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<b>June 27-July 3</b>	
June 27	Abigail Thomas
June 28	Bobby Heady Bettye Wise
June 29	Bettye Harmon Tiffany Nunn
June 30	Katie Sandidge Isabella Thurman Bo Shelton
July 1	Bailey Rogers
July 2	Misty Smith Christian Rojas Alex Ramey
July 3	Jane Wright Kenny Albert
<p><i>J.C. and Naomi Ragland celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary June 20 (not June 27 as printed last week). Sorry for the error.</i></p>	

**MIKE'S-SPACE**

Well, I've gone and done it! I've started a Facebook page on the internet. I don't know yet whether this is a good way of communicating with all the people I am acquainted with. (I do know that you shouldn't end a sentence with a preposition, but who cares, it's the way I talk!) I suppose having a Facebook page is no worse than having a Link article every week. Facebook is the same type of communication, just quicker and it has the potential to reach so many more people.

If you go back before even the printing press to the first copies of the Bible, you have something like the first Facebook. Only there, we're talking about the face of God and getting to know Him. It seems that we have always been curious about each other and God. We say prayers or write something to someone and hope we get a response.

And do you get a response? And then do you keep up the conversation? Is there a true relationship? That is the basic thing that has kept me from getting on Facebook in the first place. I wondered if I would or could keep up with all the people that wanted to relate to me. On Facebook there is the potential to talk to so many people. It would seem that any pastor would want to be on Facebook. It appears to be such a good way of keeping up with what is going on in people's lives.

But then I think Facebook could also be a way of ignoring people, a way of relating and not really relating at the same time. I'll have to think about how much time I spend looking at Facebook stuff. I can see how anyone could spend hours and hours looking at and responding to all that their friends have posted. But is that really relationship? Shouldn't our relationships with people go past just catching a glimpse of them on the internet every once in a while?

In the gospel of John we're told that Jesus (our Facebook friend) became one of us so he could really relate to us. He did not just post a Facebook page. He dropped by the house to talk to us and share life with us. I hope I can use my Facebook experience to truly relate to people like that. I guess you can post me on Facebook and let me know how I'm doing with that!

Yours in Christ,  
Mike

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Suzanne Boone, Judy  
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Mae Burden, Patty  
Edwards, Peggy Edwards, Bill  
Hazle, Carol Hornback  
Host: Sherry Key

**Deacons of the Week**  
June 27:  
Bill Shoemaker and Dean Williams  
Head Usher: Jimmie McDowell  
July 4:  
Doug Bell and Mike Smith  
Head Usher: Dean Williams

<b>Summer Sundays @ Six</b>	
Sunday, June 27th @ 6pm	<b>Splash Kingdom!</b> Children's musical to share the Gospel of Christ; Homemade ice cream after the program
Sunday July 4th @ 6pm	<b>Faith, Food, Fun and Family Festivities</b>
Sunday July 11th @ pm	<b>Movie Night in the CFC</b> "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe" Bring your lawn chair and get comfortable, Pop, popcorn and nachos available
Sunday July 18th @ 6pm	<b>VBS Kickoff</b>
Sunday July 25th @ 6pm	<b>Church Pool Party @ the community Pool</b>
Sunday August 1st @ 6pm	<b>Movie Night in the CFC</b> "The Blind Side" Bring your lawn chair and get comfortable; Pop, popcorn and nachos available
Sunday August 8th @ 6pm	<b>Movie Night in the CFC</b> "Fireproof" Bring your lawn chair and get comfortable; Pop, popcorn and nachos available

**Child Care Workers**

June 27:  
Breakfast: Kellie Sandidge  
Infant: Cindy Smith and  
Toddlers: Henry and Kelly Ray  
2's & 3's: Virginia Stewart and Vicky Williams  
Evening Worship: No Workers Needed  
Wed., June 30: Joel and Kitty Dixon

July 4:  
Breakfast: Carolyn Duggins  
Infant: Megan Townsend  
Toddlers: Wendi and David Edwards  
2's & 3's: Beth and Brad Turner  
Evening Worship: No Workers Needed  
Wed., July 7: Toni Davila and Cathy Morris

# The Link...

*...between a ministering church and the home.*

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## Music Notes



## Education and Children

Happy Summer, Everyone! It's now officially Summer, and our Children's Choir is excited about taking you along with them to "Splash Kingdom" this Sunday Night at 6PM! This water park-themed musical will proclaim the incredible message of God's gift of salvation through His One and Only Son, Jesus Christ!

As the drama unfolds, the children learn that there is no admission to Splash Kingdom, because someone else paid it for them. To get into the gate, they simply have to have a reservation. Their names have to be written in the Book of Life. If not, they have to be "certified" by passing Lifesaving 101. To do this, they must come to an understanding that they need the Lifesaver, Jesus Christ. He is the One who has paid their admission to the Kingdom. They need to believe in Him and trust Him as their Savior and Lord. Then they will have eternal life with Him!

This musical uses fun, upbeat music (even 50's and "Beach Boys"), as well as beautiful songs that touch the heart to proclaim a wonderful evangelistic message that the entire audience can relate to. The drama focuses on kids from all walks of life— from a spoiled rich kid, to a southern belle, to an excited (but not so bright) cheerleader, to a radical surfer dude— to show that Jesus, the Lifesaver, loves us all and wants us to live eternally with Him in His Kingdom!

