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Quarterly Newsletter for First Baptist Church Portland



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Member Birthdays

Serey Kong.....	7/1	Bunchan Chan Prak.....	9/1
Joyce Olson	7/1	Edward Kong.....	9/3
Elizabeth Khem	7/8	Bunly Lay.....	9/4
Jim Chellis	7/13	Sreyhieck Seng.....	9/5
Rom Neang.....	7/15	Sreyroat Seng	9/5
Cheryl Hartup	7/17	Stephanie Lam	9/9
Neang Som	7/18	Kimseng Ty.....	9/10
Levi Toupin.....	7/19	Bruce Borquist	9/11
Joanne Bishop	7/20	Felicia Keo	9/12
Johnny Khem.....	7/20	Kiirros (Rath) Enloe.....	9/18
Tess Ratty.....	7/20	Peter Im	9/20
Neal Chartier	7/24	Nick Gherasim	9/23
Per Walthinsen	7/28	Sophy Puth	9/24
Lisa Toupin	7/30	Lois Chartier	9/25
		Connie Shearer.....	9/26
		Alan Martin	9/30
Sim Rath.....	8/1		
Ratharos Ren	8/3		
John Hartup.....	8/7		
Marie Minderhout.....	8/11		
Monterey Drake	8/12		
Junior Theang.....	8/12		
Janice Chellis.....	8/16		

Happy Birthday! Join us during our Monthly Fellowship Meals to celebrate all who have birthdays during the month.

(July 20, August 17, September 21)



PRAYER REQUESTS

Do you have a prayer request that you would like shared with our email prayer chain? If so, just contact the Church Office at 503-228-7465 or office@fbc-portland.org, Monday–Thursday, or Darcia Hing (darciahing@comcast.net) Friday–Sunday, so that we can pray for you!

Find us on the web: fbc-portland.org

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The next Trumpeter deadline is **September 15, 2025**.

Please send submissions to jchastain@fbc-portland.org

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Sam Raj, *Executive Pastor*

Peter Im, *Pastor of Cambodian Ministries*

Trudi Bils, *Pastor of Worship Ministries*

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Michele Painter, *Pastoral Ministry Intern*

Felicia Keo, *Associate Pastor of Cambodian Ministry*

Nik Jones, *Facilities Manager*

Jason Chastain, *Communications Administrator*

Levi Toupin, *Events Coordinator*

Cory Gonzales, *Director of Worship Technology*

Gabe Plesha, *Audio Video Tech*

Trevor Warren, *Audio Video Tech*

Jack Brophy, *Drop-In Director*

Kathy Keller, *Resource Center Associate*

Michael Fraizer, *Drop-In Food Pantry Associate*

Corey Johnson, *Drop-In Associate*

Rick Keller, *On-Call Facilities Technician*

Johnni Beth Jones, *Janitorial Support*

Joey Stockdale, *Security Officer*



Summer of Psalms

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”
(Psalm 46:1, ESV)*

Some of you may recall that, many years ago, God put in my heart the idea of creating a teaching series called “Summer of Psalms.” Last year, 2024, that dream became a reality!

But here’s the thing: The book of Psalms is the longest book in the entire Bible. With a total of 150 psalms, the book is actually divided into 5 parts. Last year we started by studying a selection of psalms found in Book I. This summer, we’re back for “Summer of Psalms II,” and we will be reflecting on psalms found in Book II, which covers Psalm 42 and continues through to Psalm 72.

I’m looking forward to returning to our journey through the ancient Israel’s hymnbook, where different members of our Preaching Team will help us find a wealth of great truths to help us in our daily lives as we process important events in the world around us and consider what it looks like to follow Jesus faithfully in our context. It will be a great summer for us to bask in the glory of God’s word, to renew our commitment to worship, and enjoy fellowship right in the middle of Downtown Portland.

Serving Christ together,

—*Pastor Matt Toupin*



Protecting Yourself from Scams

We want to take a moment to remind everyone to stay vigilant against scams and fraudulent activity, which have unfortunately been on the rise in many communities, including among churches.

Please be aware that First Baptist Church of Portland and its staff will never call, text, or email you to ask for:

- Your credit card or bank account information
- Your Social Security Number
- Gift card purchases or codes
- Any private or sensitive financial data

If you receive a suspicious message claiming to be from a pastor, staff member, or church leader requesting money, personal information, or urgent financial help—do not respond. Instead, contact the church office directly at (503) 228-7465 or office@fbc-portland.org to verify the request.

We care deeply about your safety and well-being, and we want to ensure that you are protected from those who may try to take advantage of your trust. Please share this reminder with friends and loved ones in the congregation.

Biennial Mission Summit: Give Thanks and Pray for Our American Baptist Family!



American Baptist Churches USA
BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT
July 3–6, 2025 | Omaha, NE

This July, a handful of our FBC members will be gathering in Omaha, Nebraska, with hundreds of American Baptists from around the nation for the family gathering of our denomination that happens every two years. Not only will they be representing our church within the broader American Baptist family, but they will be seeking the Lord to be reinvigorated for mission right here in Portland. Let's join together in praying for those who will be in attendance, including Pastor Matt and Lisa Toupin (and family), Pastor Sam, Rev. Steve Bils and Pastor Trudi Bils, Leslie Cody.

