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Member Birthdays

Serey Kong.....	7/1	Bunchan Chan Prak.....	9/1
Alicia Wheelock	7/5	Bunly Lay.....	9/4
Elizabeth Khem	7/8	Sreyhieik Seng.....	9/5
Cheryl Hartup	7/17	Sreyroat Seng	9/5
Neang Som	7/18	Erin Jones.....	9/6
Levi Toupin.....	7/19	Stephanie Lam	9/9
Johnny Khem	7/20	Kimseng Ty.....	9/10
Tess Ratty.....	7/20	Bruce Borquist	9/11
Neal Chartier	7/24	Felicia Keo	9/12
Lisa Toupin	7/30	Kiirros (Rath) Enloe.....	9/18
		Peter Im	9/20
Faith Prom	8/1	Ashton Gemelli	9/21
Sim Rath.....	8/1	Nick Gherasim	9/23
Julie Wray	8/3	Sophy Puth	9/24
Ratharos Ren	8/3	Connie Shearer.....	9/26
Scott Kendall	8/10	Alan Martin	9/30
Sophanna Kendall.....	8/10		
Marie Minderhout.....	8/11		
Junior Theang.....	8/12		
Monterey Drake	8/12		
Jami Bagley	8/16		
Janice Chellis.....	8/16		
Norman Cole	8/16		
Clarissa Benfield.....	8/20		
Toby Bagley.....	8/21		
Mark Miller	8/23		

**Happy Birthday! Join us during our Monthly Fellowship Meals to celebrate all who have birthdays during the month.
(July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20)**



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!

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The next Trumpeter deadline is **September 14, 2026**.

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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Felicia Keo, *Associate Pastor of Cambodian Ministry*

Nik Jones, *Facilities Manager*

Jason Chastain, *Communications Administrator*

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Levi Toupin, *Events Coordinator*

Cory Gonzales, *Director of Worship Technology*

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*

Joey Stockdale, *Security Officer*



Summer of Psalms

*“But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God,
That I may declare all Your works.” (Psalm 73:28, NKJV)*

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.” In 2024, that dream became a reality.

But here’s the thing: The book of Psalms is the longest book in the entire Bible, at least in terms of the number of chapters (however, it comes in at number 3 in terms of the number of words in the original language). With a total of 150 psalms, the book is actually divided into 5 parts. In 2024, we started our 5-year, summertime journey through the Psalms by studying a selection of psalms found in Book I. In 2025, we did the same with Book II. And now, this summer, we’re back for “Summer of Psalms III,” and we

will be reflecting on psalms found in Book III, which covers Psalm 73 and continues through to Psalm 89.

I’m looking forward to returning to our journey through the ancient Israel’s hymnbook, as Book III helps us to consider some pretty significant issues like: Loss, going through times of transition, and God’s faithfulness in the midst of great obstacles. 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*

CHURCH FAMILY UPDATES

HONORING OUR LOVED ONES

Please pray for the family of **Anne Dong**, who passed away on April 12, 2026. Condolences can be sent c/o the Church Office.

Our Christian sympathies extend to the family of **Mohammad Sobhani**, who passed away on May 15, 2026. All are welcome to attend his Celebration of Life service on August 1 (details to be announced via email closer to the date). Please watch your email for more information. Condolences can be sent to Mohammad’s son, Sepehr Sobhani, c/o the Church Office.

Our condolences go to the family of **Thoeun Leng**, who passed away on June 27, 2026. A memorial service is being planned for her on July 18, with details to be announced via email. Condolences can be sent to Thoeun’s mother, Mao Leng at: 1519 Princeton Ave, Stockton, CA 95204.

CELEBRATING BAPTISM!

Our heart-felt congratulations go to our sisters-in-Christ, **Kathy Keller** and **Joylyn Raj**, both of whom were made a public declaration of their faith in Christ through baptism on Sunday, June 28! May we all serve to encourage them in their faith as they follow Jesus.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS!

We were pleased to give a warm welcome to all who became members of church in the last quarter, including **Shaila Chavero**, **Erin Jones**, **Joey Stockdale**, and **Michael Sek**. Additionally, **Kathy Keller** and **Joylyn Raj** joined the church family by baptism. To God be the glory as we seek to grow and make a positive difference in the community as a congregation!

