



NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUGUST 2020



From Your Moderator ~

God has blessed FBCS abundantly over these past 32 years with Pastor Jeff as our pastor, spiritual leader and friend. Jeff delayed his retirement out of deep love and faithfulness to provide continual pastoral leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and allow a smooth transition until our interim pastor arrives. A 'big' retirement celebration will be re-scheduled at a time when we can all be back together in a safe setting in accordance with medical and public health recommendations but it was a joy to picnic with those who were able on June 21st.

As we prepare to welcome our interim pastor, Rev. Sam Brink, and his wife, Marie, on July 8th, let me share a few thoughts about the role of an interim pastor. An intentional interim pastor will perform all of the basic functions of a pastor – worship, preaching, counsel and administration. The interim pastor will be responsive to the most critical issues that face individuals or the church in general, whether it is conflict, growth, healing or the need for change. The unique quality of an intentional interim pastoral ministry is to lead the congregation to face and progress through the five interim ministry focus points:

1. Discovering our history: Reviewing how FBCS has been shaped and formed, including typical patterns of making decisions and communicating; conflict; mission, failure and success.
2. Discovering our identity: In the here and now, both internally and as perceived by the surrounding community, defining and redefining our sense of purpose and direction.
3. Dealing with changes in leadership: Inevitably a change in pastors leads to changes in lay leadership. There will be an opportunity to step up to new responsibilities and reviewing ways of organizing and developing an effective clergy and lay leadership structure.
4. Renewing denominational relationships: Connecting with all the relationships and networks a faith community builds beyond itself.
5. Preparing for a new pastor: Including tangible practicalities such as finances, housing, and office space, and intangible preparation by letting go to make room for an important new relationship and preparing FBCS with hope and vision for the future.

Pastor Sam is a highly qualified intentional interim minister and has the pastoral skills to both help FBCS recognize the grieving process in the retirement of our beloved pastor after 32 years of pastoral ministry, and also in the loss of seeing each other in person as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. An interim pastor recognizes opportunities for the church to grow, heal, renew and re-discover who we are as a community of faith at FBC Springfield.

May our hearts be open to the healing and leading of the Holy Spirit, as Pastor Sam shepherds us through this time of transition and a new season of ministry in the life of FBCS.

With you as we ***Do This***, Debbie Herr



Preparing for Scripture . . .

June 22 - 28, 2020

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23;
Matthew 10:40-42

June 29 - July 5, 2020

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a;
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 6 - 12, 2020

Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13; Romans 8:1-11;
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 13 - 19, 2020

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25;
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 20 - 26, 2020

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 27 - August 2, 2020

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

August 3 - 9, 2020

1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

August 10 - 16, 2020

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

August 17 - 23, 2020

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

August 24 - 30, 2020

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

August 31 - September 6, 2020

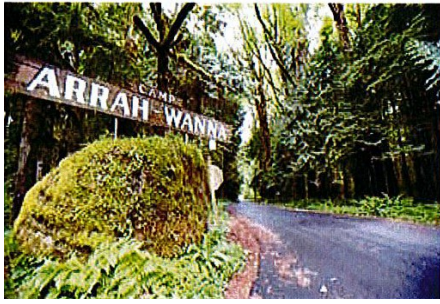
Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20



Pastoral Care During Pastor's Absence

If the need of pastoral care arises until Pastor Sam arrives, call the church office. The designated deacon will be contacted.

IF the office is closed, for immediate **emergency** assistance contact either Deacon Co-Leaders: Michael Nau, 541-517-8355 or Jan Stanley, 541-206-8606



CAMP ARRAH WANNA

Get your registration in for the virtual camp ~ let Mandy or Pastor Sam know you are attending, but remember the only way to register is online at www.camparrahwanna.org

24075 E. Arrah Wanna Blvd
Welches, OR 97067
Phone: 503-622-3189
FAX: 503-622-1229
Register at www.camparrahwanna.org

One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING



SUMMER CAMPS ARE CANCELED!

A virtual camp is being offered and the deadline to register is June 27th. The camp will be July 6-31 and is open to all. See www.camparrahwanna.org for details.



Invest in Futures

In I Corinthians 3:9 Paul writes that we are all co-workers together in God's Service. As we invest in futures and serve as co-workers with God, the future becomes one of endless possibility and opportunity. What a great return on our investment.