Let's pray also for revival and renewed commitment to our shared mission with believers from all over the United States!

Come to

PICNIC IN THE PARK
at Oaks Park (Area 4)
on Sunday, July 20!
Starting at 1:00 pm

\$30 FOR RIDE BRACELETS + FOOD

CELEBRATE WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS!
CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS FROM
THE ABC FAMILY OR MAKE NEW ONES!

Sponsored by First Baptist Church
of Portland, and the American
Baptist Churches of the Central
Pacific Coast, we are once again
extending the welcome to folks from
all of our Portland-area American
Baptist Churches!

RSVP BY CALLING 503-228-7465 OR
EMAIL OFFICE@FBC-PORTLAND.ORG

*In order to know the number for food
prep, we need you to reserve your spot
no later than July 15!*



Every Third Wednesday of the Month
Resuming September 17!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun time singing favorite hymns, enjoying coffee and refreshments with friends, and reflecting on a devotional thought shared by one of the group. Feel free to bring a tasty dessert to share! All are welcome!

Understanding God's Will: Key Ways He Will Lead You

And behold, the Lord was passing by, and a great and powerful wind was tearing out the mountains and breaking the rocks in pieces before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind, [there was] an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, [there was] a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire, [there was] the sound of a gentle blowing. When Elijah heard the sound, he wrapped his face in his mantle (cloak) and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (1 Kings 19:11b–13 Amplified)

1. KNOWING WHAT IS TO COME. As believers, we can be led by God moment by moment and decision by decision. It is possible to know His will. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would be our Helper—one who guides us into all truth (John 16:13). In the New Testament, the apostle Paul prayed that the eyes of our understanding would be enlightened (Ephesians 1:18), so we could perceive spiritual realities more clearly. The Holy Spirit also reveals what is yet to come (John 16:13), giving us insight and foresight. We are even invited to ask for this kind of wisdom—and to do so with faith (James 1:5–6). Through the Spirit, we can receive prophetic insight and divine direction for the road ahead.

2. KNOWING THE STILL SMALL VOICE. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, said that His sheep know His voice and follow Him (John 10:4–5). While it's rare to hear an audible voice from heaven—though not impossible—He primarily speaks to us through His written Word and by the Holy Spirit who bears witness with our spirit (Romans 8:16). This gentle leading is often called the “still small voice” (1 Kings 19:12, KJV), a quiet but unmistakable prompting from within. Proverbs 20:27 tells us, “The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, searching all the innermost parts of his being,” reminding us that God communicates Spirit to spirit. Jesus Himself modeled this way of hearing—He withdrew often to pray, immersed Himself in Scripture, and said He only did what He saw the Father doing (John 5:19). As we draw close to God, we learn to recognize and trust His quiet voice within.

3. KNOWING GOD'S TIMING. Romans 8:14 reminds us, “For all who are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” Part of being Spirit-led is learning to walk in step with God's timing. In Acts 16, we see a powerful example through the apostle Paul. Though he was called to reach the Gentiles and had a strong desire to preach in Asia Minor, the Holy Spirit prevented him from entering that region at that time (Acts 16:6–7). Paul's plan was good, but the timing wasn't right—yet. Later, God did send him to Galatia (modern-day Turkey), showing us that a “no” today may simply be a “not yet.” The same Spirit who leads us forward also calls us to pause. That's why timing matters. As we seek His will, we can trust Him with each step and every moment, knowing that His purposes unfold perfectly—in His time, not ours.

4. KNOWING GOD'S WILL. Much of God's will is already clearly revealed in the Bible. You don't need to pray, “If it be Your will,” about things He has already addressed—Lying is not God's will. You can see clearly that theft is wrong (Exodus 20:15–16). But when it comes to personal decisions—like which job to take, which house to buy, where to send your kids to school, or which activities they should be involved in—you can and should seek God's guidance. He wants to direct your steps just as He guided the apostle Paul in knowing when and where to go. God is not distant or silent—He is actively involved in leading His children. That's why we pray with confidence, “Lord, Your will be done in the path of my life” (Matthew 6:10), trusting Him to guide us in every detail.

PRAY THIS WITH ME:

Father, thank You for being my Shepherd. I trust Your Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and direct me into all truth. Open the eyes of my heart and give me clarity to see the steps I should take—what to pursue, what to avoid, and when to move forward. I surrender to Your will and trust in Your perfect timing. In Jesus' Name, amen.

—Pastor Sam Raj

Join a Life Group This Fall!

There are so many ways to get connected with a smaller community within First Baptist Church. Our Life Groups are always open to new people. So, check out the options below and get involved today!

