

# The Current *fbc Newsletter*

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## Pastor's Notes

Hello Church Family,

Happy September! It is hard to believe that another summer has passed us by, our schools have restarted and fall will be before us before we can blink. The Bible is so true. I think of the verse in James that tells us that we are but a vapor, here for a moment and gone the next.

Nevertheless, September has a lot in store for us. In fact, it is an exciting time for our church, as we transition our American Patriot Boys & Girls to Wednesday nights. Our big kick off is set for the 4th. I am excited about it, but we still need more people to sign up to serve. As I have said, this is an 'all-hands-on-deck' ministry.

Then on Sep 8, Dr. Jeff Kinley, with Prophecy Pros and The King is Coming ministries will teach S. S. in the auditorium for the students up, then our worship services. This is exciting, for Jeff is one of the best prophecy teachers in America and we are so blessed for God to lend him to us for a Sunday. I hope that every single one of us will commit to attending all three sessions he will be teaching.

Also, we will participate in Faith Fest on Saturday, Sep 21. We will have three booths. Please see Bro Neil, Ms. Haley or Carol Wilhelmy if you can assist in this event. It is a great opportunity to put a face on our church before our community. Bro Monty

## Church Events

- Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - CTWTC
- Sept 2<sup>ND</sup> – Labor Day  
office closed
- Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – 4:14 Men
- Sept 4<sup>th</sup> – Am. Patriot Kick-off
- Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Kinley  
"The King Is Coming"
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – PNO 6:30-9:00 pm
- Sept 21st – FaithFest
- Sept 25th – S.Y.A.T.P.



**\*8:00 AM Prayer Meeting every Thursday.\***

 **First Baptist Church**  
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Hello,

Just wanted to tell everyone about what is going on in American Patriots. On July 28th, Rick and I took 7 kids and 6 adults to tour the Mark Twain Museum in Poplar Bluff. We stopped at Dairy Queen and fed everybody then made our way on to the museum. It was a great history of Poplar Bluff and the Mark Twain School. They had several rooms for everyone to explore. The kids were given a card to collect photos from each room where they posed as a nurse, police officer, school teacher, etc. Each room had a photo opportunity. The museum called it a scavenger hunt because the kids had to find the hats and pose for a picture. They really enjoyed themselves. The adults liked seeing the different rooms and stuff as well. My girls especially liked the school room exhibit. They spent a lot of time in there. After we left the museum we made our way home. I loved hearing all the giggles and laughing they were doing in the van, it just made me smile, it was so contagious.

As you know Bro. Monty has been telling about the changes that are taking place for American Patriots. First off, we are moving from Sunday Night to Wednesday Night beginning Sept. 4th. On this night we will have a big "Kick-Off" at 6:30 PM. There will be a bouncy house outside and carnival booths inside the gym. We will have registration to begin with and prizes will be awarded at the end of the evening. We will have things to eat and take some time to inform the guardians of what we will be offering in this new program.

So come and be a part of this special event whether you work it or you have children to join us.

Thanks,

Robin King—American Patriot Girls

*The devil doesn't care how well you sing or  
how loud you shout. But I promise...he is  
terrified of how fervently you pray.*

Seasoned Souls Ministry

Greetings everyone,

We had our committee meeting on August 7th to plan ministry events for January - June 2025. All of our events will have food, fellowship and faith built into them and some will include travel. August game night was a great night and there was a good turnout.

The Nursing Home Ministry is doing fantastic. Please continue praying for me as I do this ministry. If you would like to join us every second and third Wednesday of each month at 3 pm, we would love to have you join us. On the second Wednesday we go to Colonial Home and on third we go to Walnut St. Nursing Home. Thank you so much to those of you who attended Priscilla Bass' funeral service, it was a very beautiful service. Priscilla will be dearly missed!

Our next scheduled event is an Outdoor Outing September 28th at 2 p.m. This event will be held at Bro. Monty's house. There will be food, games, fishing & prizes. We will provide Hamburgers. Please bring a side dish to share, your favorite drinks and chairs. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. It is possible that our church van can be used, so let me know if this would help.

If you are over 50, we would love for you to join us for our Seasoned Souls Ministry Events. Hope to see you all at our upcoming events.