2019 JUNE & JULY GUEST SPEAKERS



June 28, 2020: Lou Engle, began working in the lighting industry in retail and bid sales. In 1960 he entered a career as a bank operations officer. During his college years he also sold boy's and men's clothing. He served at the First United Methodist Church of El Monte, CA, the First Baptist Church of Santa Ana, CA, the FBC of Monrovia-Arcadia, CA, the FBC of Bozeman, MT, and the FBC of Montana in Helena, MT. He has also been the Executive Director and Chaplain of a non-profit ministry to persons with disabilities and teens with cancer, and for four years drove and helped maintain school buses. In January 1996, Gail and Lou came to Oregon to serve with the Valley River Baptist Church.

During his ministry he has served on regional boards and committees in three regions, including being president of ABC Oregon and is now on the ABC-CPC board along with Karen Gillette. He has served in many ecumenical ministries and on councils as well as the National Ministers Council and the National Ministries and General Boards of the ABC-USA.

Gail and Lou have two children; Carol Snider and John Engle, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



July 5, 2020: Chris Roush brings a familiar voice for most of us, having been on staff here and a member at First Baptist for many years. Following her service with Rainbow Acres in Arizona, Chris and her husband, Dave, returned to Oregon in 2016, so Chris could serve as the interim pastor at Cedar Hills Baptist Church where Reed Webster now serves. She joined the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) staff part-time in 2017, as Mission Engagement Specialist, assisting churches in networking around areas of ministry and mission. She then transitioned to full-time with ABHMS where she currently serves as National Coordinator for Discipleship. Chris and Dave live in Beaverton, Oregon, happily living near their daughters!



EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD RELAY FOR LIFE



Relay for Life will be virtual this year on YouTube, "Relay for Life of Eugene/Springfield." Although we are in limbo regarding the relay and unable to do our normal fundraising activities,
unfortunately cancer is never in limbo or on hold.

We are unable to hold our regular fundraising events this year and Purple in the Park has been canceled. I want to reach out to you to ask you to donate to Relay for Life. Our fundraising is the only way to keep American Cancer Society working on a cure.

Understandably, fundraising in the United States is down by more than 60% this year. That said, if you are able and willing to donate, please make checks out to ACS; cash is also good.

You can mail donations to the church office or directly to me at:
638 M Street, Springfield, OR 97477

As we've learned in the past, every nickel, dime and penny helps to find a cure. Thanks for your support and please reach out to me if you have any questions! Kelly
kellydrob62@gmail.com

Help us so those with Cancer will celebrate more birthdays!
F - Fighting B - Because C - Cancer S - Sucks



RAINBOW ACRES

Rainbow Acres is a special mission field for many in our fellowship. Located in Camp Verde, Arizona, it is a "non-profit Christian Ministry that provides Homes With Heart for persons with developmental disabilities.

Rainbow provides an holistic approach to residential

care that encourages our residents, known as Ranchers, to reach their fullest physical, emotional, social and spiritual potential. We strive to provide every opportunity for Ranchers to pursue lives of dignity, purpose and respect". Rainbow Acres employs over 75 people to provide care and teaching for the Ranchers and is licensed by the State of Arizona Department of Health Services. It is governed by an independent, volunteer Board of Trustees and is a member of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Arizona Chapter of Assisted Living Federation of America, United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries, and several other organizations.

As the majority of non-profits, they are feeling the effects of Covid-19's isolation and ask for your prayers and donations. Donations are accepted online at rainbowacres.com or by calling 928-567-5231.

This Year's Recipients of the **Barnabas Award**



The Barnabas award recognizes persons who like Barnabas, have given themselves consistently and notably to “Encouraging Our Life Together” at FBCS.

Jeff and Janet Savage demonstrate the love of Christ in all of the ways that they have served at First Baptist ~ Springfield. They encourage community and spiritual growth in our life together. They have a servant's heart and have modeled a Christ-like life as they have ministered to others over the years. They

have been the hands and feet of Christ to the members at FBCS and the Springfield community. They have worked tirelessly, gifting our church with their talents and encouraging community as we celebrate life together.

Jeff and Janet's service here has been one filled with examples where they have modeled what it means to be Barnabas, and these last few months offer the perfect example. It does not take a lot of mental guesswork to understand just how hard it must have been to go from a fully live, weekly service where many people play a part, to a fully online one where they played most of the parts with the help of technical wizards. Although Jeff was prepared for moving into retirement, he and Janet each gave extensively of their time and hearts to ease our fears and share our burdens these last few months.

Thanks for exemplifying Barnabas for us. We thank God for the life we have shared together over the years.