HOPE

Finding Hope in the Faithfulness of God

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when desire is fulfilled, it is a tree of life. Proverbs 13:12 (AMP)

Life can bring seasons of disappointment, grief, uncertainty, and waiting. When our hopes seem delayed, it is easy to become discouraged and lose perspective. Yet Scripture reminds us that our hope is not rooted in our circumstances but in the unchanging character of God.

The prophet Jeremiah understood what it meant to experience deep sorrow. The book of Lamentations records his grief over the destruction of Jerusalem. Yet in the middle of his pain, Jeremiah discovered a pathway from despair to hope. His journey provides practical steps for every believer.

1. FACE THE CHALLENGES WITH FAITH.

“Remember [O Lord] my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and the gall (bitterness).” (Lamentations 3:19 AMP). Jeremiah did not pretend that everything was fine. He acknowledged his suffering honestly before God. Faith does not deny reality; rather, it faces reality while trusting that God is still at work. God invites us to bring our struggles to Him. Healing often begins when we stop hiding our pain and honestly place it before the Lord.

2. GUARD YOUR THOUGHTS.

“My soul continually remembers them And is bowed down within me.” (Lamentations 3:20 AMP). Jeremiah recognized that constantly dwelling on his hardships had affected his heart. In fact, earlier he admitted that he had lost hope (Lamentations 3:18). His focus had become fixed on his pain, and his soul reflected it. Our thoughts shape our perspective. If we continually replay our disappointments, discouragement can take root. We must intentionally guard our minds and choose what we allow to occupy our thoughts.

3. SHIFT YOUR FOCUS TO THE LORD.

“But this I call to mind, Therefore I have hope.” (Lamentations 3:21 AMP). Everything changed when Jeremiah made a deliberate decision to redirect his

thoughts. His circumstances had not improved, but his focus had. Hope begins when we stop looking only at our problems and begin remembering who God is—His promises, His character, and His faithfulness. Our confidence grows not because life is easy, but because God is trustworthy.

4. WAKE UP TO GOD’S NEW MERCIES.

“It is because of the Lord’s lovingkindnesses that we are not consumed, Because His [tender] compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great and beyond measure is Your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23 AMP). These words remain among the most comforting promises in Scripture. Every new day is evidence of God’s mercy. His compassion never runs out, and His faithfulness never changes. Jeremiah found hope not by ignoring his troubles but by magnifying God’s goodness above them. As Psalm 30:5 reminds us: “Sorrow may last for the evening, but joy comes in the morning.” Every sunrise is a reminder that God offers fresh grace, renewed strength, and another opportunity to trust Him.

5. GOD IS YOUR PORTION.

“‘The Lord is my portion and my inheritance,’ says my soul; ‘Therefore I have hope in Him and wait expectantly for Him.’” (Lamentations 3:24 AMP). Jeremiah moved from speaking about God’s goodness to declaring a deeply personal truth: “The Lord is my portion.” A portion is an inheritance, a possession, something of lasting value. When God Himself becomes our greatest treasure, our hope is no longer dependent on possessions, success, health, or circumstances. If God is enough, then we always have reason to hope.

6. WAIT ON GOD.

“The Lord is good to those who wait [confidently] for Him, To those who seek Him [on the authority of God’s word].” (Lamentations 3:25 AMP). Waiting is often one of the hardest parts of the Christian life. Yet Scripture repeatedly teaches that waiting on God is never wasted time. Isaiah

reminds us: “*Those who wait on the Lord gain new strength*” (Isaiah 40:31). Biblical waiting is not passive resignation. It is active trust. It is choosing to seek God, remain faithful, and confidently expect Him to work according to His perfect timing. As we wait, God strengthens our faith, shapes our character, and prepares us for what lies ahead.

REFLECTION

The journey from despair to hope does not happen because our circumstances suddenly improve. It happens because our hearts are anchored in the unchanging faithfulness of God. Like Jeremiah, we may begin by remembering our pain, but we do not stay there. We intentionally remember God’s promises, rejoice in His mercy, declare that He is our portion, and patiently wait for His perfect timing. Whatever you may be facing today, remember this truth: Hope is not wishful thinking—it is confident trust in the God who is always faithful.

—Pastor Sam Raj

SAY THIS OUT LOUD:

The Lord’s loving kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “Therefore I have hope in Him” (Lamentations 3:22-24).