Bro Ron Gannon

Senior Adult Ministry

(Colossians 4:6)







## Church on Mission

## Women on Mission

September 2024

We have heard many reports of the good and the bad regarding the 2024 Olympics in Paris. But we have not heard the God reports. When Covid ended one location, Jason Harris heard the call to “Go to the Nations” according to our Mosaic mag. He learned there was a great need for IMB personnel to go to Paris, France. French people are one of the largest unreached people groups in the world. Large pockets in France of 200-300 thousand people have no evangelical churches at all. Christianity confronts a hostile spiritual climate where those encountered were often uninterested and even resistant to the gospel of Jesus Christ. “We’re often asked why we’re in France, a western country that maybe doesn’t seem like a mission field to some, but the worldview that France unveiled before the entire globe at the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games is a very clear answer to why we’re here,” Harris said. International Mission Board’s Paris team, explaining their strategy for gospel outreach during the 2024 Summer Olympic Games includes facilitating and mobilizing more than 300 short-term volunteers to hit the streets of Paris sharing the gospel.

Each week of Olympics outreach, volunteers are focused on sharing the gospel using several creative strategies as entry points for evangelism and have invited local French churches to work alongside them and several local pastors have expressed how encouraged they’ve been.

*IMB’s Paris team will facilitate and mobilize hundreds of people to hit the streets and share Christ using creative strategies. Harris added, “We had interactions with around 5,400 people in various projects including spiritual surveys, passing out balloons to children, five-minute English, distributing New Testaments and Olympic pin trading.” The team also hosted outreach events in partnership with local French churches, including an evangelistic film showing, a children’s festival, a talent show and a pick-up volleyball tournament.*

*IMB’s digital engagement team has designed three Olympic pins to use as evangelism tools at the Olympics and Paralympics this summer and using a digital engagement strategy that will extend on-the-ground evangelism and online social media ads, that will run both in Paris and around the world.*

Overall, the team counted 396 gospel shares, 500 Scripture portions – a copy of the New Testament or the gospel of John – distributed, 10 digital engagement contacts made, 200 Olympic pins distributed and used to share the gospel and five professions of faith. They also saw nearly 75 people step into a church building for the first time. Ultimately, the harvest is in God’s hands. They have already witnessed God drawing people to Himself through volunteer efforts this summer. Pray for the reaping of the harvest.

Calendar: Lets be intentional and go to work!!

9/4 – American Patriot Boys & Girls Kick Off – All hands needed

9/13 - “Parents Night Out / Kids Night In” at 6pm – sign up in the foyer (required)

9/21 – Faithfest – Help us promote our church - 2-6 pm at fair grounds

9/23 – Jar painting for “Adopt a School Grade” for Christmas – Lunch provided

“Be Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction, Faithful in Prayer” Rom. 12:12

Carol Wilhelmy, Missions Director

“Why do bad things happen to good people? That only happened once, and He volunteered.





# Youth Pastor's Pen

For September the 412 Youth is holding their annual Lock-in which will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> if the Lord is willing. We are expecting 35-40 kids. Last year I underestimated the amount of food needed and felt bad about it. We have that covered this year and are going to prepare for a bigger crowd as it has been our biggest event.

This year I am putting together an escape room and doing a scavenger hunt. Its lots of work and time, but it's worth it! We are going to have lots of food and snacks, if anyone would like to pitch in with some food it would be welcomed. We are also making some homemade Chicken and Dumplings due to a few requests. This year we are also doing a mission project and will make cookies for the nursing home. I am sure that day is going to go by quickly and hopefully everything will run smoothly.

It's awesome to see the fellowship upstairs and how many genuinely are trusting in Christ. My hope is as our group grows and face life that they have built their lives on the cornerstone of Christ. What will be hard is watching some of them get off the path and make mistakes. I think like the prodigal son many will want to see what the world offers, especially if the parents shield them too much from it. My hope is they realize that what the world offers and values is unfulfilling and empty and can never satisfy you.

You can fill your life with the things of this world and try to buy happiness, you can put your trust in wealth, you can put your hope and trust in pleasure and you're going to be missing something. There is a hole inside each of us that can never be quenched without God. It's easy to tell people the truth, but many have to see it for themselves. The bible tells us all we need to know about life, but the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. That temptation to see what the world offers normally makes us find out the hard way that God is the only way.

Brother Neil

2Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

3What does man gain by all the toil  
at which he toils under the sun?

