

FIRST BAPTIST NEWS

AUGUST 2020



First Baptist Church

ANNUAL MISSION BOARD OFFERINGS UPDATE

Due to the closing of the church during the recent pandemic, the church's Mission Board has been unable to take up special mission offerings for the various areas of mission and ministry throughout our denomination. In order to support these important programs and missions, the Mission Board will be combining them into two special offerings between September and the end of 2020.

On September 13th we will collect a special offering for "America for Christ" and "One Great Hour of Sharing." The special offering on this day will be split to contribute to both evenly. If you wish to give to one specifically or give different amounts, simply designate that on your contribution envelope or check memo line. If you have not yet returned to Sunday service, simply mail in your contribution by this date and indicate that it is for the special mission offering.

Likewise, on November 29th we will collect another special offering designated for "World Mission" and "Retired Minister and Missionaries" — again to be split evenly.

Please continue to be in prayer during this time for our denominational leaders, our missionaries, our pastors and the many staff who serve both locally and around the world. We thank you for your continued mission support especially during these difficult times.

Bob Atwater
Mission Board Chair

AUGUST 16, 2020 WORSHIP ADULTING IS HARD: LEARNING TO FOLLOW CHRIST IN OUR WORLD

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 22:34-40

We will focus on the Ten Commandments and how God uses them to show the Hebrew people how they should treat one another and worship God. The commandments are really a blueprint on how to be human. The sermon will unpack how they/we build the future in this new world. "What do we do now? Jesus says to love God and love your neighbor!"

HELLO CHURCH!

How are you? How are you doing? How are you feeling? How are your spirits? I hope well. But I understand if you're struggling; a lot of people are. It is a tough time in the world. All around the country schools are either opening or not, they're offering sports or not, people are going to work or not, businesses are working or not. In case you didn't notice, that is a lot of "or nots"!!!

As the summer unfolds and the sun shines bright and late into the day, I find myself pausing to pray for them, for you, for all of us. I believe that we have the capacity to survive this storm, to weather the choppy seas. We know it's not easy. That is obvious. But together, serving one another, and choosing kindness and grace we can journey through this age into the next.

We will soon be entering a worship series that focuses on the values of community. We'll be exploring the various aspects of being part of a community, the important elements to maintaining a healthy community, and the best parts we receive from community. A time when we can't be near one another, I believe, is the perfect time to be thankful for one another. I can't speak for you, but I will never again forget the blessings of a hug, handshake, corporate worship, and eating together with friends.

So let each of us prepare for the season ahead. It's a season that could be frot with complaining, but instead I would like to try and offer thanks for the wonderful gift of community. Even though it seems chaotic around us, and even though the waves rock the boat of life, Jesus still sleeps at the stern and God's love blows all around us.

Serving Together,
Dr. Rob Collins
Senior Pastor

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| Sharon Polakow | Sharon Stanard |
| Rose Kimpling | Mark Stanard |
| Jim Ashton | Rosemary Walk |
| Mary Hinch | Jerry Edwards |
| Alyssa Russell | Jacquelyn Kellogg |



A Monarch butterfly visits Dorothy's Garden. (Photo courtesy of Jan Olson)

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to:

The Huddle and Pilgrim families on the August 7th death of Mike Huddle.

Dr. Rodney Osborn and family on the death of his brother, Ted Osborn.

Tom and Dianne Bayes and family on the August 4th death of Dianne's father, William Lorenz.

THE MISSION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO MINISTER TO OUR CONGREGATION, THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD, SO THAT ALL MAY EXPERIENCE THE LOVE AND GRACE OF GOD.



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AUGUST 15 PLAYGROUND CLEANUP

The trustees will be working on cleaning up the playground in our church yard on Saturday, August 15. There are plans to improve the playground, and we want to get the area cleaned up in preparation for the improvements. Other areas in our church yard can also be worked on. Any help will be welcomed. There should be plenty of room for appropriate social distancing. A light breakfast of donuts and fruit will be available to all who come. Please feel free to bring lawn refuse bags and garden tools. The food should be available around 8:00. Hope to see you there!

Janet Middleton
Trustees Grounds committee

THANK YOU

We want to extend our sincere thanks to our church family for all of the prayers, love and support we received while Don was battling pancreatic cancer and for all of the kind expressions of care and sympathy we have received since Don's death. Don fought with courage and faith and we all have appreciated the care and support we have received from our church family. God bless you all.

The family of Don Middleton
(Jim, Janet, Dan and Carrie)