Declaration of Faith: Today, I choose hope over despair. God’s love for me never ends, and His compassion never fails. Every new day brings fresh mercy, fresh grace, and fresh strength. No matter what I face, I will trust in the unwavering faithfulness of my Lord. The Lord is my portion. He is my provider, my protector, my strength, and my greatest treasure. Because He is with me, I have every reason to hope. I will not allow fear, disappointment, or uncertainty to define my future. My confidence is anchored in the promises of God, and I will walk forward in faith, knowing that He is working all things together for His glory and my good. Today, I choose to trust Him.

A Farewell Message to My First Baptist Church Family

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

As I write these words, my heart is filled with gratitude. Serving as your Executive Pastor has been one of the greatest honors and privileges of my life and ministry. While goodbyes are never easy, I leave with deep joy because I know that the God who has faithfully led this church for generations will continue to guide her into the future He has prepared.

The writer of Hebrews encourages us: “*Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...*” (Hebrews 12:2a)

That is my encouragement to each of you today:
keep your eyes on Jesus.

Churches experience seasons of change. Pastors come and go. Leaders transition. But Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. Our hope has never been in a pastor, a program, or a building. Our hope has always been—and will always be—in our faithful Savior.

It has been an incredible honor to serve alongside the wonderful people of this congregation. For 171 years, First Baptist Church has faithfully proclaimed the

Gospel of Jesus Christ in the heart of Portland. To have played even a small part in that remarkable story is a privilege that our family will always treasure.

Thank you for welcoming us with such warmth, kindness, and love. Thank you for allowing us to worship, serve, pray, laugh, celebrate, and sometimes even grieve together. Through every season, you have demonstrated what it means to be the family of God, and the friendships we have made here will remain among our greatest blessings.

As I reflect on these years, I am deeply thankful for all that God has allowed us to accomplish together. Together we strengthened our staff structure and organizational policies, improved the stewardship of our facilities and resources, enhanced our technology and launched a new church website, expanded ministry initiatives, improved the safety and security of our campus, beautified our property through generous grants and donations, strengthened partnerships with the City of Portland, and worked to make our church an even

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more welcoming place for our congregation, our ministry partners, and our neighbors. We also continue to look forward to projects that are now underway, including improvements that will further serve both our church and our community.

None of these accomplishments belong to any one individual. They represent the faithfulness of God working through an incredible staff, dedicated volunteers, wise church leadership, generous donors, faithful ministry partners, and a congregation that loves Christ and desires to serve Him well. To God alone be the glory.

I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to several people who have been an immense blessing to both me and our family.

To **Leslie Cody**, our Church Moderator, thank you for your steadfast friendship, wise counsel, and unwavering encouragement. You have become like family to us, and we will always be grateful for your love, support, and faithful leadership.

To **Rev. Steve Bils**, Executive Minister of our region, thank you for being a trusted ministry mentor. Your wisdom, encouragement, and Christ-centered leadership have shaped me in countless ways. I continue to learn from your example every day.

To **Pastor Matt Toupin**, thank you for your friendship, partnership in ministry, and faithful leadership. It has been a joy to serve alongside you, and I am grateful for your trust, encouragement, and shared commitment to Christ and His Church.

I also want to thank our pastors, staff, elected leaders, ministry teams, volunteers, and every member of this congregation. Ministry has never been about one person. It is the beautiful work of God's people serving together, each using their gifts for His Kingdom. Thank you for allowing me to serve alongside you.

As our family begins the next chapter that God has graciously prepared for us, we do so with excitement, humility, and complete dependence upon Him. While we will deeply miss seeing your faces each week, please know that First Baptist Church will always hold a special place in our hearts. We will continue to remember you in our prayers with gratitude and affection.

Please continue to pray for our family as we begin this new season of ministry. We ask the Lord to guide



us, strengthen us, and use us for His glory, just as we pray He will continue to bless First Baptist Church for generations to come.

Thank you for allowing us to become part of your story.

May God continue to bless this historic church with faithful leadership, joyful worship, compassionate service, generous hearts, a passion for missions, and an unwavering commitment to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ until He comes again.

