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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ARKANSAS CITY, KS JULY 2019

Kodiak Baptist Mission

New Ways to Share the Good News

Whale! Squeals of excitement circulated the boat as the all day adventure campers and staff waited with anticipation to see the plume of water shoot from the larger than imagined blow hole of the whale just feet off the boat. These kids weren't out whale watching, but on their way to another day of camp activities.

This summer Kodiak Baptist Mission decided to take the older, more experience day campers to all day excursions away from the KBM campus. It is understood that as children grow up it is harder to fill their sense of wonder. What was once absolutely incredible at age three doesn't even catch the attention of a teenager. So the idea of taking kids by boat to Woody Island, where American Baptist Home Mission Society owns nearly 600 acres of land was born. Boat travel is fairly common in Kodiak, but when the application was placed with the state of Alaska to legally take children over, the odds were against us. Yet after the exhaustive exercise of cutting through red tape, we were approved.

This new opportunity has proven to be an effective ministry tool as KBM continues to find new ways to reach the youth of Kodiak Island. These all day excursions have opened the door for deeper more meaningful relationships and chances to share the Good News. Because once Jesus takes up residency in anyone's life, that sense of wonder and awe will always be filled up from the inside out. Then things like whale visits are icing on the cake.

Our Mission:

Drawing upon our history and our consistent faith in Jesus Christ, Kodiak Baptist Mission seeks to be an example for our community and the world in the way that we love our neighbors through a holistic approach to education and the dedication of time and resources to strengthen the families.

Excerpt taken from *The Evangel, Kodiak Baptist Mission*.



To the amazing quilt ladies! ♥

I am beyond blessed to have received the beautiful prayer quilt. It means the world to me! You have no idea what a symbol of hope, comfort, and strength it is to me! God is so good and I pray He continues to work through you all!

Blessed,
Amy Niles

A special thanks to the Prayers & Squares group of ladies at the First Baptist Church for the prayer quilt given to me. I appreciate so much your thoughts and prayers on my behalf. It is a beautiful quilt and I will treasure it. A special thanks to Clarice who has been my guardian angel. Thanks again.

In Christian love,
Ann Schroeder

To Pastor Dave, Louis, & to all the saints at 1st B,

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you in an official capacity. Thank you for three reasons. First, for the privilege of being able to go to Kodiak on the mission trip. It indeed was a great ministry experience—I learned a lot. Second, thank you Louis, Robert, Derek, and Calvin for allowing me to join you. You are to be commended. Brotherly love at the finest! Thirdly, thank you to all the saints at 1st B for your generosity. Your financial support will be remembered forever. That indeed was a nice gesture. In some small way, I hope I can someday bless you as you all have blessed me.

Forever in Christ,
Jerry Hankins

In 1968 our church was blessed to receive a small two octave set of handbells from a memorial for Ken-ny Barker. Several years later, other octaves were added. We now have five octaves of bells that are close to fifty years old.

With the advanced age of our bells, many parts are worn and/or broken and it is necessary to have them refurbished. Much to our shock, the cost to repair the five octaves is \$8,500. With that in mind, we then decided to send only the most worn octaves - instead of the entire set. Unfortunately, the cost will still be about \$6,000. We have some funds set aside (approximately \$3,000), but really need your help in raising the additional monies.

Can you help? If so, please contact Helen Czaplin-ski or the church office. Donations to First Baptist Church / Bell Choir are tax deductible.

Additional information: To purchase a full five octave set of bells today would cost \$25,750. That's what we have as an investment here at FBC! We're trying to be good stewards of upkeep and maintenance with what God has blessed us with.

THANK YOU, Church!
Helen Czaplinski
Bell Choir Director

COLLEGE PRAYER PILLOWS



*Send your loved one to college with a reminder that they are being **PRAYED** for!*

INFO NEEDED:

- Name of College Freshman
- College Attending

Contact Church office - **deadline for Requests: July 14th**

Pillows made by First Baptist Church Prayer Quilt Ministry

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, July 14th

6:30pm—Family Room

Dial-A-Devotion

Call (620) 442-5000 for a new devotion every day!

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| 1 | Larry Longshore | 11 | Lucille Stockton | 21 | Gary Bowker |
| 2 | Judy Reedy | 12 | Ernestine Kennelley | 22 | Janet Sparks |
| 3 | LaVerne Lyman | 13 | Dorothy Johnson | 23 | Judy Reedy |
| 4 | Robin Graves | 14 | Frankie Meek | 24 | Phyllis Bradfield |
| 5 | Twyla Hawkins | 15 | Susie Bolf | 25 | Jacque Ramirez |
| 6 | Dick Reedy | 16 | Pam Broce | 26 | Frankie Meek |
| 7 | Suzanne Moore | 17 | Jan Miller | 27 | Susie Bolf |
| 8 | Helen Czaplinski | 18 | Janet Sparks | 28 | Suzanne Moore |
| 9 | Dick Reedy | 19 | Joyce Jordan | 29 | Mark McGuigan |
| 10 | Jason Brewer | 20 | Larry Longshore | 30 | Kathy Foust |
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Why Life Is Better When It's
NOT ABOUT YOU

SHARON HODDE MILLER

LADIES
5 WEEK
BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAYS @ 6:30PM
FBC FAMILY ROOM
(Begins June 25th)

COST: FREE!
Sign up sheet on east sanctuary table

Facilitated by:
Jacque Ramirez & Lindsay Allen



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 21—25 | 6:30pm—8:00pm
Ages Pre-K—5th grades

July BIRTHDAYS

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| Tehyzon Dauber | Joshua Abrams | Blythe Brewer | Natalia Onelio |
| Mathew Ramirez | Charley Cushenbery | Kathi Hawkins | Helen Foster |
| Blanche Schmidt | Cindy Czaplinski | Julie Swanson | J.C. Louderback |
| Norman Weigand | Clarice Henderson | Jorim Palmer | Bryson Stoner |
| Lisa Longshore | Bret Stoner | Phyllis Bradfield | Katie Schwyhart |
| Kathy Ripperger | JoAnn Baker | Sylvia Riggs | Elmo Crain |
| Elliott Jackson | Clint Combs | Katie Ewert | Pam Crain |
| Rylan Palmer | Donna Louderback | Trudy Masingale | |
| Connie Tyler | Don Bradfield | Terry McClure | |

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

In the Nursery

Jul 7	Kimberly McJunkin / Braden Stoner
Jul 14	Janet Cannon / Bryson Stoner
Jul 21	Jennifer Stoner / Laken Morgan
Jul 28	Katie Schwyhart / Robin Tackett

Kingdom Kids Volunteers

Jul 7	Shawn & Jennifer Stoner
Jul 14	Scott & Nicole Rogers
Jul 21	Katie Ewert / Abby Onelio
Jul 28	Nick & Brittani Vickers

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