Cambodian Sunday School Life Group

Sundays, at 10:00 am, in the FBC Cambodian Sunday School Room (*Leader: Pastor Peter*)

Table Talk East

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 pm, we will offer a Sermon-Based Life Group at Grace Baptist Church, focusing on folks from FBC who live on the East Side, and inviting our friends at the Grace church to join us as well. (200 SE 76th Ave. Portland, OR 97215) – Resumes Sept. 17

Table Talk West

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 pm, we will offer the Sermon-Based Life Group at Cedar Hills Baptist Church, focusing on folks from FBC who

live on the West Side, and inviting our friends at the Cedar Hills church to join us as well. (2470 SW Roxbury Ave. Portland, OR 97225) – Resumes Sept. 24

Cambodian Bible Study Life Group

Wednesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom (*Leader: Pastor Peter*) – Resumes Sept. 3.

Coffee Hour Life Group

Third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall (*Leader: Pastoral Staff*) – Resumes Sept. 17

DI Life Group

Thursdays at 12:00 pm, in the Dining Room (*Leader: Pastor Sam*) – Resumes Sept. 18.

Contact the church office (office@fbc-portland.org) to learn more about a group you are interested in today!

Teaching Series for July–September, 2025

- July 6: Part 1 – “**God Is Our Fortress**” (*Ps. 46*)
- July 13: Part 2 – “**Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**” (*Ps. 51*)
- July 20: All-Church Picnic – Part 3 – “**In God I Trust**” (*Ps. 56*)
- July 27: Part 4 – “**Overwhelming Glory**” (*Ps. 57*)
- August 3: Part 5 – “**Awesome Deeds**” (*Ps. 66*)
- August 10: Part 6 – “**Save Me!**” (*Ps. 69*)
- August 17: Part 7 – “**Do Not Delay!**” (*Ps. 70*)
- August 24: Part 8 – “**Forsake Me Not!**” (*Ps. 71*)
- August 31: Part 9 – “**Justice in the Halls of Power**” (*Ps. 72*)
- September 7: Part 27 – “**And Dwelt Among Us**” (*Ex. 25:1–30:38*)
- September 14: Part 28 – “**Using One’s Gifts**” (*Ex. 31:1–18*)
- September 21: Back-to-Church Sunday – Part 1 – “**Assurance of Salvation**” (*1 Jn. 5:11–12*)
- September 28: Part 2 – “**Assurance of Answered Prayer**” (*Jn. 16:24*)

The New Mural

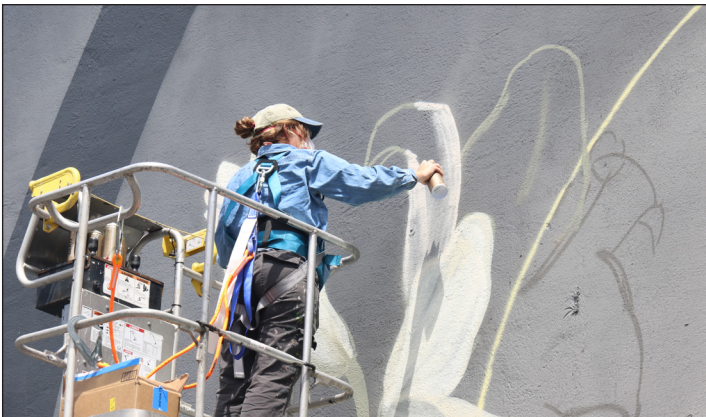
Local artist, Julia Hunkler, in partnership with the Portland Street Art Alliance, has recently completed the mural on the back of the FBC Community Center.

Julia is a talented, Portland-based artist known for thoughtful and vibrant public art. This mural isn't just about art and design—it reflects our church's ongoing commitment to beauty, community, and presence in the heart of downtown Portland.

In addition to bringing new life to our corner, we hope this mural will help deter some of the criminal activity that has recently affected that space. The parking lot has

unfortunately become a gathering spot for illegal behavior, and we believe this bold new artwork will also send a message of care, dignity, and stewardship that may help reduce such activity.

We're grateful to have received a grant from the City of Portland, and First Baptist Foundation, to support this work partially, and we're currently seeking additional contributions to help cover the remaining costs. If you feel led to support this inspiring project financially, your gift would be appreciated.





Dear First Baptist Church of Portland,

For many years, you have been a partner in mission here at International Ministries (IM). Now, you have achieved a significant level of support, which we are excited to honor!

We are privileged to welcome you as a member of the Ann and Adoniram Judson Society. The Judson Society honors congregations who have given a lifetime total of \$500,000 or more to support IM's mission and ministry.



We have been blessed by your faithful support over the years. Now we are pleased that we can honor such generous stewardship - not only of the current congregation, but also of those who, over the years have given so sacrificially to support our mission around the world.

Please know that the entire IM family-our board members, staff, and global servants is eternally grateful! I thank you on behalf of all, especially those whom we serve whose lives have been and continue to be changed through your generous stewardship.

Dear First Baptist Church of Portland,

It is our pleasure to recognize your church as a leader in annual giving to International Ministries and an honorary member of the Luther Rice Society. Your generosity has made an eternal impact in over 70 countries around the world.