Until we meet again, may we all continue to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

With love, gratitude, and every blessing,

—Rev. Sam Raj

Worship through Music

When we select music for our morning worship services, whether we are looking at the hymnal or our Worship Team's song catalog, we are intentional about using songs and hymns with biblical lyrics. In Colossians 3:16 Paul points out the desired relationship between the Word and our music, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

On a recent Sunday morning, Pastor Steve helped us look at Psalm 46 through the lens of Martin Luther's famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." The psalmist is celebrating God's protection from both natural disasters and from enemy nations.

In the first stanza, Luther starts with this theme of God being our faithful and unfailing bulwark or refuge, and applies it to our struggle against "our ancient foe." With brilliance and brevity he reminds us that because of his cruel hate for God and mankind, the devil wants to harm us, and because of his great cunning and power we should never underestimate him.

In the second stanza, Luther continues the lesson

that our human capacity and strength is no match for Satan. Our only hope for victory is to recognize the advocate that God has placed between us and the devil, and to allow Him to fight and win the battle for us. Christ Jesus is "the right man on our side" and is identified as the Old Testament Lord of Hosts (Jehovah-Sabaoth) mentioned in Psalm 46:7

For over 500 years the words of encouragement that Luther penned in the final two stanzas have engendered confidence and boldness in those who have sung this hymn. (A good hymn will do that!) Yes, Satan and his minions are many, and have great power and control in this present world. But we know that their ultimate destiny is total defeat. "We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to Triumph through us!" God has given us amazing gifts, including His Spirit. The worst that they can do to us fades into insignificance when we sing the last line, "The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still, His Kingdom is forever!"

Psalm 46 also ends with an encouraging reminder, "The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

We have reasons, therefore, to Worship through song!

—*Pastor Trudi Bils (with Rev. Steve)*

Thank You for Your Generosity!

We are so grateful to our church family for your marked generosity in giving to missions this past quarter! With your help, we raised the following during the first quarter of 2026:

- **Easter Offering (for Cambodian Children's Ministry):** **\$1254.27**
- **Oregon for Christ Offering:** **\$2710.00**
- **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering:** **\$1071.00**

We are also exceedingly grateful to all who gave generously through tithes, offerings, and special donations during the first quarter of 2026.

By God's grace and with your help, FBC will continue to make a huge impact for the Kingdom of God in Downtown Portland and beyond!

—*FBC Diaconate Board & Missions Team*

Join a Life Group Today!

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.
FBC Cambodian Sunday School Room
(Leader: Pastor Peter)
- **Cambodian Bible Study Life Group:**
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.
Meets via Zoom
(Leader: Pastor Peter)
- **Table Talk: (resumes 9/16)**
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.
Join us for this Sermon-Based Life Group, which meets in the Dining Hall. All are welcome!
(Leader: Pastor Matt)
- **Coffee Hour Life Group: (resumes 9/17)**
Thursdays at 12:00 pm.
Meets in the Dining Room
(Leader: TBA)

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

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SPOTIFY

“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	

Meet your FBC Security Team!

With grateful hearts, we are pleased to introduce our FBC Security Team, a ministry of care dedicated to helping every member, guest, and neighbor feel warmly welcomed as they enter our church family. Through a gracious and watchful

presence, this team faithfully helps us nurture a safe and peaceful environment where our kids, teens, and adults can worship, grow, and gather in the love of Christ.

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**SERVING
TOGETHER
for the good
of others.**

John 13:3-7

JOIN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PORTLAND FOR A FREEDOM CELEBRATION

July 5, 2026 at 10:30 AM

UPLIFTING MUSIC!
MESSAGE OF FREEDOM
FREE REFRESHMENTS!



Join us for a wonderful afternoon of
GREAT FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP
with church members and meet other partner church members in the area!

RIDE WRISTBANDS

\$35 Guests 48" and taller

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Prices are the same as last year.

SIGN UP & PAY AT THE CHURCH

Reserve your ride tickets and pay at your church.

Check with your church for their sign-up deadline.

FINAL DEADLINE

All ticket reservations and payment must be received by
JULY 8

Invite your family, friends and neighbors - sign up fast, hurry!

Back To Church Sunday

Join us on Sept. 20 at 10:30 AM for a single-day event focused on extending the invitation of LOVE, PEACE, and HOPE to our friends and neighbors!

