

First Baptist Church of Peoria

FIRST BAPTIST NEWS

JULY 25, 2017



Act Out the Parables of Jesus

By: The Reverend Dr. Rodney Kennedy

Jesus has a parable about wedding guests not showing up for the event. So new instructions were given: "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests."

Earlier this month an Indiana woman didn't want her canceled \$30,000 wedding to go to waste, so she threw a dinner party for the homeless. One hundred seventy guests dined on bourbon-glazed meatballs, roasted garlic bruschetta, and wedding cake. The event was held at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, and the \$30,000 was nonrefundable.

Parable enacted in real life — what an idea! Perhaps we can think in creative ways of how we can enact the parables of Jesus. Remember the parable of the people receiving ten talents and multiplying them? I once handed out \$50 each to families of our church, a total of \$5,000, and asked them to use the money to make more money. A total of \$12,000 was returned to the church after 30 days. Now, that's a return on investment.

The parables offer us a different world from the everyday work-a-day world, the conventional world — a kingdom of God world. Our task as we live in the ordinary world is to bring to pass the extraordinary world of God's kingdom. Generosity, kindness, goodness, gentleness are all ways to make a start.

Be creative this week. The parables of Jesus are urging us into action. How can we become a people serving our community above and beyond the normal? How can we concentrate more on serving others and less on serving ourselves?

After all, parables are intended to help us see beyond to the need - all that human need - that exists in our streets. Let's practice our acting skills this week.

Blessings, Dr. K

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WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP ■ 11:00 A.M. FELLOWSHIP TIME

JULY 30, 2017, SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“FROM ONE CELL A UNIVERSE”

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

I have a scientific analogy for you. The smallest seed may be compared to a cell. Kenneth Miller, Brown University cell biologist, reminds us, "The cell is the smallest unit of an organism that is truly alive. The cell is the level of organization where life truly begins." From a seed a mighty tree. From a cell the human race. God started with a living cell and from it a universe. Good theology. Good science. Now we will consider the faith of a mustard seed and see what comes forth.

Music: "At His Name" —Summer Choir

Welcome Center: Jean Currie

AUGUST 6, 2017, SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“SELLING OUT”

Genesis 37-50 Daniel 1-6

The biblical narrative preserves two opinions about Joseph: one that he is God's man and all he does is directed by God; the other that he is a sellout to Pharaoh. That the authors/scribes/editors of the Bible preserve our mistakes and atrocities along with our insights and moral victories indicates the reliability of Scripture. Unlike ideology, which scrubs out everything except pure doctrine, the tradition preserves side by side the disagreements that are still unresolved in the present. So the price we must pay to enter this strange new world of the Bible as faithful interpreters is accepting a high degree of tension, and this makes us nervous. Let us consider whether we are sellouts or stand-ups.

Music: "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You" —Zene Baker

Welcome Center: Bonna Zimmerman

HINES SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The Mission Board thanks all the people from First Baptist Church who have volunteered through the years in the tutoring program at Hines School. We want to thank: Judy Ryan, Dale Ryan, Joe Sexton, John Hart, Mickey Wulfert, Mike Huddle, Cheryl Huddle, Gay Barton, Karen Stroemer and Dave Stroemer. If you volunteered last year and are not on the list, please let Phil McAlearney or any Mission Board member know. We want to thank you as well!

We also would love to welcome some new volunteers into the program. If you have any interest in volunteering to help at Hines School or would just like some additional information about volunteer opportunities, please see Phil McAlearney or any Mission Board member. There are many children at Hines School who would love to have a First Baptist volunteer give them some special help.

Janet Middleton



HEALTH TIPS: HEATSTROKE

—Mayo Clinic Health Letter, Aug. 2015

Older adults are at increased risk of heat-related illness, such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heatstroke, which is a medical emergency. If you don't have access to an air-conditioned environment or if you plan to be outdoors, take the following steps to prevent heat illness:

- Drink enough — Increase your intake of cool, non-alcoholic beverages that aren't too sugary. If your doctor has given you guidelines for fluid or salt intake, ask if those guidelines change in hot weather.
- Cool down — Cold baths, cold showers or swimming can help cool you down. Fans can be helpful to a point, but they aren't effective when temperatures rise into the upper 90's.
- Dress for the weather — Wearing excess or tight-fitting clothing interferes with your body's ability to cool itself. Protect yourself from the sun by sticking to the shade, wearing a wide-brimmed hat and using generous amounts of sunscreen.
- Take it easy, particularly during the hottest part of the day — Plan errands and activities for the morning or evening when it's likely to be cooler. Take more frequent breaks in the shade or air-conditioning.