Your commitment to cross-cultural mission reflects the dedication of the Society's namesake. In 1812, Luther Rice organized support for the first wave of missionaries sent along with Ann and Adoniram Judson to India and later to Burma. He dedicated his life to promoting and growing the financial support needed to sustain global servants in their ministries worldwide.

You have equipped IM to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and to respond to those in need with God's love. This work would not be possible without your partnership.

Thank you for your partnership and for continuing the work of Luther Rice's mission, advocacy, and support. We hope you will inspire others to join us in God's mission!

2024

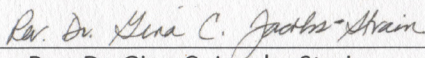
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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented to

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Portland, OR

Congratulations on your 2024 ranking of #46
among all American Baptist Churches in United Mission Giving
with your support of \$17,325!



Rev. Dr. Gina C. Jacobs-Strain
ABCUSA General Secretary



Back To Church Sunday

Sunday, September 21**10:30 am (gathering) — 1:00 pm (lunch & door prizes)"**

Life isn't meant to be lived alone, and faith isn't meant to be experienced in isolation.

Jesus promises to be present when we gather together, and that's why the Church isn't just a building — it's a community where we can find encouragement, purpose, and hope. (Matthew 18:20)

Back To Church Sunday is a special time for us to regather after a busy summer season and also to invite everyone in your neighborhood to visit your church, find a supportive community, and discover how God's love and salvation give new purpose and hope!

Cambodian Ministry News



*“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”
— Colossians 3:15*

This verse reminds me of our 50 years of the Cambodian Ministry at FBC. It is a profound and inspired word of the Lord. It doesn't matter where we stand on our spiritual journey; as long as we allow Christ to rule in our hearts, His peace will shine through our lives, and we will become peacemakers. The world desperately needs this kind of peace so that God is glorified in us and through us.

I am grateful to the Lord that our Sunday School class continues to receive more attention, thanks to the leadership of Pastor Felicia Keo, Mrs. Elizabeth Khem, and me, starting with a special breakfast funded by the class's contributions. Our Wednesday Zoom Bible studies have concluded successfully and will resume on September 3. For Mother's Day and Father's Day, each group celebrated with an inspiring message related to the occasion, followed by a special meal and gifts. We thank the church for its generous contributions.

Praise God! What a blessed celebration we had for the 50th anniversary of the Cambodian ministry on Sunday, June 22! The worship service, special banquet, and program were well-prepared, representative, and inspiring in their

unique ways. God moved us all to engage in His mission, both here and in Cambodia, for His divine purpose and glory. We are especially thankful for the church setting up its refugee committee during that time to pursue the primary purpose of the church's home mission, which was a unique calling. The Cambodian ministry sincerely thanks the current administration for continuing this legacy, allowing them to carry on this vision.

We understand that it is not an easy task to work as one body while meeting the financial needs of the

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To learn more about Cambodian Children's Ministry, go to ccmnews.org

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យើងនឹងធ្វើការរៃជង្វាយប្រចាំឆ្នាំរបស់យើងនៅព្រះវិហារ គឺ នៅថ្ងៃអាទិត្យទី២១ខែ៩ក្រោយពីការថ្វាយបង្គំព្រះរួច។ ឆ្នាំ នេះនៅខែ១១យើងនឹងមានក្រុមបេសកកម្មទៅស្រុកខ្មែរ ដែលមានគ្នា១១នាក់ ពួកជំនុំនៅមានឧកាសនឹងចុះឈ្មោះ ចូលរួមប្រសិនបើចង់ចូលជាមួយយើង។ សូមព្រះប្រទានពរ ដល់ពួកជំនុំទាំងអស់នៅរដូវក្តៅនេះ។ សូមអរគុណ!





church ministry; yet, they consistently put God first and trust His call to do the will of our heavenly Father. We are delighted to have everyone who has been with us since June 1975, our new members, and special guests joining us for our 50th anniversary celebration as we give thanks to God for His unfailing love toward us over the last 50 years and beyond. I would like to extend my gratitude to our key church leaders, support staff, pastoral team, and Cambodian members who made this special event possible. Over 100 people participated in the worship service and the program in the dining room. Special thanks to the dance and cook teams and Jason Chastain for their contributions to the event! We have witnessed the growth of the Cambodian ministry in spiritual responsibility and their faithfulness; therefore, the ministry of evangelism has been carried out in Cambodia. The Cambodian Children's Ministry (CCM) was founded in 2007, changing the lives of many children in Cambodia. To God be the glory! Congratulations to Sophanna Ouch, who recently married Scott Kendal and simultaneously obtained her US citizenship! May the Lord bless these newlyweds abundantly!

For the Cambodian Ministry, we are pleased to announce that the new fish pond project is underway and is expected to be completed soon. This project has been dedicated to Mrs. Sopheap Khim, who went to be with our Lord in January 2025. She loved the Cambodian ministry at FBC and CCM. Our new partner continues to

support scholarships and sponsors English and computer classes, even arranging Zoom meetings with students. There are three classes throughout the week and on weekends, with assistance from our facility manager. This quarter, we had approximately 60 worshippers attend our Sunday service weekly, and we assisted in transporting them from remote villages to classes and services.