Cambodian Ministry News



“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” — Galatians 6:9

Looking back on this quarter, we thank God for His faithfulness in every part of our ministry. Whether we faced celebrations or challenges, worship or service, travel or changes, the Lord guided us each step of the way. Our recent vision trip to Cambodia showed us again that God’s work happens through His grace, not our own strength. Let’s keep serving faithfully, trusting that God will bring results in His perfect timing.

First Baptist Church Cambodian Ministry

We are thankful to God as we share this good news from the second quarter. More than 100 members came to our Easter brunch, and young families enjoyed the Easter egg hunt. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and gave financial support. We also appreciate this year’s Easter offering, which helps keep the children’s ministry running.

From late April to early June, Shirley and I served at the Children’s Center in Cambodia. We are very thankful for our key leaders who stepped up to preach and teach Sunday school while we were away. Their help let the Cambodian Ministry keep growing and allowed us to focus on our work in Cambodia.

The Cambodians were grateful to celebrate Heritage Sunday, the 171st Anniversary of First Baptist Church, with worship, fellowship, and a shared meal. We also thank God for the Men’s Fellowship Mother’s Day luncheon, which gave us another special time to worship and connect. Congratulations to JC and Jessica Hazen, and to grandparents Nguon and Lynn Eam, on the birth of baby Mia Justine Hazen on May 18, 2026. We pray that the Lord will bless and guide her as she grows.

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

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Cambodian Children's Ministry (CCM)

We are grateful for another fruitful season at CCM. Our annual fundraiser, with an auction and Cambodian food, was a blessing. Thank you to everyone for your love and support. We will share more details about the event in the next report.

In May, Shirley and I traveled to Cambodia with my sister-in-law and her husband, who is a pastor, for a vision and mission trip. God kept us safe, healthy, and strong as we worked on many ministry tasks. Even with the heat and challenges, we learned to trust God's wisdom and guidance as we served children and families.

Thanks to our staff, ministry partners, and donors, we made 110 new uniforms for the children, worked with government officials to distribute food to families affected by the Thailand border conflict, and bought supplies in Phnom Penh for ongoing projects at the Center. On our first weekend, a strong windstorm hit the area around the Center. A large tree fell near the fishpond, and other trees damaged parts of the office and computer buildings. Thankfully, the computers were safe from water damage. We have made temporary repairs costing about \$500.

After assessing the Center's needs, we traveled to Siem Reap Province to deliver food supplies to 78 families, including those with disabilities, who were staying at a Buddhist temple. We also gave gifts to the children. The village chief and Buddhist priest thanked God, the sponsors, and our group for the help. Many people joined us in prayer during the project.

When we returned to the Center, we held special worship services for children, youth, parents, and guardians. Families received gift bags with sarongs, kromas, soup, clothes, school supplies, hygiene items, and other essentials. We also distributed food, provided financial assistance to families in need, and prayed with them as we discussed ways their children could join the Center's programs.

We kept supporting our youth with Bible studies, spiritual mentoring, educational check-ins, and worship training, including dance ministry. Fun activities like bingo helped the youth build stronger friendships.

One special moment was putting together the Puppet Show that Pastor Moses Raj donated in 2024. The puppet ministry is now part of our worship services, and the children really enjoy the Bible lessons it brings.

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We also started building another volleyball court, which the youth and children enjoy, along with the basketball court donated during our 2024 mission trip.

The fishpond project, built over a year ago and protected with double fencing, is doing well. The fish are growing, and our leadership team recently cooked fish from the pond for dinner for the first time. We hope that during the rainy season, some fish will help our nutrition program. We are thankful for the donors whose vision and generosity made this possible.

During our stay, I had the privilege of preaching each Sunday. Near the end of the trip, we successfully finalized our property documentation process. We also visited a seminary in the provincial capital to discuss potential youth pastors. By God's grace, we experienced a staff transition that met our leadership needs. Though the process was not easy, God continues to work in changing children's lives for His kingdom.

We are also working to find a better way to transport children and youth to the programs at the Center.

Wherever we went, and in every situation, God was with us. We thank our church and Cambodian leaders for letting us take this trip. We also truly appreciate our ministry partners, co-founders, project sponsors, donors, staff in Cambodia, and CCM board members who supported this mission.

Thanks to God's grace, we all made it home safely. This vision trip was a real blessing. So far, the BottleDrop project has raised over \$1,000. This ministry keeps going because of your faithful support, and we are very grateful.