For Your Health: Live. Life. Healthy

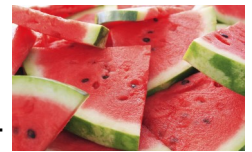
Summer Fruits

by Gail Engle



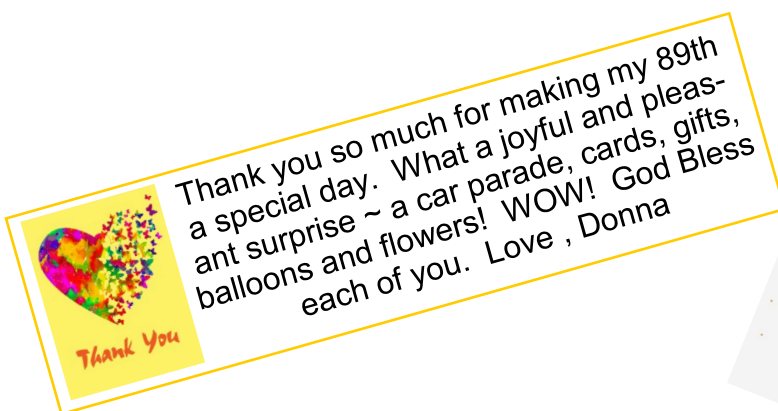
Summer fruits give you energy, nutrients, help you cool down and stay hydrated. Fruits can even help reduce heart disease. Whenever possible eat the fruit that is in season. Right now some of the berries are still available but there are peaches, plums, melons and soon grapes, apples and pears, just to name a few. In season fruit taste better and have higher nutrition. They are also at their best price.

Locally grown fruits are best. Watermelons are a good choice. Watermelon has a reputation for tasting good but the bonus is that watermelon is high in vitamin A (think eye health) and vitamin C and vitamin B6. It also has a good amount of potassium and lycopene. Did you ever wonder if the seedless variety is genetically modified? They are not they are just a hybrid.



Mangoes are also a nutritionally packed fruit. They are sweet but have a low glycemic index so they don't spike blood sugar. Strawberry season is probably over but strawberries are a healthy choice. They are high in vitamin C, fiber and manganese. Did you know that strawberries are not a fruit? Technically the seeds are the fruit and the red pulp just hold the seeds together.

Enjoy the fruits of summer, your body will thank you.



Thank you for the many birthday calls, cards, Facebook greetings, etc. They all added greatly to the celebration of the day. I was enveloped in an embrace of love. Again, my thanks. Lou





It has been so much fun learning together on Sunday morning! While we all can't wait to be back together in the classroom together learning and playing in person we will continue to have Sunday school via Zoom each Sunday at 10am through the summer. I will be sending out invitations weekly, so please let me know if you would like to join in on the fun!

I'm also encouraging the kids of FBCS to be penpals to one another over the summer, if you need guidance or a church directory please let me know and I can help!

Mandy

Over the summer months while we are not meeting as a group in person. I will continue hosting zoom meetings weekly to discuss devotionals and our current bible study. I will also reach out via text to keep in contact with all of you! If you would be added to the text circle please contact me

Watch the Facebook page as well as your mailbox for fun activities, devotionals, and updates all summer long! Please don't hesitate to call, text, or message me.

Mandy



CATS & DEACONS' PANTRY

A big shout out and thank you to those who brought food to the Deacons' Food Pantry or gave monetary donations, during the last weeks.

The staples have been filled up each Monday, and there often is fresh food as well. This abundance of food goes to 5 families from the CATS program (that makes 25 mouths to feed!!) every week. The families so appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank you to the church family as you help others who have had (and still have) quite a rough time during Covid-19 crisis. As you pray for those families think about the children especially who have numerous difficulties adapting to the new situation. Of course the parents also need our prayers as they try their best to comfort, help, school and take care of the children amidst their own problems (unemployment, economics, single parenting,...).

In thankfulness for your part in making this possible,

Your servants,
Susi and Betsy



Annual All-Church Retreat!

The All-Church Retreat will be modified to deal with the Covid restrictions. Although we won't be at Sky Camp, we will gather at on the church campus for a day of fun, games and enriching togetherness. Hold the 22/23 and the 29/30 of August open until we decide which weekend and watch for updated information as we work to encompass the joy we usually experience at Sky Camp right her in beautiful Springfield!

Laura Elkin & Kelly Roberts
Growing Team Co-Leaders

STILL SO MUCH FUN!



**ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES
WILL BE HELD AT 11AM UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

The link is embedded on the home-
page of the FBCS website. Find it at:
<https://www.fbcspringfieldor.com>

You do not need a Facebook account
to participate.