Recently, several youth and children attended seminars hosted by a seminary in the main province of Kampong Chhnang. To encourage their participation, we provided transportation, registration fees, and meals for those attending. We also hosted a fellowship for commune officials after their hard work during the Khmer New Year, with 30 officials attending the meeting at the Center. Please continue to pray for the volunteers and paid staff at the Center, as well as for Shirley and me. We meet weekly via Zoom for staff meetings and youth Bible studies on Sundays, which can be challenging due to the time zone difference.

As our classes are currently ongoing, we are facing higher expenses associated with our nutritional program. For this quarter, we have \$2,500 in reserve behind our annual budget. We are immensely grateful for your support of the BottleDrop project, which has raised \$1,000 to date this year. Thank you for your efforts in collecting empty cans and water bottles for this ministry; I can identify the various locations where you dropped them off for our account.

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Please be ready to join our annual fundraiser in person at FBC on Sunday, September 21, immediately following the service in the dining room. To ensure a successful fundraiser, we encourage you to reserve your seat: \$15 for adults, \$10 for youth, and free for children under 6 years old. We are grateful to the Lord that eleven members, including Shirley and me, are ready to go on the November mission trip. It is not too late for you to consider joining or helping to promote this trip. Please get in touch with me for more information about the trip, or download the registration form online at ccmnews.org. We thank you for your prayers and financial support toward this life-changing ministry. We are joyful to serve the children of Cambodian for Christ as the opportunity opens the door for us! May you have a blessed summer!

—Pastor Peter Im



A large banner for the Cambodian Children Ministry Dinner & Auction. The background is a vibrant image of a pond with green lily pads and pink lotus flowers. At the top, the text "CAMBODIAN CHILDREN MINISTRY" is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a pink outline. In the center, there is a circular inset photo of a large group of children and adults standing together. Below this, the text "DINNER & AUCTION" is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a pink outline. Underneath that, a pink rectangular box contains the text "SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025, 12:00 PM" in yellow. At the bottom, the text "អង្គការគ្រីស្ទានបម្រើកុមារកម្ពុជា" is written in pink Khmer script.



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Youth Strategy



There's a lot going on this year. With our J.13 Mission to Alaska and a handful of our youth graduating from high school, I've had to wonder how best to form our kids in the Christian faith.

To do this, I decided to pull from the very roots of Christianity. Early in the life of the Christian Church, questions arose about what Christians actually believed. In an effort to unify the faithful, the disciples of Jesus' own disciples—men like Irenaeus of Lyons and Polycarp of Smyrna, who were both disciples of John—came together to compose a summary of orthodox Christian teaching as received from the apostles.

This creed has come to be known as "The Apostles' Creed," and it truly contains much of what we hold dear and essential to the faith.

Using a section from this creed each week, I'm teaching our youth the most basic elements of the faith, rooting doctrine in the Bible and showing how it's relevant to our lives today. My hope is that the truth of the gospel of Jesus will make a formative impact on them and that they'll be able to carry their faith confidently into every area of their life.

1. I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
2. and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
3. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
4. suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
5. he descended into hell;
6. on the third day he rose again from the dead;
7. he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
8. from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
9. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
10. the holy catholic Church,
11. the communion of saints,
12. the forgiveness of sins,
13. the resurrection of the body,
14. and life everlasting.
15. Amen.

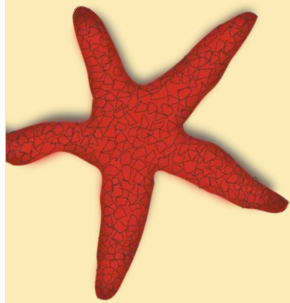
—Pastor Anthony Young

J.13 Youth FBC & Region-Wide Events Calendar 2025

Attention all students! Check out what's coming up the rest of this year.

To learn more, just reach out to Pastor Anthony.

JULY 14–18	Summer Camp
JULY 28–AUGUST 1	5-Day VBS
AUGUST 14–24	Alaska Mission Trip
SEPTEMBER 27	Pumpkin Patch
OCTOBER 10–12	Fall Camping Retreat
NOVEMBER 9	Arcade
DECEMBER 5	Christmas Party




Camp Arrah Wanna
2025 Friends & Family Camp
August 29--September 1



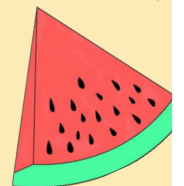
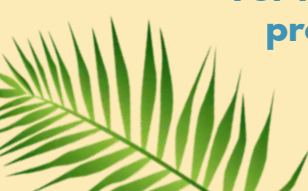
Check-In Friday (8/29): 4:00-6:00 PM
Check-Out Monday (9/1): 12:00-1:00 PM

Come for one night, or stay for all three!
Choose your lodging and which meals to enjoy with us.
Prices vary based on these choices.
Children 4 and below are FREE but please do register them
for planning and documentation purposes.

