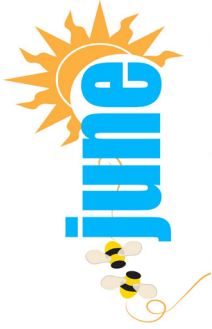


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JUNE 2020 BAPTIES NEWSLETTER

BE CONTENT

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want." -Philippians 4:11-12

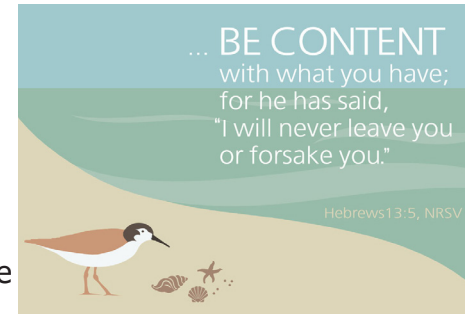
We are all going through this season of COVID 19. None of us have seen or experienced anything like this in our lifetime. Personally, I have been discouraged as I have been unable to see you, spend time with you, and meet the needs of the people in whatever they are going through. We have lost a few people who have gone on to be with the Lord, praise the Lord, but I wish I could have been able to spend time with their families--to be a comforter. I would love to be able to visit with those who have been in the hospital, etc.

In a time of my discouragement, God placed a verse in my devotional. So I wanted to explore the word "contentment."

I asked the question, who are the happiest? Is it the people without disappoint-

ment and discouragement? Maybe its the ones who have all the material things. The answer is everyone...the rich, poor, and everyone in between, all have discontentment, discouragement, and disappointment.

Paul shared with the Philippian Church that he had learned contentment, in other words it is a learned behavior. Contentment does not mean we must never



try to improve our situation, but learn to be content with what we have as long as we are more concerned about glorifying God and meeting His approval. John McArther says, "Contentment can only be found through

trust is God's providence."

We need to finally learn that God is sovereign, ordering everything for His own holy purposes and for the ultimate good of those who love Him, we cannot help but be discontent. Everything is already under control, however, by someone far greater than you or me--GOD.

Apostle Paul learned the secret of

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FBC BUILDING OPENS ITS DOORS FOR WORSHIP 10:00 AM EVERY SUNDAY

PRAISE GOD!!

**ILLINOIS HAS ISSUED NEW GUIDELINES TO ALLOW CHURCHES
IN THE STATE TO RE-OPEN.**

HERE ARE THE GUIDELINES TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AND WORSHIPPERS:

When you arrive at church you are encouraged to park and practice "social distancing" from others who are not of your own "family group" as you make your way into the church. Please no greetings by way of handshakes, hugs, or touching of any kind.

Doors will open at 9:45 am. Both doors on the Logan street side of the church will be the entry points for worship. These doors will be manned by volunteers whose job it will be to open and close the doors for those who come.

There will be temperature checks and face coverings will be required upon entering the building.

We have partitioned the pews off to ensure the "six-foot" social distancing rule between people not of the same family group. (Note – "family groups" will be allowed to sit together.) We are unable to provide Nursery or children's services at this time.

Please use hand sanitizer which will be available at the entrances to the church. The offering plates will not be passed. Offering plates will be placed near each entrance and manned by those standing at the doors.

When service the is over, we will dismiss in an orderly fashion to enable the safe exit of each worshipper keeping in mind the "social distancing" guideline. When exiting, the doors will be manned (opened and closed) by the volunteers stationed there.

In the case of the auditorium being filled to the capacity, we will ensure the "social distancing" rules by use of our overflow areas for seating. (back parlor)

Please note that anyone over the age of 75 and those with compromised health conditions consider not attending but worship with us via our media outreach on Facebook at FBCMurphy

We are excited and praising God to be together again. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to focus on Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior together in our house of worship!

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contentment through understanding and embracing God's providence.

Contentment begins with knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and continues as we walk with Him each and everyday.

Secondly, we need to realize material things can kill contentment both in Christians and non-Christians. We need to learn the difference between "wants and needs." God promises to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. Philippians 4:19 says, *"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."*

Someone once said, "He who is content has enough, he who complains has too much." We need to ask ourselves these questions:

- a.) Do I give first fruits to the Lord's work?
- b.) Do I get upset when something is lost or destroyed?
- c.) Do I need to buy something to be happy?
- d.) Do my material possessions hinder my testimony for Jesus Christ.

We read in Hebrews 13:5, *"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

Finally we need to ask the question, how do I react to adversity. The point is that Paul had a patient confidence in God's sovereign providence. He was content to do without and wait on the Lord's timing. He did not resort to panic or manipulation of others. Paul

was certain that in due time God would order the circumstances so that his needs would be met. We can have the same certainty. Paul was able to see God's fingerprints everywhere and was unmoved by the circumstances of life. Paul was able to live through the sunshines and storms of life with unshakable contentment.

John McArthur summerizes Paul's example, "work as hard as you can and be content that God is in control of the results."

The words of Philippians encouraged me to see the big picture and praise God for all the blessings of family and friends. We, as a church, have so much to be grateful to God.

Psalms 34:18 says, *"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."* This is a verse to hold onto in times of difficult life experiences.