Faithful Support of the FBCS Mission

When any of us is away, the ministries of FBCS continue. We have a sacred, ongoing responsibility to support this ministry with prayer and through the faithful giving of tithes and offerings. These can be given by mailing a check to the church office or dropping it off during church office hours. For electronic giving, visit the FBCS website, [fbcspringfieldor.com](https://www.fbcspringfieldor.com) and click on the "Donate" tab.

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES



Dear Friends,

"I feel at home and safe in Changuinola, Bocas del Toro, Panama" On the recommendation of the Ministry of Health, I suspended face-to-face tutoring.

It seems that for the moment the classes of the education system will not be resumed. "Program" modules of independent study by grade are being made available.

The pictures are from a deworming activity that was already planned. They arrived by group to avoid crowds and had breakfast here. 109 beneficiaries who arrived on an empty stomach also received a cheese sandwich and apple juice.

Enjoy the photos! In the midst of the coronavirus the missionary task must continue.

Blessings, *Ingrid Roldan-Roman*





*On earth as it is in
heaven*

Matthew 6:10



July 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Lock Up  Lou Engle			1 11 Food Boxes	2 10 Reaching Team Meets 7 Deacons Meet 7 CCF Practice	3 7:30 CCF Service	4  <i>Independence Day</i>
5 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 12 Ignite 3 pm CCF	6	7 9:30 Yoga 6 CS, Growing & Training Teams Zoom	8 Pastor Sam arrives	9 7 CCF Practice	10 7:30 CCF	11
Virtual Camp at Arrah Wana July 6-10						
12 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 12 Ignite 3 pm CCF	13	14 9:30 Yoga 4 SSRA	15 11 Food Boxes 3 Partner Meeting Zoom Session 6 Council	16 7 CCF Practice	17 7:30 CCF Service	18
Virtual Camp at Arrah Wana July 13-17						
19 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 12 Ignite 3 pm CCF	20	21 9:30 Yoga	22	23 7 CCF Practice	24 7:30 CCF Service	25
Virtual Camp @ Arrah Wana ~ July 20-24						
26 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 12 Ignite 3 pm CCF	27	28 9:30 Yoga	29	30 7 CCF Practice	31 7:30 CCF Service	
Virtual Camp @ Arrah Wana ~ July 27-31						

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Snider 1
Martha Green..... 3
Carolyn Lipska 3
Dolly Kindrick 4
Claire Kronser 4
Gary Beleke 9
Jerry Green..... 10
Pat Miller..... 11
Amaya Davalos Garber... 14
Holly LaDuke..... 15
Debbie Herr..... 16

Ron Stanley 16
Aaron Elkin 17
Lincoln Savage 21
Patricia Matsunaga 23
Carson Werder 23
Brad Sloan..... 26
Wendy Nau 29
Emily Toman..... 31



JULY ANNIVERSARIES


Jerry & Ruth Daly 8
Kelly & Erin Judish..... 14
Jeff & Janet Savage 16
John & Kathy Paskey 17
Jeff & Heidi Laird 23





August 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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16 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 12 Ignite 3 pm CCF	17	18 9:30 Yoga Zoom Sessions 6 Executive Team 7 Church Council	19 11 Food Boxes	20	21	22
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		Ronnie's Vacation Aug 25-Sept 6				
30 9:15 Lou's Class 10 Children's Sunday School 11 Online Worship 12 Ignite 3 pm CCF Ronnie's Vacation	31	 Sunday Lock Up Kelly Roberts				

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Russ Ragland 2
 Jennifer Cave..... 3
 Corrie Moore..... 4
 Alyssa Helms 7
 Ana Hagen..... 8
 Jason LaDuke..... 9
 Sharon Patterson..... 10
 Kim Moore 14
 Michael Nau..... 16
 Bob Stucky 19

Jerry Daly..... 28
 Peggy Webb 29
 Heidi Laird..... 30



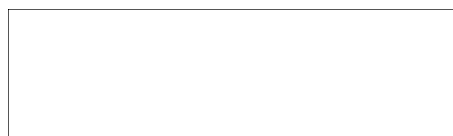
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David & Heather Lodwig..... 9
 Coe & Joni Daly 11
 Mike & Wendy Nau 14
 Christopher & Jennifer Savage.. 22

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Sunday Worship

Until further notice check
our Website. Sunday
Worship services will be
available online at 11 during
the Covid-19 outbreak.

Sunday School & Youth

* Sunday School Zoom for
younger children 10 am
* **Ignite** Zoom session Noon

AS FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

Growing our friendship with Christ and one another through worship,
prayer, study, partnership and service.
Reaching out to others in our community with the living and joy-giving
message of Christ.
Training those in this congregation for ministry and leadership in the
church and the world.

