

JULY 2025

FBC



Come to sing the old hymns. Bring ice cream and/or desserts to share for a time of fellowship following hymn sing.



Just One...

SERVICE

**Sunday, July 20
10:00 AM**



Followed by indoor
BBQ fellowship.

We will meet in Family Life Center after the single service to beat the heat. Deacons will provide the grills, drinks, paper plates and utensils. You need to bring 1) meat for your family, 2) a side dish or dessert to share.

CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH

On-Going Calendar Events

M-W-F—3:00 PM-4:00 PM—Hundred Acre Woods Walkers

Every Monday—AA Meeting—7:00 PM

Every Wednesday—Youth Group—6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Every Wed.—1st Service Praise Team-7:00 PM

Tuesday, July 1

6:15 PM—Finance Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

9:00 AM—LMA Pastors' Prayer

7:00 PM—Holiday Choir Rehearsal

7:30 PM—1st Service Praise Team

FRIDAY, JULY 4—CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Community Choir performance at Freedom Fest (Lewis Young Park)

SUNDAY, JULY 6

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE—

8:15 AM—WORSHIP

9:45 AM—SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

(YOUTH & ADULT ELECTIVES)

11:00 AM—WORSHIP & KIDS' KONNECTION

12:15 PM—Deaconess Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 7

12:00 PM-5:00 PM—Crafter's Corner—FLC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE TO CHURCH OFFICE

THURSDAY, JULY 10

1:00 PM—Pastor Kami at Kid's Day Camp—Youthfront

SUNDAY, JULY 13

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE—(see July 6)

1:30 PM—FBC facilitates Nursing Home Services

6:00 PM—Old Fashioned Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social

MONDAY, JULY 14

6:30 PM—Deacon Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 15

6:00 PM—Luther Rice ABW Summer Rally—Olathe FBC

7:00 PM—Christian Ed & Trustee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

1:00 PM—Pastor Kami at Kid's Day Camp—Youthfront

FRIDAY, JULY 18

1:30 PM—ADK Sorority (southeast corner classroom)

SUNDAY, JULY 20

10:00 AM—ONE SERVICE

11:30 AM—Indoor BBQ—Family Life Center
(games & activities to follow meal)

JULY 20-25

**PASTOR KAMI FACILITATING ABCCR JUNIOR CAMP
WHITE MEMORIAL**

Monday, July 21

DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER

SATURDAY, JULY 26

8:00 AM—Women's United Prayer Group—FBC

SUNDAY, JULY 27

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see July 6)

5:45 PM—Safety & Security Team

7:00 PM—Quarterly Business Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 28

6:30 PM—Building Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

1:00 PM—Pastor Kami at Kid's Day Camp—Youthfront



Freedom is a dangerous thing.

It's strange to say (especially in July), but if we're honest, our cherished freedom has also caused much of our confusion and division.

- Everyone doing what is right in their own eyes,
- Every opinion held as absolute truth,
- Every boundary questioned or broken.

Freedom without truth becomes chaos.
Freedom without love becomes cruelty.

But the danger isn't just "out there." It's in us, too.

Freedom is what led to the present state of our souls.

sinful - fallen - broken

So I ask: ***Is freedom such a great thing?***

Actually, yes. But only the right kind of freedom.

Galatians 5:13 calls for restrained freedom—not to indulge but to serve.

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

It's the power to do what we were created for.

This freedom:

- Heals us
- Reshapes our desires
- Restores dignity and purpose

The question for us isn't just "Am I free?"—but "What am I doing with my freedom?"

**Because freedom in the Kingdom isn't the end of the story.
It's the beginning of becoming...
Becoming who we were meant to be.**



Independence. That's a word we Americans hear a lot in July. We celebrate that our country declared its independence 249 years ago. Because of the bold and steadfast efforts of our forefathers, we enjoy the benefits of a free nation today. Their sacrifices on our behalf are not to be underestimated.



One of the freedoms the founding fathers intended was the freedom of religion. They believed that all men and women should be allowed to choose for themselves what to believe and how to worship. We are still benefitting from this freedom today.

Many people in the world do not enjoy such freedoms.

As Jesus followers, we realize we are not free. We are captives in slavery to our sins. We find ourselves locked in evil's dark shackles unable to break its hold on us. We need a Savior to set us free.