You are in for a blessing this Sunday Evening, (and this Sunday morning, also, as the kids present a couple of songs as a "sneak preview!") I urge you to invite people you know who may not have a relationship with our precious Savior, Jesus Christ. The message will be proclaimed in a simple, non-threatening way that anyone can understand, even those without a church background. Afterward, we'll all have a wonderful time together sharing our favorite flavors of homemade ice cream!

Hope to see you there! God bless you all!  
Misty

### Education

#### Volunteering for Ministries

The summer months are some of the most difficult months for those in our church seeking to find volunteers for numerous ministries that kick back up in the fall. Just to name a few...the nominating committee is trying to recruit Sunday School teachers, the VBS team is recruiting VBS volunteers, the children's committee is recruiting for TeamKID volunteers, and FBCU is recruiting for new class teachers. All of this together signifies as major ministry recruitment period for our church.

Many of you have had the joys of trying to recruit for volunteer ministries, so please do all that you can to help those people when they come to you. We will only be able to do as much as the amount of volunteers that we have. Consider today the possibility of you being involved in some of these ministries.

### Children

#### SoS VBS, July 15-19

Be sure to join us tonight, June 23, as we travel to Sunrise Manor nursing home to perform Splash Kingdom for the residents. We will meet at the church at 6:00 and plan to be back around 8:15. Even if you are not involved in Splash Kingdom we will need some help passing out programs, so come and be involved. Next week, Encouragrams.

Make sure you read the special VBS section of the link for more details about VBS.

-Adam

### FAITH, FOOD, FUN and FAMILY on the FOURTH @ FBC

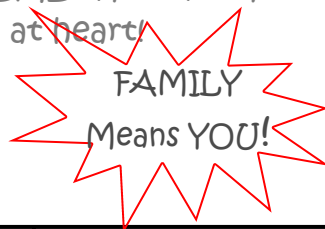
**6 pm Faith** Music under the pavilion followed by the dedication of the pavilion

**6:30 Food** Church—Hot dogs, hamburgers & drinks  
Last names starting with...  
A-H Salads; I-P Vegetables; Q-Z Dessert

**7 pm Fun** Watermelon eating contest  
Watermelon see spitting contest;  
Pie eating contest; Pie bake off (Fruit & Other)

There will be a slip n slide for the kids as well as an EXTREME slip n slide for the brave at heart!

Join us!



#### July 19-23 / 6:15-8:45

*Our current VBS volunteer needs include 5 family leaders, marketplace workers, game leaders, nursery workers, fatherland security, registration workers, and more.*

Your participation as a volunteer during VBS is requested as we seek to lead the children all the way across the world to Egypt. Every available hand it needed, so please sign up to help us in one area or another. Even if you are unable to help on the actual nights of VBS, maybe you could help out on one of our decorating days. The VBS booth will be open between now and July 18th. Visit it soon.

#### KEY DATES

VBS Volunteer Training—June 28th and July 12th @ 6:00pm (please attend one)  
VBS Decorating—July 10 and July 17 @ 9:00am (please attend one or both)

#### June 20-28 Week's Activities

##### Sunday, June 27

8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Praise Team and Band Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. SPLASH KINGDOM followed by  
Homemade Ice Cream Fellowship & Business Meeting

##### Monday, June 28

10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking  
10:00 a.m. Young at Heart Choir Rehearsal

##### Tuesday, June 29

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Art Class  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

##### Wednesday, June 30

10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking  
6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study and SOS  
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

##### Friday, July 2

10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking

##### Sunday, July 4

8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Praise Team and Band Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. July 4th Celebration

The office will be closed Monday, July 5th, to celebrate Independence Day.

On July 4th we are having an Independence Day celebration. We want to recognize and honor you and your family members who have served in the military. If anyone can wear their uniforms that day, that would be great. We would also like to have photographs with branch of service and time you or your family member were in the service. We can scan the photographs into the computer here or you can email them to us. Thanks for helping make this day of celebration memorable.

*Dear Family,*

*I just can't thank everyone enough for all of the cards, prayers and all of the acts of kindness for my children and me.*

*As a person that has always done for everyone else first and myself last, this has proven to me to be the hardest thing so far in my life mentally and physically, for lifelong family and friends are no match to Christian family and friends. I just keep in mind everything happens for a reason and with our eyes and heart open and mouth closed in time we will be able to see it. It's been eight weeks so far, six weeks left to go and has gone very well so far.*

*Once again, thank you and God bless everyone.  
John, Ethan and Breana Blunk*

#### June 20 Financial Report

Needed Weekly:	11,055.61
Budget Received:	10,834.69
25 Weeks Budget:	276,390.25
25 Weeks Received:	234,514.98
Designated:	
Youth	200.00
Video	50.00
Youth Camp	100.00
Children's Camp	354.00

Total: 11,538.69

#### June 20 Attendance

Bible Study	
Sr. Adult	51
Adult	62
Youth	8
Children	17
Preschool	19
Visitors	10
Total	167

Morning Worship 239