Seek help — Signs and symptoms of heat illness include fatigue, chilliness even though you're hot, weakness, headache, dizziness, nausea and muscle cramps. If symptoms persist or get worse, or if vomiting, confusion or agitation occurs, seek immediate help.

Lurene Ladd,
Parish Nurse (309) 691-2054

UPCOMING MISSIONARY VISIT

On August 20 American Baptist missionaries Larry & Rebecca Stanton will visit our church. The Stantons currently serve in Hungary and will talk to us about their work. Larry & Rebecca will have some time to speak to us during the worship service and will lead our adult Sunday School session at 11:15. Please join us to hear about their important work.

2017 RECEIPTS & VARIANCE

RECEIPTS	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE
Pledges	\$132,994.21	\$150,000.00	(\$17,005.79)
Plate Off'ring	\$ 21,714.08	\$ 32,499.98	(\$10,785.90)
Rental	\$ 2,452.00	\$ 3,999.98	(\$ 1,547.98)
Other Suppl.	\$ 8,743.01	\$ 8,743.01	0
Total Rcpts.	\$165,903.32	\$195,242.94	(\$29,339.62)

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Food Donation Day—Please bring some non-perishable food and place it in the cart in the Warm Room. August donations benefit the West Mark Food Pantry. Thanks for your support.</p>		1 8:30AM FBC Exercise (chapel) 6:30PM FBC Softball	2 5:15PM Guitar Rehearsal	3 8:30AM FBC Exercise (chapel)	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 9AM Music Reh. 10AM Worship 11AM Fell. Time 	7 **FBC Softball Tournament Round 1	8 8:30AM FBC Exercise (chapel) 6:30PM Board Meetings	9 5:15PM Guitar Rehearsal	10 8:30AM FBC Exercise (chapel)	11 6:30PM Gourmet Group (var. loc.)	12  5PM-8PM **FBC Softball Semi-finals
13 9AM Music Reh. 10AM Worship & 	14 11AM Heart-warming Hats	15 8:30AM FBC Exercise (chapel)	16 5:15PM Guitar Rehearsal	17 8:30AM FBC Exercise (chapel)	18	19
20 9AM Music Reh. 10AM Worship* 11AM Fell. Time 11:15AM Adult Class*	21	22 8:30AM FBC Exercise (chapel)	23 5:15PM Guitar Rehearsal	24 8:30AM FBC Exercise (chapel)	25 6:30PM Dining Out Group (var. loc.)	26
27 9AM Music Reh. 10AM Worship 11AM Fell. Time 11:15AM Executive Meeting	28	29 8:30AM FBC Exercise (chapel)	30 5:15PM Guitar Rehearsal	31 8:30AM FBC Exercise (chapel)	*UPCOMING MISSIONARY VISIT-SEE NOTICE ON PREVIOUS PAGE. **TIMES HAVE NOT YET BEEN SET FOR THESE GAMES.	



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Dining Out Group

The Dining Out Group will be going to Sonny's on Friday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m. Sonny's is located at 7327 N. Galena Road, Peoria.

Reservations for 15 to 20 people have been made, but John or Jen Dusek would still like a head count. If you plan to attend, please call Jen at (309) 231-6389 or John at (309) 472-9575, or e-mail them at the_j_family@yahoo.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ruth Turner	Pam Orrill	Rose Kimpling
Carol Conover	Marvin Olson	Jay McGee
Alyssa Russell	Wally Webber	Rosemary Walk
Paul Phillips	Mary Hinch	John Hart
Karen Dainty	Jacquelyn Kellogg	Dorothy Cumming
Dick Sternberg (Jo Sternberg's husband)		
Hope Teel (Mark Teel's mother)		
Ted Osborn (Dr. Rodney Osborn's brother)		
Stephanie George (Brenda Shay's daughter)		

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations to Brandon and Mary Bayes (parents), Andrew Bayes (brother), and Tom and Dianne Bayes (grandparents) on the July 9th birth of Logan Marie Bayes, 8 pounds 1 ounce and 20.5 inches in length.



The 6th Annual First Baptist Summer Music Festival will take place on Saturday, August 12th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Saturday's activities include performances by Higher Ground, an invitational Festival Chorus, and guest musicians from across the Peoria area. Sunday's events include an outdoor, music-filled worship service and picnic.