

# The Lamplighter



*First Baptist Church of North East*

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## Weekly Services & Group Meetings

### Sunday

8:30a: Worship Service

9:30a: Sunday School/Bible Study (classes available for Preschool through Adult)

10:30a: Worship Service & Children's Worship

5:30p-7:30p: Youth (grades 6 to 12)

### Wednesday

6:30p-7:30p: Kids' Klub (grades K to 5)

6:30p-7:30p: Youth (grades 6 to 12)

6:30p: Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Monthly Business Meeting immediately to follow, 2nd Wed. of each month)

### Thursday

10a: Ladies' Prayer Circle

## From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear church family,

**G**reetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The summer is rolling along as I write this today. We are in the midst of VBS, and things are going very well. I am also preparing to go on vacation for the next couple weeks, so I thought I should write this ahead of time.

At the end of July, we had the extraordinary privilege of ordaining James Area to the gospel ministry. He will continue to serve the Lord here as our Youth Pastor, but now as Rev. Area. He and Tanya, and their children are already a vital part of our church's life. I look forward to working together with them for many years to come.

We also have baptized 4 new believers: Eliana Moyer, Gabriella Yetman, Donna Carpenter, and Gladys Amoss. What a wonderful testament they are to the work of God in our midst. There are already several others who are planning to follow the Lord in believers' baptism later this fall. PTL!

On September 12th we are hoping to have our annual church picnic at the North East Town Park. Last year we missed out on this and so many other things because of the pandemic, but now things are getting back to "normal": sort of.

The following Sunday, September 19, we will be hosting the Operation Christmas Child regional celebration. There will be many other churches coming to share in the event. On page 3 of this issue, Bobby and Nancy Hudler give us the details and talk about a former shoe box recipient that is coming to share her story. This young lady will share her exciting testimony of how she came to be a part of God's forever family through this powerful worldwide outreach.

*(Pastor's Letter, continued on page 4)*



#### BIRTHDAYS

2	Eunice Veasey
3	Grace Cann Everett Goins
5	John Carr Thomas Shores, Sr.
6	George Deaver, II Nancy Hudler Vincent Marvel
7	Alice (Burns) Marvel
10	Ruby Perry
15	Theresa "Terri" Keyes
16	Doris Morris
17	Christopher "C.J." Aremu Charles Hodanics
18	Abigail Mears
20	Kevin Barker
21	Eliana Moyer
23	Duane Combs
26	Chrissie (Hall) Hilaman
27	Wendy Bibey
29	Kyleigh Lotman

#### ANNIVERSARIES

3	Ray & Brenda Sommers
8	Sonny & Sara Hayes
15	Craig & Tina Hudler
23	Andrew & Chrissy Norton

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## **"Amazing" Doesn't Even Begin to Describe It**

There is tired, and then there is VBS tired. We are 2 weeks post VBS and I am still recovering. Maybe it's because I'm not as young as I used to be, when I first accepted the position of VBS Director many years ago. Or maybe it's because it was such an awesome week, packed with so much fun and fellowship. My heart is so full from watching the joy in the faces of the children that attended, as they learned that they are a priceless treasure to God. It is also full because of the time I got to spend with those of you that served right alongside me. Although many that served have been doing so with me for years, there were many new FBCNE VBS volunteers this year. And I feel so very blessed to have new friendships as a result. So, the exhaustion will eventually fade, but these two blessings will remain in my heart forever.

It really was an amazing week, although it didn't come without the anticipated hiccups. After a year off, some things were a little rusty. Add in a whole new VBS program and some speed bumps are bound to pop up. But praise God they were just minor things, and everyone stepped in to smooth them out. What an amazing team!



**Dave Bibey & Tim Glace (aka Dr. Diggingstone): The added details these 2 came up with, really made VBS even greater. Thanks!**

There were approximately 40 to 45 volunteers that served throughout the week, both adults and youth alike. We were even blessed to have some FBC of Perryville members come and volunteer their time.

We had 96 participants registered, 85 of whom walked through our church doors to join us at least 1 night. We had some that are just going into Kindergarten all the way up to some that are in high school. Wow! What a blessing! Although they didn't all attend every evening, we did have a large group every night.

Sunday-53, Monday-63, Tuesday-59, Wednesday-65, Thursday-61

That means that every evening that week, approximately 60 children got to hear about how God knows, hears, comforts, forgives and chooses each one of them. How amazing is that?!? God is doing great things here at FBCNE. I can't wait to see what He will do in the months and years to come.

Jess Wagner, VBS Director





**Starting September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021!**

Students attending Children's Worship will begin a 4 year adventure through the entirety of the Bible using Answers in Genesis ABC Curriculum. If you have students in grades K-5 who have not already been attending Children's Church NOW would be a great time to get these students involved.

Questions? See Tanya Area

**Answers**  
BIBLE CURRICULUM

Learn more about the program content by visiting:  
<https://answersingenesis.org/abc>

Dear Church Family,

In a few weeks we are going to have a very special and unique opportunity; a “full circle” volunteer from *Operation Christmas Child* will be coming to speak to us. What we mean by “full circle” is this young lady, by the name of Irina Creek, received a shoe box as a young girl and it changed her life.

We would like to invite you, your family, and your friends to come hear Irina's story. She started in a broken home, in the former Soviet Union, and then moved through several orphanages, and was finally adopted by a family in South Carolina.

We believe in the power of a gift. Once we are saved, we are so grateful we call that gratitude. To show that gratitude, we use generosity to spread God's Word and Work. In James 1:17, we are told gifts are good and perfect. Yes, we send good gifts all over the world through *Operation Christmas Child*, but God takes those gifts and makes them perfect.

