

July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children 8:00pm Nominating Cmte Mtg	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 7:00pm Independence Day Celebration
6 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 12:00 pm Trustees Meeting 5:00pm WMU Meeting 5:00pm Youth, Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Children	7 6:00pm MLBA Church Camp Cabin Leader Training Meeting	8 7:00pm MLBA Executive Board Mtg - Heritage Baptist, Bolivar	9 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	10	11	12 9:00am-3:00pm MO Baptist Children's Home—Ozarks Berry Festival
"Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind" VBS—July 7th thru 11th—6:00-8:45 pm						
13 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 5:00pm Youth, Adults 6:00pm Children 7:00pm Business Meeting	14	15	16 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	17	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 5:00pm Youth, Adults 6:00pm Children	21	22	23 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	24 9:00am-5:00pm Life Line Screening (By Appt Only)	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 6:00pm 10:45am Benevolence Offering 5:00pm Youth, Adults 6:00pm Children 7:00pm New Member's Reception 8:00pm Deacon's Meeting	28	29	30 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	31		
Meals On Wheels—July 28th thru August 1st						
Children's Camp—July 27-30			Youth Camp— July 30 - August 3			

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Birthdays of the Month

1. Marjorie Johnson
2. David Wheeler
7. Donna Winder
9. Mark Applegate
14. Kris Flohr
15. Haley Mooneyham
16. Taylor Ewing
Tate Wheeler
Kim Johnson
17. Allie Spurgeon
19. Lucy Wilson
20. John Michael Pate
23. Eric Johnson
24. Pierce Brogdon
Larry Wheeler
25. Afton Graham
26. Lindsey Applegate
28. Wilma Davis
30. Greg Thomas

Anniversaries of the Month

1. John & Jeana Wilson
2. David & Stephanie Wheeler
6. Jim & Donna Pelfry



Since the Creation, mankind has often expressed himself, for better or worse, using artistic means. The arts inspire me and “move me” deeply. While I am keenly aware that traditional “art”, music and drama have been corrupted with the rest, due to the fall of Adam, there are still a few roses to behold against the crabgrass fields of a sinful world. In 1975, Arthur G. Bennett (1915-1994) plucked some linguistic bouquets in his compilation of Puritan poems and prayers called “The Valley of Vision”. Here is one such flower:

*Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,
Thou has brought me to the valley of vision,
where I live in the depths but see thee in the heights;
hemmed in by mountains of sin I behold
Thy glory.*

*Let me learn by paradox
that the way down is the way up,
that to be low is to be high,
that the broken heart is the healed heart,
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,
that to have nothing is to possess all,
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
that to give is to receive,
that the valley is the place of vision.*

*Lord, in the daytime stars can be seen from
deepest wells,
deepest wells,
and the deeper the wells the brighter
Thy stars shine;*

*Let me find Thy light in my darkness,
Thy life in my death,
Thy joy in my sorrow,
Thy grace in my sin,
Thy riches in my poverty
Thy glory in my valley.*

Bennett had a knack for tiptoeing through the full and fragrant fields of Puritan prose to find the most bold and thoughtful works in this classic.

Another artist I appreciate is Bach. While I did not grow up an avid classical music fan, I have learned how sweet and full the genre is mainly due to the old masters...most of whom were deeply Christian. Bach is especially interesting to me. This classical master once penned “The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.” I had spent much of my life listening to music for entertainment and/or to turn my mind off. Bach suggests repointing our music affections to a loftier purpose. Bach ended his works with the simple signature statement: SDG. When I first saw that I just assumed it was the abbreviation for some 30-character-long German musical term. I was recently thrilled to find out that this musical genius was thanking His Lord with this monogram that means Soli Deo Gloria, or “(For the) Glory of God Alone”.

Join me in surveying our appreciation of the arts today. Does the artist do his/her craft to be seen by man or “SDG”? Does it display God-given artistic skills well if, of course, insufficiently? Look deeper and aim higher as you let the arts subtly take you to the One who gives every good and perfect gift. (James 1:17)

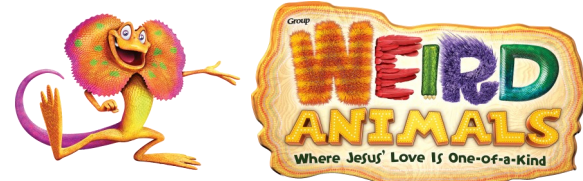
— Mark Applegate

Please call Stacie Spurgeon (276-5047) or the church office if you or someone you know would like to ride the church van to services on Sunday mornings.



**FUN FOOD
FIREWORKS**
Saturday, July 5th
7:00 p.m.

Join us for the Annual FSBC Independence Day Celebration! Please bring ice cream (homemade or store-bought) and desserts. You are welcome to bring along some games to play together until the city fireworks start at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of great fellowship and a terrific view of the fireworks show!



Vacation Bible School
JULY 7-11 * 6PM-8:45PM
PRE-K THRU 6th GRADE



CAMP NEWS

It's Church Camp time once again! The theme for Children's Camp is "Jump: Put Faith in Motion" and will be held July 27-30. Youth Camp's theme is "Fuel the Fire" and will be held July 30-August 3. Camp Staff Volunteers are also needed for both camps.

Registration forms are available in the church office and the registration deadline is July 20. The church voted to pay half of the registration fee for each camper and the full fee for camp staff.

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FSBC NEWSLETTER



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Steve Ewing	Youth/Children's Pastor
Judy Ford	Music
Susan Applegate	Secretary
Sandra Camp	Treasurer
Ken Spurgeon	Deacon Chairman