Registration Open:
February 14--August 15 (11:30PM for both)
www.camparrahwanna.org

High/Low Ropes Course! Archery! Family Worship! 9Square! Beach Day
Theme! GaGa Ball! Pool Movie Night Featuring "JAWS" (50th Anniversary!)
Giant Jenga, Cornhole & Volleyball Tournaments!

Scholarship Applications Available @
www.camparrahwanna.org
For more information, contact Corey:
program@camparrahwanna.org



Camp Arrah Wanna Update

Summer is always an exciting time of year at our American Baptist Camp Arrah Wanna! With summer camp for kids of all ages happening July 14-18, there's still time to get involved! To register your students today, just go to camparrahwanna.org. Also, through our Brophy Camp Scholarship Fund, we want to make it possible for all FBC students to attend, regardless of ability to pay. To learn more, just contact Pastor Anthony.

And, you won't want to miss out on "Friends and Family Camp," happening Labor Day weekend, August

29-September 1. Come for one night or stay for all three! This is a great way to end the summer and it's open to kids, youth, and adults of all ages! A great way to gather with American Baptist family and meet new friends!

Also, Camp is always in need of great volunteers to work with our students. Is God calling you to serve as a cabin counselor, a "camp grandparent," or in some other capacity? Then reach out today, contacting Pastor Anthony, emailing program@camparrahwanna.org, or calling 503-622-3189.



Mission J.13 "Kodiak" Update

This August 14 through 24, 19 high school students, young adults, and adult volunteers will embark on the adventure of a lifetime at the Kodiak Baptist Mission in Alaska. Led by Pastor Anthony, the group requests your prayers as they head out to serve the people of Kodiak Island with our American Baptist partners there. Team members have been working hard to raise funds for their mission. At date of writing, some \$22,860 have been raised for the trip, leaving them just about \$3,600 short of their goal. It is hoped that this remaining amount will be raised by the time the group departs. The Mission Team can't thank the members of FBC enough for their generosity in supporting this mission! Also, they are very grateful to the First Baptist Foundation, which made a special donation of \$4,636 toward the cause in late June.

If you would like to help the team achieve its funding goal or make an investment in future J.13 ministries, please direct your gift to "FBC" and designate it for "Mission J.13." There's no greater way to invest in the future of the Church and our youth!

Thank you all for your support through prayers, finances, and volunteer work!

Camp Arrah Wanna
Summer Camp
"Into the Wardrobe"
July 14-18, 2025

Check-In Monday (7/14):
12:00-1:00 PM
Check-Out Friday (7/18):
1:00-2:00 PM
Grades 1-12: \$300

www.camparrahwanna.org

REGISTRATION CLOSES JUNE 23.

Scan QR code to register today!

2025 Volunteer Applications NOW AVAILABLE! APPLY TODAY!

High/Low Ropes Courses! Arts & Crafts! Group Worship & Age-Level Discussions!
Archery! Outdoor Pool Time! GaGa Ball! So Much More!
Scholarship Applications Available @ www.camparrahwanna.org
For more information, contact Corey: program@camparrahwanna.org

Camp Arrah Wanna
2025 EVENTS

September 19-21
Contemplative Retreat
(registration closes September 5)

October 18
Fall Fundraiser Event

“The Path” Readings for July, August and September (Choose 1, 2, or 4 Each Day)