We invite you to think about joining a mission trip in November 2026. If you are interested, please contact our leadership team or visit ccmnews.org for details.

You can send your regular financial gifts through the church or our secure online giving system. Special thanks to our webmasters for their faithful service.

Please keep praying for our leadership team, staff, and the children and families we serve through CCM.

"To God be the glory for all that He has done."

—Pastor Peter Im



J.13 Redwood Glen 2026





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SERVICE FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS!

J.13 Youth FBC & Region-Wide Events Calendar 2026

JULY

7/14–7/19: High School Summer Camp
7/20–7/24: Middle School and
Elementary Summer Camp

SEPTEMBER

9/27: Back-To-School Party

OCTOBER

10/3: Pumpkin Patch

NOVEMBER

11/8: Arcade

DECEMBER

12/4: Christmas Party

AUGUST

8/3–8/6: J.13 Camping Retreat

JULY 14–19

SUMMER CAMP: CAMPER
WHO JUST COMPLETED
GRADES 9–12
REGISTRATION CLOS
JUNE 22


2026 **CALENDAR**

JULY 20–24

SUMMER CAMP: CAMPER
WHO JUST COMPLETED
GRADES 1–8
REGISTRATION CLOS
JUNE 29

September 1

2027 Program
Volunteer
Applications
Available Online!

SEPTEMBER 4–7

FRIENDS & FAMILY
CAMP
REGISTRATION
CLOSES AUGUST 21

SEPTEMBER 18–20

CONTEMPLATIVE
RETREAT
REGISTRATION
CLOSES SEPTEMBER 4

**OCTOBER 3
FALL**

**FUNDRAISER:
"Denim & Diamonds"**

OCTOBER 16–18

**CAW MEN'S
RETREAT
BRAND-NEW THIS YEAR!**





Camp Arrah Wanna

Summer Camp

"In the Wilderness"



We're splitting into two weeks this year!
Come join us for Lake Day, Big Group Games,
9Square, Great Food, Worship Together, Age-
Level Discussions, and *SO MUCH MORE!!!!!!*

HIGH SCHOOL: July 14-19

(just completed Grades 9-12)

CHECK-IN TUESDAY (7/14):

6:30-7:30 PM

CHECK-OUT SUNDAY (7/19):

10:00-11:00 AM

\$350 per Camper

JUNIOR CAMP: July 20-24

(just completed Grades 1-8)

CHECK-IN MONDAY (7/20):

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

CHECK-OUT FRIDAY (7/24):

1:00-2:00 PM

\$325 per Camper



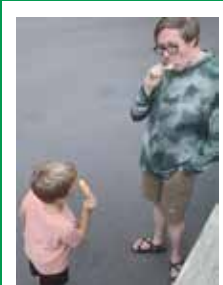
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program@camparrahwanna.org

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TIME TO *volunteer*

JOIN CAMP ARRAH WANNA BY INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION! VOLUNTEER FOR OUR 2026 PROGRAMS NOW!

YOUR HELP IN FILLING THE FOLLOWING ROLES WITH SERVANT-MINDED CHRIST FOLLOWERS IS APPRECIATED AND NECESSARY:

CABIN COUNSELORS, WELLNESS COUNSELORS, MEDICS,
CABIN COUNSELORS, CAMP GRANDPARENTS, CABIN COUNSELORS

WINTER CAMP: February 13-16 (Campers Grades 1-12)

"A Time for Every Season"

Volunteer Staff must attend a 1-hour Zoom
Training & Orientation during in January.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP: July 14-19

"In the Wilderness"

(Campers who have just completed Grades 9-12)

Volunteer Staff must arrive by 9AM on 7/14 for Training & Orientation.

JUNIOR SUMMER CAMP: July 20-24

"In the Wilderness"

(Campers who have just completed Grades 1-8)

Volunteer Staff must arrive 4:30-6:00 PM on 7/19
for Training & Orientation.

All Volunteer Staff must be at least four years
older than the oldest Campers they are assigned to
serve.

