-24**

**What is required to go?**

1. Commitment to come pay or work for \$180.00 toward the cost.
2. Commitment to work at the fundraiser to offset cost.  
 June 10, 11, and/or 12  
 \*If the dates conflict, arrange with Ben to help somewhere else.
3. Willingness to follow all rules set up by the Unidiversity team.
4. Fill out and sign a Covid Covenant.

**TO REGISTER: Turn in registration, \$50.00, and a medical release for 2021.**

PLEASE SEE YOUR  
 E-MAIL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,  
 AND THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS  
 NEEDED FOR THE TRIPS.

*You will only need to sign one medical release for the year.*  
 IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE E-MAIL OR YOU NEED IT  
 EMAILED AGAIN PLEASE  
 NOTIFY BEN OR NIKI.

# FBC Youth Ministry

## Getting Together

Youth Wednesdays and Sunday Events!  
 Our youth are invited to Wednesday evening Bible study and games every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. On Sunday afternoons, we are either working on a local mission project or having a group building activity. Look for details in our weekly emails!!! See you soon!!!

### YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2021-JUNE 21-27

We will be helping Wafloy Mountain Village  
 In Gatlinburg, Tn.

#### What is required to go?

1. Commitment to come pay or work for \$100.00 toward the cost.
2. Commitment to work at the fundraiser to offset cost.  
 June 10, 11, and/or 12  
 \*If the dates are a conflict then arrange with Ben to help somewhere else.
3. Willingness to follow all rules set up by the Mission Planning Team.
4. Work all 9 hours of training with the team on June 7 and 8.  
 If the date conflicts; reschedule with Ben.

**TO REGISTER: Turn in registration, \$50.00, and a medical release for 2021 if you have not already Filled one out for 2021.**



## Notes From Leigh...

I am looking forward to more celebrations, more worship and YES, some summer fellowships! As always, if you are interested in participating in the music ministry of FBB, please let me know – there is a place for you!

God is present in us and He is working through us to be an inviting, caring, loving place for anyone and everyone in search of Jesus. I listened to a podcast recently that introduced the idea of 10,000 minutes. There are 10,080 minutes in every week. We spend approximately 80 minutes each week in corporate worship and Bible study. The speaker challenged me to consider what I am doing with the remaining 10,000 minutes each week that reflect Jesus. Am I living in a way that demonstrates that I believe that Jesus lives in me and cares all about me? Am I walking with Jesus? Or is my focus and my investment in Jesus all about the 80 minutes? Something to think about!

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Blessings,



## Ice Cream Social

June 9, 2021—6:00 p.m.

Come and join us in  
 fellowship and  
 yummy ice cream  
 and desserts.

Bring your best  
 homemade ice cream!

There will be a contest to  
 determine whose recipe  
 is the best!

## First Baptist Church of Bristol Staff

Dr. Kris Aaron.....Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Ben Ondrak.....Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Leigh Clark.....Minister of Music  
 Mrs. Jackie Burnette.....Pianist  
 Mr. Rob Griswell-Lowry.....Organist

Ms. Kaitlyn Courtney ..... Sexton  
 Mr. Dennis Thomas ..... Sexton  
 Ms. Kaitlyn Courtney .....Sexton  
 Mrs. Marcine Robinette.....Parish Nurse  
 Ms. Terri Thomas ..... Church Administrator  
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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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### FBC Minister On-Call Schedule

June 5-6: Dr. Kris Aaron (803) 225-0795  
 June 12-13: Rev. Ben Ondrak (423) 217-8934  
 June 19-20: Dr. Kris Aaron (803) 225-0795  
 June 26-27: Rev. Ben Ondrak (423) 217-8934

### Deacon of the Week for June:

June 6, 2021	Matt Chandler
June 13, 2021	Wallace Elliott
June 20, 2021	Bob Love
June 27, 2021	Tom Makres