7/1: Dt. 4, Ps. 86, Ps. 87, Is. 32, Rv. 2	8/1: Jo. 3, Ps. 126, Ps. 127, Ps. 128, Is. 63, Mt. 11	9/1: Jd. 15, Ac. 19, Je. 28, Mk. 14
7/2: Dt. 5, Ps. 88, Is. 33, Rv. 3	8/2: Jo. 4, Ps. 129, Ps. 130, Ps. 131, Is. 64, Mt. 12	9/2: Jd. 16, Ac. 20, Je. 29, Mk. 15
7/3: Dt. 6, Ps. 89, Is. 34, Rv. 4	8/3: Jo. 5, Ps. 132, Ps. 133, Ps. 134, Is. 65, Mt. 13	9/3: Jd. 17, Ac. 21, Je. 30, Je. 31, Mk. 16
7/4: Dt. 7, Ps. 90, Is. 35, Rv. 5	8/4: Jo. 6, Ps. 135, Ps. 136, Is. 66, Mt. 14	9/4: Jd. 18, Ac. 22, Je. 32, Lk. 1
7/5: Dt. 8, Ps. 91, Is. 36, Rv. 6	8/5: Jo. 7, Ps. 137, Ps. 138, Je. 1, Mt. 15	9/5: Jd. 19, Ac. 23, Je. 33, Lk. 2
7/6: Dt. 9, Ps. 92, Ps. 93, Is. 37, Rv. 7	8/6: Jo. 8, Ps. 139, Je. 2, Mt. 16	9/6: Jd. 20, Ac. 24, Je. 34, Lk. 3
7/7: Dt. 10, Ps. 94, Is. 38, Rv. 8	8/7: Jo. 9, Ps. 140, Ps. 141, Je. 3, Mt. 17	9/7: Jd. 21, Ac. 25, Je. 35, Lk. 4
7/8: Dt. 11, Ps. 95, Ps. 96, Is. 39, Rv. 9	8/8: Jo. 10, Ps. 142, Ps. 143, Je. 4, Mt. 18	9/8: Rt. 1, Ac. 26, Je. 36, Lk. 5
7/9: Dt. 12, Ps. 97, Ps. 98, Is. 40, Rv. 10	8/9: Jo. 11, Ps. 144, Je. 5, Mt. 19	9/9: Rt. 2, Ac. 27, Je. 37, Lk. 6
7/10: Dt. 13, Dt. 14, Ps. 99, Ps. 100, Ps. 101, Is. 41, Rv. 11	8/10: Jo. 12, Jo. 13, Ps. 145, Je. 6, Mt. 20	9/10: Rt. 3, Rt. 4, Ac. 28, Je. 38, Lk. 7
7/11: Dt. 15, Ps. 102, Is. 42, Rv. 12	8/11: Jo. 14, Jo. 15, Ps. 146, Ps. 147, Je. 7, Mt. 21	9/11: 1 Sm. 1, Ro. 1, Je. 39, Lk. 8
7/12: Dt. 16, Ps. 103, Is. 43, Rv. 13	8/12: Jo. 16, Jo. 17, Ps. 148, Je. 8, Mt. 22	9/12: 1 Sm. 2, Ro. 2, Je. 40, Lk. 9
7/13: Dt. 17, Ps. 104, Is. 44, Rv. 14	8/13: Jo. 18, Jo. 19, Ps. 149, Ps. 150, Je. 9, Mt. 23	9/13: 1 Sm. 3, Ro. 3, Je. 41, Lk. 10
7/14: Dt. 18, Ps. 105, Is. 45, Rv. 15	8/14: Jo. 20, Jo. 21, Ac. 1, Je. 10, Mt. 24	9/14: 1 Sm. 4, Ro. 4, Je. 42, Lk. 11
7/15: Dt. 19, Ps. 106, Is. 46, Rv. 16	8/15: Jo. 22, Ac. 2, Je. 11, Mt. 25	9/15: 1 Sm. 5, 1 Sm. 6, Ro. 5, Je. 43, Lk. 12
7/16: Dt. 20, Ps. 107, Is. 47, Rv. 17	8/16: Jo. 23, Ac. 3, Je. 12, Mt. 26	9/16: 1 Sm. 7, 1 Sm. 8, Ro. 6, Je. 44, Je. 45, Lk. 13
7/17: Dt. 21, Ps. 108, Ps. 109, Is. 48, Rv. 18	8/17: Jo. 24, Ac. 4, Je. 13, Mt. 27	9/17: 1 Sm. 9, Ro. 7, Je. 46, Lk. 14
7/18: Dt. 22, Ps. 110, Ps. 111, Is. 49, Rv. 19	8/18: Ju. 1, Ac. 5, Je. 14, Mt. 28	9/18: 1 Sm. 10, Ro. 8, Je. 47, Lk. 15
7/19: Dt. 23, Ps. 112, Ps. 113, Is. 50, Rv. 20	8/19: Ju. 2, Ac. 6, Je. 15, Mk. 1	9/19: 1 Sm. 11, Ro. 9, Je. 48, Lk. 16
7/20: Dt. 24, Ps. 114, Ps. 115, Is. 51, Rv. 21	8/20: Ju. 3, Ac. 7, Je. 16, Mk. 2	9/20: 1 Sm. 12, Ro. 10, Je. 49, Lk. 17
7/21: Dt. 25, Ps. 116, Is. 52, Rv. 22	8/21: Ju. 4, Ac. 8, Je. 17, Mk. 3	9/21: 1 Sm. 13, Ro. 11, Je. 50, Lk. 18
7/22: Dt. 26, Ps. 117, Ps. 118, Is. 53, Mt. 1	8/22: Ju. 5, Ac. 9, Je. 18, Mk. 4	9/22: 1 Sm. 14, Ro. 12, Je. 51, Lk. 19
7/23: Dt. 27, Ps. 119:1-24, Is. 54, Mt. 2	8/23: Ju. 6, Ac. 10, Je. 19, Mk. 5	9/23: 1 Sm. 15, Ro. 13, Je. 52, Lk. 20
7/24: Dt. 28, Ps. 119:25-48, Is. 55, Mt. 3	8/24: Ju. 7, Ac. 11, Je. 20, Mk. 6	9/24: 1 Sm. 16, Ro. 14, La. 1, Lk. 21
7/25: Dt. 29, Ps. 119:49-72, Is. 56, Mt. 4	8/25: Ju. 8, Ac. 12, Je. 21, Mk. 7	9/25: 1 Sm. 17, Ro. 15, La. 2, Lk. 22
7/26: Dt. 30, Ps. 119:73-96, Is. 57, Mt. 5	8/26: Ju. 9, Ac. 13, Je. 22, Mk. 8	9/26: 1 Sm. 18, Ro. 16, La. 3, Lk. 23
7/27: Dt. 31, Ps. 119:97-120, Is. 58, Mt. 6	8/27: Ju. 10, Ac. 14, Je. 23, Mk. 9	9/27: 1 Sm. 19, 1 Co. 1, La. 4, Lk. 24
7/28: Dt. 32, Ps. 119:121-144, Is. 59, Mt. 7	8/28: Ju. 11, Ac. 15, Je. 24, Mk. 10	9/28: 1 Sm. 20, 1 Co. 2, La. 5, Jn. 1
7/29: Dt. 33, Dt. 34, Ps. 119:145-176, Is. 60, Mt. 8	8/29: Ju. 12, Ac. 16, Je. 25, Mk. 11	9/29: 1 Sm. 21, 1 Sm. 22, 1 Co. 3, Ez. 1, Jn. 2
7/30: Jo. 1, Ps. 120, Ps. 121, Ps. 122, Is. 61, Mt. 9	8/30: Ju. 13, Ac. 17, Je. 26, Mk. 12	9/30: 1 Sm. 23, 1 Co. 4, Ez. 2, Jn. 3
7/31: Jo. 2, Ps. 123, Ps. 124, Ps. 125, Is. 62, Mt. 10	8/31: Ju. 14, Ac. 18, Je. 27, Mk. 13	