Enjoy the summer knowing God is in control of everything and be sure to look for the finger prints of God in everything. God bless!

In His steps,
Pastor Shaker

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Church,

I hope you all are doing well. Thank you for continuing to do church during this time.

-Kate Guthman

A sincere thanks to FBC for the thoughtful Mother's Day remembrance and special delivery.
-Carole Ebersohl

MAY AND JUNE BRING CHANGES

May and June have brought big staffing changes to FBC. Grant Kelley, the financial secretary, is leaving after 3 years of service. Grant has completed his college courses and will be doing his student teaching in the fall. Pastor Jake's last Sunday at FBC was June 7th. He is moving to Iowa where he has taken a senior pastorate position at the Berean Bible Church which is a new church plant. We wish Pastor Jake, Hannah, Emma, James and Grant God's many blessings in this new life direction.

FBC has added three new staff members. Denise McDowell is filling the financial secretary vacancy. Denise and her family are members of the FBC family of faith. Allison Hickam is our new part time custodian. She has been hired to take on part of Steve's huge job of keeping this place spic and span. Finally, as you may have noticed during live streaming of our worship service, there is a new face behind the piano. Maria Dulle is making some really beautiful noises to the Lord on the baby grand. We welcome them all and may their work here at FBC fulfill God's plan in their and our lives.

Happy Birthday!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Lyn Porter
2	Stan Graeff
3	Gordon Biggs
3	Victor Lyerla
9	Bill Fox
9	Sherry Morgan
11	Casey Brashear
12	Ashley Brown
12	Jessica Grammer
15	Clif Penrod
18	Hannah Brooks
18	Donna Major-Webb
23	Alice Berry
23	Suzanne Goad
23	Kevin Lipe
25	Elaine Hardwig
26	Jeanne Goforth
30	Russell Barringer

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MARCH MINUTES

Meeting called to order with prayer.
Devotional: Pastor Shaker Samuel read 1 Peter 5:1-4.

Last Meeting's minutes: March minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report: January and February reports had been reconciled. Vicki stated that she was uncomfortable releasing the March reports until they could be reconciled.

COVID-19 Stay-at-Home was put into place mid-March and was extended two more weeks, possibly until May 31st.

Ministry Team Reports:

Outreach and Evangelism: Nothing to report

Missions: Donated 5 \$100 Walmart gift cards to families in need for Easter. Will address the summer mission trip next month.

Youth & Children's Discipleship: Jake has been keeping in touch with the guys group. Crossings Camp cancelled all June

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camp dates. Council decided to cancel the July Camps dates, will send out letters to families listing options for them to decide on how or if they want to be reimbursed. VBS that was scheduled for the first of June will be postponed. Looking into other options and schedules. Will look into ways to reach out to students, a care package, cards, letters. Possibly a family devotion through Right Now Media.

Family Discipleship: A couple of small groups have been meeting online through Zoom. Will get word out that other classes/groups could use Zoom for their meetings. Prayer groups of 3 can meet on their own, using Zoom or phones. Independent groups can decide on where and when to meet.

Staff Relations: Financial Secretary position has been filled by Denise McDowell, starting May 1st. Denise and Scott Evans will Power Church training. Taking applications for Church Secretary positions. Will schedule a Staff meeting.

Financial and Stewardship: Continuing to balance other accounts for accuracy. Payroll Protection Grant was submitted, just as the Program ran out of funds, was told that we may have to resubmit paperwork, will verify this information and proceed as needed.

Power Church Training will be ordered.

Building and Grounds: The hand rails have been installed. Rental house basement toilet has been shut off, tenants do not use, repairs are on hold. New doors have been installed in the Men's bathroom Received bids from Voss and Heartland to complete the Parlor A/C installation, Voss' bid of \$3,480.00 covered everything, Heartland gave an estimate of \$2,900.00 did not cover electrical portion. Chose to

go with Voss. Getting bids on the following repairs: Drainage Issues on North side of Education wing. Bell Tower rubber roofing and Rental house shingles. Roofing/Brick flashing leaks on Education Wing Windows. Exposed bricks in the stairwells. Broken Parlor doors .

Emergency Response Team: Map of Building/ Emergency evacuation plan was tabled.

Special Events: Nothing to report

Worship Ministry: Team meets remotely every 1-2 weeks. Sunday Services continue to aired online on the churches Facebook page. Choir pianist, Maria, will be joining the Praise Team on Sunday, April 26. Will need to address health concern issues prior to resuming services.

Kitchen and Dinners: Nothing to report.

Strategic Planning and Action: Committee has a preliminary draft of the constitution.

Nominating Team: Nothing to report

Technology: The Church Secretary's new computer has been installed and she's learning all of it's nuances.

Accolades/Praises were given to Bradley Evans for the extra time he's put into getting the Sunday services online. His should be reporting all of his hours.

Senior Pastor: Ask that we look into doing something for Mother's Day and Graduation. Due to Bill Fox's failing health, he has been moved to a Nursing Facility in Pinckneyville. Jim Wright is not doing well.

Family Pastor: Continuing with his classes and Bible studies

Meeting adjourned 7:20. Reminders and Next Meeting: Tuesday, 05/19/2020 6:00 pm. Next Trimester Business Meeting: TBD

