**Thoughts from Pastor Josh Hargett and Brennan Ward** 

July & August 2023 First Southern Baptist Church



We Make Disciples Who Worship, Grow & Go

Our Summer Worship & Ministry Schedule Sunday

9am ~ Bible Study for All Ages 10:30am ~ Worship Service with Children's Church

Wednesday 6—7:30 pm<sup>~</sup> Summer Family Wed Nights!

Your Staff Senior Pastor ~

Joshua Hargett Music Leader Brennan Ward



The next two months our prayer focus will be on the sections of our city that are highlighted Light Blue and Green on our map in the lobby of the church. The borders of the Light Blue area for July are: 21st St and Cresta Rd to the West Lake Ave South, Uintah Ave to the North and Nevada Ave to the East. In August we will focus on the Green area that has Gold Camp Rd to the West Cheyenne Canyon Rd South, Lower Gold Camp Rd to the North and 21st St and Cresta Rd to the East. Please pray with us like this: 1) That God would do a great work in this part of our city. 2) That we would have eyes to see the people in this area as God does. 3) That God would give us wisdom on how to reach with the Gospel and the boldness to follow through. As you pray, remember that prayer is more than just preparation for the work, prayer is the work.

Pastor Josh



Hey Church!

Summer time is upon us and it is a busy season in the life of our church! I wanted to take some time and share with you some very important prayer points for the summer.

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1) Student Ministry Summer Camp!

- CAMP IS BACK! I'm so excited for our students to have the opportunity to go to Summer Camp at Falls Creek this summer! God uses summer camps in huge ways to impact the lives of students every summer and I cannot wait to hear what God does in our students lives this summer. So, lets pray that God will move and that our students will respond to what He is

teaching them. We also need to pray for Tom and Sharon Willson and Paula Fish as they take their time to serve our church and our students by taking them to camp.

### 2) Vacation Bible School

- Pray for the kids that will attend, for the adults that will serve and for kingdom impact to take place during this week! July 9-12 will be a huge week in the life of our church, so lets pray now for God to do something tremendous!

## 3) Iglesia de la Roca

- Lets pray together for our Spanish mission and for their new Pastor, Charly Reyes! Pray that as Charly continues the process of getting up here that God will bless his family's move and prepare the hearts of the congregation for his arrival. Also, please continue to pray for our churches relationship with them as we continue to strive to partner together to reach our city.

### 4) Administration Team

- Continue to pray for this vital team as they do the hard work of going through and updating the governing documents and policies of our church. This is very important and very necessary work as we position ourselves for future health and growth. Pray that they have unity, wisdom and endurance as they take on these projects. Also, stay tuned over the next month as some of these documents reach completion and are presented to the church for consideration. Pray that your heart will be open to new direction and fresh ideas.

#### 5) Southern Baptist Convention

- Please continue to pray for our convention of churches that we voluntarily cooperate with for the purpose of missions and ministry. As you may know, our annual meeting was held in New Orleans in mid-June. While I was unable to attend in person this year, I was able to watch the vast majority of the convention. I have a tremendous amount of thoughts about this year's convention and a considerable amount to continue to process through in the days to come. A couple of very encouraging things did take place though. First, Bart Barber was reelected for a second term as our President. He is the right man, at the right time for the current needs of the SBC. Second, The Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force (ARITF) was renewed for another year. This is huge for the victims and survivors of sexual abuse in the SBC as we seek to be a convention that holds each other accountable for the prevention of sexual abuse within our churches and to make every effort to help in the healing process for those who have been abused. Finally, it was reaffirmed by the messengers at the convention that we are unashamedly complementary in our theology regarding the roles of men and women in ministry. These are good things and speak strongly to the theologically conservative nature of our convention. But, several decisions were made that we will have to wait and see how they play out over the next couple of years. So, please continue to pray that our churches will keep their eyes focused on Jesus and the mission. If you would like to discuss any of this in more detail, please reach out at any time!

It is a pleasure, privilege and a joy to be your pastor. Please continue to pray for our church, our staff and that God would continue to do incredible things in this place.

## Pastor Josh

## Important Dates for July/August

July 2 ~ 5pm Summer Bible Reading Recap July 9—12 ~ 6-8:30pm Ready, Set, Move! VBS July 23—29 ~ Student Ministry Summer Camp August 6 ~ 5pm Summer Bible Reading Recap August 13 ~ Church Picnic at Bear Creek Park August 30 ~ Awana Registration & Family Cook Out

## **Praises and Prayer Requests**

Elijah Salmoiraghi ~ Recovering from Surgery and Infection Margaret Lovett ~ Recovering from Back Surgery Mandry Family ~ Loss of Emily's Mother & Kevin's Brother in-law

## July/August Birthdays

Billy Farmer, Jr	7/3
Esther Steckman	7/4
Beverly Chambers	7/5
Jerry May	7/5
Kaylee Willson	7/8
Helen Miller	7/8
Betsy Wade	7/14
Marilyn Chambers	7/15
Isabella Maestas	7/20
Jovalene Pemberton	7/24
Donna Maniscalco	7/25
Kathleen Lyon	7/28
Wendy Snook	8/1
Karen May	8/6
Roger Hamilton	8/6
Blakely Betts	8/11
Margaret Lovett	8/16
Nan Hargett	8/16
Yevonne Conrad	8/17
Beverly Wright	8/19
Joseph Welty	8/22
Karen Tate	8/22
Memphis Mendez	8/22
Sheila Willis	8/25
Sophia McNab	8/25
Bill Conrad	8/28
Sophie Mendez	8/29
Klara Fikes	8/29

Donny Whitlock ~ Health
Rosie Miller ~ Health
Bill Mosley ~ Health
Burlin & Harriet Fayne ~ Health
Ed & Shirley Hernholm ~ Health
Hal and Margaret Seagraves ~ Health
Fortune Family ~ Loss of Stephannie
Keith Loyd ~ Health
Beverly Wright ~ Health
Roger & Michele Hamilton ~ Family
Ukraine ~ Peace in their country
Teresa Chambers ~ Health
Rebecca Walton ~ Recovering from Surgery



Drew & Kim Stephens. Noelle & Elliott Peek

# Summer '23 Wed Nights

Meet at the Church each night for family bible study and then we'll be off to our FUN!

July	
5 6:00 PM	No Mid-Week Gathering
12 6:00 PM	VBS Family Night
<b>19</b> 6:00 PM	Volleyball at the Privette's
26 6:00 PM	Family Movie Night
August	<u>Student Ministry at C</u> amp!
2 6:00 РМ	Putt Putt Golf
9 6:00 PM	School Prayer and BJ's Velvet Freeze
16 6:00 РМ	Park Night - Nancy Lewis Park
23 6:00 PM	No Mid-Week Gathering
<b>30</b> 6:00 PM	Awana Registration and Cook Out
Sept.	
	EVERYTHING IS BACK! Awana, Student Ministry & Adults!

## Hey everyone!

This summer has already been a great summer in the life of our church, and yet we still have VBS coming which will be awesome! As we go throughout the rest of the summer, with all the vacations and trips going around, let's not forget how important



summer, with all the vacations and trips going around, let's not forget how important worship is. One song to keep in mind as we go throughout this summer is "Be Thou My Vision." It's easy with everything going on in the summers to forget where we should constantly be looking towards. This song is a great reminder that even when we are on our trips having fun, or even if there's a hard moment during this summer, we can always look toward our God and be filled with joy. So, even though there's many reasons for us to get distracted this summer, we should always remember that God is right there with us, and we should always try and keep our eyes on Him. Hope everyone has a great summer this year!

Thanks everyone! Brennan Ward