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LOOKING UP to God for meaning in life;

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with the hope of Jesus;

RAISING UP a generation in the way of Jesus;

LIVING AS FAMILY, different though we may
be; and

SERVING TOGETHER for the good of others.



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Is your information current?

Have you moved, or gotten a new phone number or email address? Please fill out a Prayer/Visitor card the next time you are at the church so we may update our database. Please use one of the FBC pens in the pews and feel free to take it with you as thanks!



Prayer Request and Visitor Information Card

Name _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

☐ I would like to visit with a pastor

☐ I have a prayer request (use other side)

☐ I am interested in more information about joining FBC.

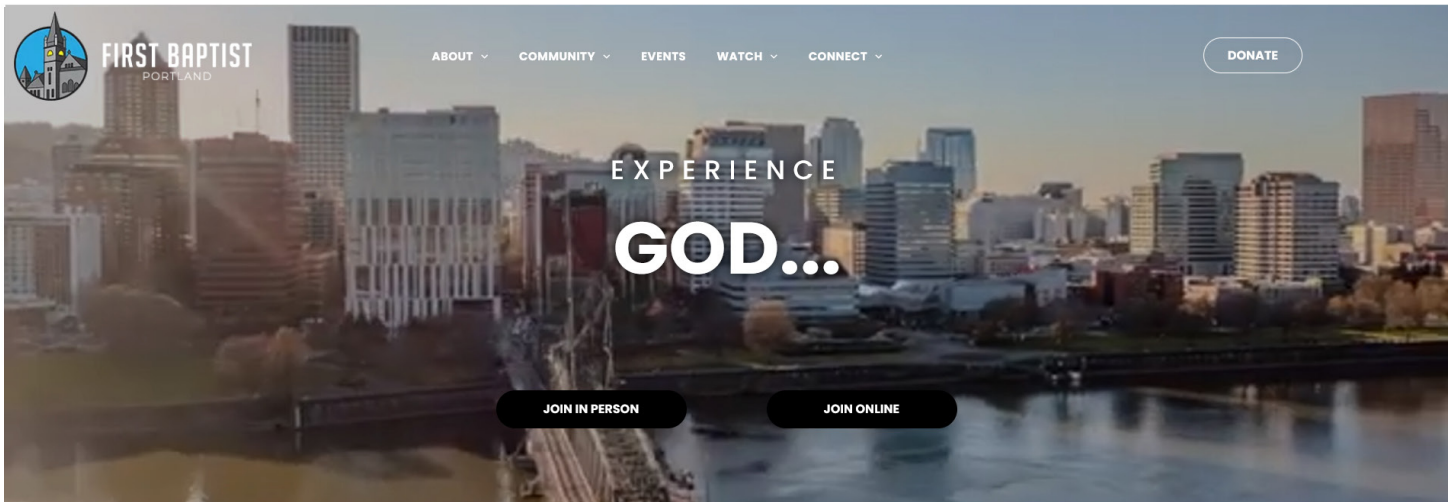
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If you would like a copy sent to your home, please contact Jason Chastain at jchastain@fbc-portland.org or 503-228-7465 to request a copy!



We have CD players available, too. If you need delivery to your home, please let us know.

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A HOSPITABLE COMMUNITY DEEPLY SHAPED BY THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

We thrive when we're together in community. As you browse our website, it's our hope that you'll find multiple opportunities to get involved with life here at First Baptist Church (FBC) of Portland, whether that be through our Sunday gatherings, a Life Group, a Fellowship Meal, our Drop-In ministry, or all of the above.

SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

When you gather with us on a Sunday, you can expect to hear the Bible preached. We'll also sing, receive communion, and spend time together.

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