So, we invite you to come to First Baptist Church of North East, on Sunday, September 19th, at 5pm. Please be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors, as they too will want to hear Irina's amazing story. It will be an evening you will not forget.

Serving the Lord with *Operation Christmas Child*,

Bobby & Nancy Hudler



(Pastor's Letter cont from page 1)

We are also making plans and preparations for our church's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary later this fall. There is so much happening and getting ready to happen.

I hope you and your family had a good summer. Are you ready to get back into the swing of things? Hebrews 10:24-25 says, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” We have those marching orders from the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

God bless you,

*Pastor Steve*

Pastor Steve Hokuf



## **Be Very, Very Quite. It's A Surprise.**

Nancy will be celebrating a special birthday this September. It's one of the “big ones.” So to honor Nancy for her work here at the church, I would like us to pack shoe boxes in her honor. Nancy has a very dear place in her heart for children and these boxes.

What I am asking is for you to pack a box or two, in honor of Nancy. Bring them to the church and place them in Pastor Dan's office. Then we will present the boxes to Nancy at our special *Operation Christmas Child* service on September 19.

You can pack a box on your own (if you need a box, please contact me at 410-920-8770 or [rhudler@dfamilk.com](mailto:rhudler@dfamilk.com)) OR you can pack a box online. If you do pack one online, please let me know so I can keep track of the number of boxes.

Please help me make this a big success, but please remember that it is a SURPRISE.

Thank you for your help and consideration,

Bobby Hudler (410-920-8770 or [rhudler@dfamilk.com](mailto:rhudler@dfamilk.com))



### **THE GREATEST JOURNEY**

Starts

**Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30**

For the past 19 weeks, Kids Klub has been following the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul, as he took the Good News of Jesus out to the world. Starting on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, we will begin a new journey! The Greatest Journey! This journey, developed by Samaritan's Purse is a 12-week discipleship study, spanning the whole of the Bible. This program doesn't just teach them about Jesus, it teaches them how to be more like Jesus! At the end of the journey each student gets a copy of the New Testament and a certificate of completion.

For more information see Tanya Area or Dave Bibey



# September

sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub 6:30p: Youth	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8a-9:30a: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study followed by Deacon's Mtg in Education wing.
<b>5</b> 5:30p: Youth	<b>6</b> Labor Day	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study & Business Meeting 6:30p: Kids Klub 6:30p: Youth	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 4p: Church picnic at the NE Town Park	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub 6:30p: Youth	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
BCM/D State Missions Week of Prayer						
<b>19</b> October 2021 Lamplighter articles due! 5p: OCC special service	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30p: Prayer/Bible Study 6:30p: Kids Klub 6:30p: Youth	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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## CHURCH

## — PICNIC —

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

4PM-DUSK

NORTH EAST TOWN PARK, CROUCH PAVILION

family. food. fun.

PLEASE BRING A DISH/DESSERT/DRINK TO SHARE. TABLE WARE ITEMS WILL BE PROVIDED.



**Sunday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> (3 – 6pm)**  
Trunk or Treat



**Sunday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> (12 – 3pm)**  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual OCC Packing Party  
/ Pot Luck

SUBMIT  
**YOUR**  
ARTICLES



**October  
2021  
Lamp-  
lighter  
articles**  
and October church calendar  
submissions are due no later  
than Sunday, Sept 19th.  
Please email articles to  
**Jess Wagner @**  
**fbcne@verizon.net.**

Church goal: \$1,100

## MD/DE BAPTISTS FOR CHRIST'S GLORY!

To give online, please visit [www.fbcne.org/](http://www.fbcne.org/)

State Missions Offerings  
& Week of Prayer  
September 12-19, 2021

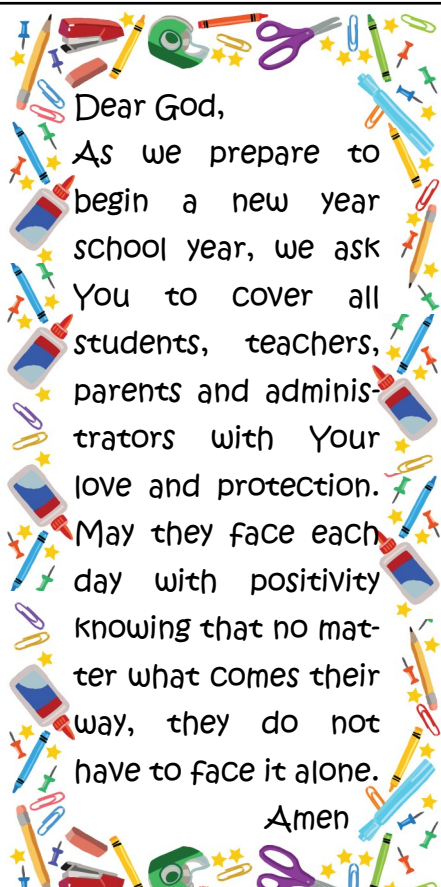


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Dear God,  
As we prepare to  
begin a new year  
school year, we ask  
You to cover all  
students, teachers,  
parents and adminis-  
trators with Your  
love and protection.  
May they face each  
day with positivity  
knowing that no mat-  
ter what comes their  
way, they do not  
have to face it alone.  
Amen

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### **Budget Analysis**

Budget/General Fund Weekly  
Average as of 7/25/2021

(30 weeks): **\$4,645**

New Needed Weekly: **\$4,065**

Budget Status: **\$143**

Maintenance/Building Repairs  
Fund: **\$4,110**

Building Fund for New Garage:  
Received to date: **\$2,461**

Church goal: **TBD**

BCM/D State Missions

Received: **\$0**

Church Goal: **\$1,100**

To give online, please visit  
[www.fbcne.org/give/](http://www.fbcne.org/give/)