APPLY NOW:



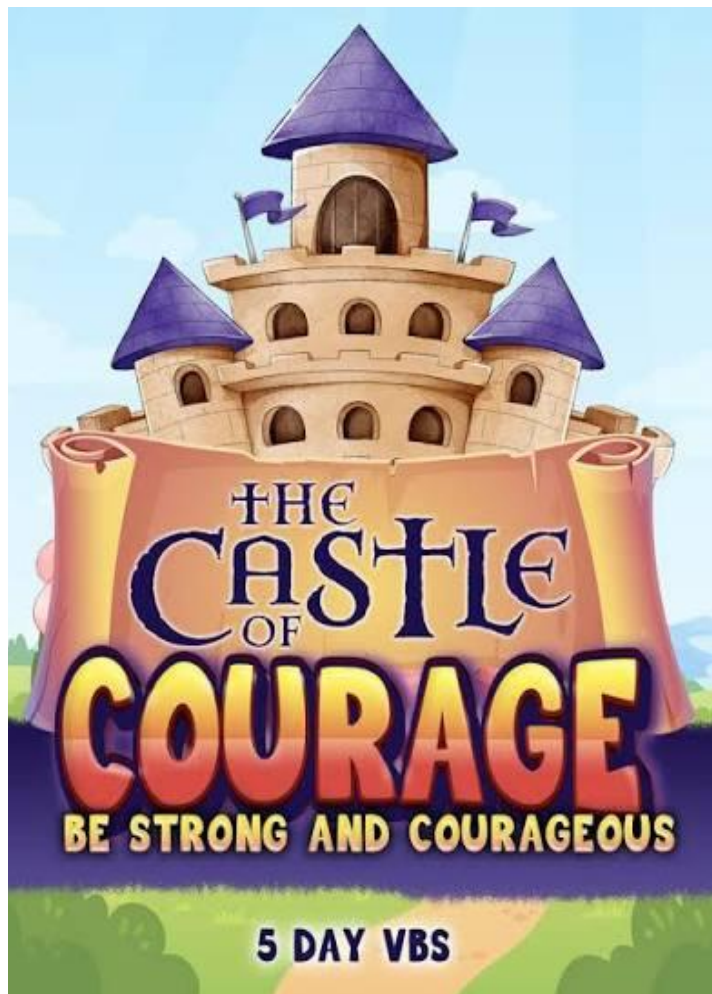
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Calling all KidChurch Kids and Families!

Join us at First Baptist Church of GRESHAM for an awesome Vacation Bible School (VBS) program!

July 27-31, 6-8 pm.

Location:

First Baptist Church of Gresham
224 W Powell Blvd.
Gresham, OR 97030

Volunteers needed!

To help out, talk to KidChurch Coordinator, Lisa Toupin, or contact the Church Office (office@fbc-portland.org)

J.13 CAMPING RETREAT AUGUST 3-6, 2026

Attention all students & Families: Join us this August as we grow in faith together on a J.13 Camping Retreat. Brought to you by J.13 Youth Ministry and First Baptist Church of Portland, this event will feature family fun, time in the Word, and an unforgettable time in one of our great Oregon State Parks, Champoege Park!

Cost is just \$75 for the week for camping and food. All students and families are responsible for bringing their own tent camping supplies for our "group site."

Health and liability form required! Must register by July 20, 2026!

SPACE IS LIMITED AT 25 PEOPLE, SO REGISTER NOW!

Contact Michele Painter (youth@fbc-portland.org) for more information!

Teaching Series for July–September, 2026

- July 5: Freedom Sunday – Part 17 – “**A Final Word**” (*Ga. 6:11–18*)
- July 12: Part 1 – “**Faith Amid Doubt**” (*Ps. 73*)
- July 19: All-Church Picnic – Part 2 – “**The Consolation of Memory**” (*Ps. 77*)
- July 26: Part 3 – “**Kindness to the Rebellious**” (*Ps. 78*)
- August 2: Part 4 – “**Dirge for the Defeated**” (*Ps. 79*)
- August 9: TBA
- August 16: Part 5 – “**Prayer for Our Land**” (*Ps. 85*)
- August 23: Part 6 – “**Legitimacy of Lament**” (*Ps. 88*)
- August 30: Part 7 – “**Blessed Be the Lord, No Matter What**” (*Ps. 89*)
- September 6: TBA
- September 13: “**Because of the Word of the Woman**” (*Jn. 4:27–42*)
- September 20: Back-to-Church Sunday – Part 1 – “**Why Did Jesus Come?**” (*Luke 4:17–21*)
- September 27: Part 2 – “**What’s the Problem?**” (*Isaiah 58:10*)

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