Jesus is that Savior. He came to offer us true freedom. Only He had the power to break the chains that held us, and so He paid the ultimate price to free us. The captives have been set free!

"... he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—" Hebrews 2:14

If you have allowed Jesus to break the chains that bind you, then you can celebrate a different Independence Day. A day when His sacrifice gave you your ultimate freedom... for all eternity.

John 8:36 puts it like this: *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

Go therefore and be free! But do not forget the wisdom Paul gives to the church at Galatia:

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1

Happy Independence Day!

Kami

2025—Our Bible Reading Plan will again be coming from *The One Year® Bible* published by Tyndale.

The One Year® Bible daily reading plan consists of passages from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. This arrangement of Scripture brings variety and a fresh approach to each day's 15-minute reading, while providing a clear understanding of the Bible's larger message. No other "through the bible" plan presents the entire bible in such a user-friendly format.

Purchase your own copy of *The One Year® Bible* or just follow along in your own Bible.

JULY

	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverbs
□ 01	2 Kings 18:13-19:37	Acts 21:1-17	Psalms 149:1-9	Proverbs 18:8
□ 02	2 Kings 20:1-22:2	Acts 21:18-36	Psalms 150:1-6	Proverbs 18:9-10
□ 03	2 Kings 22:3-23:30	Acts 21:37-22:16	Psalms 1:1-6	Proverbs 18:11-12
□ 04	2 Kings 23:31-25:30	Acts 22:17-23:10	Psalms 2:1-12	Proverbs 18:13
□ 05	1 Chronicles 1:1-2:17	Acts 23:11-35	Psalms 3:1-8	Proverbs 18:14-15
□ 06	1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4	Acts 24:1-27	Psalms 4:1-8	Proverbs 18:16-18
□ 07	1 Chronicles 4:5-5:17	Acts 25:1-27	Psalms 5:1-12	Proverbs 18:19
□ 08	1 Chronicles 5:18-6:81	Acts 26:1-32	Psalms 6:1-10	Proverbs 18:20-21
□ 09	1 Chronicles 7:1-8:40	Acts 27:1-20	Psalms 7:1-17	Proverbs 18:22
□ 10	1 Chronicles 9:1-10:14	Acts 27:21-44	Psalms 8:1-9	Proverbs 18:23-24
□ 11	1 Chronicles 11:1-12:18	Acts 28:1-31	Psalms 9:1-12	Proverbs 19:1-3
□ 12	1 Chronicles 12:19-14:17	Romans 1:1-17	Psalms 9:13-20	Proverbs 19:4-5
□ 13	1 Chronicles 15:1-16:36	Romans 1:18-32	Psalms 10:1-15	Proverbs 19:6-7
□ 14	1 Chronicles 16:37-18:17	Romans 2:1-24	Psalms 10:16-18	Proverbs 19:8-9
□ 15	1 Chronicles 19:1-21:30	Romans 2:25-3:8	Psalms 11:1-7	Proverbs 19:10-12
□ 16	1 Chronicles 22:1-23:32	Romans 3:9-31	Psalms 12:1-8	Proverbs 19:13-14
□ 17	1 Chronicles 24:1-26:11	Romans 4:1-12	Psalms 13:1-6	Proverbs 19:15-16
□ 18	1 Chronicles 26:12-27:34	Romans 4:13-5:5	Psalms 14:1-7	Proverbs 19:17
□ 19	1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30	Romans 5:6-21	Psalms 15:1-5	Proverbs 19:18-19
□ 20	2 Chronicles 1:1-3:17	Romans 6:1-23	Psalms 16:1-11	Proverbs 19:20-21
□ 21	2 Chronicles 4:1-6:11	Romans 7:1-13	Psalms 17:1-15	Proverbs 19:22-23
□ 22	2 Chronicles 6:12-8:10	Romans 7:14-8:8	Psalms 18:1-15	Proverbs 19:24-25
□ 23	2 Chronicles 8:11-10:19	Romans 8:9-25	Psalms 18:16-36	Proverbs 19:26
□ 24	2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22	Romans 8:26-39	Psalms 18:37-50	Proverbs 19:27-29
□ 25	2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14	Romans 9:1-24	Psalms 19:1-14	Proverbs 20:1
□ 26	2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34	Romans 9:25-10:13	Psalms 20:1-9	Proverbs 20:2-3
□ 27	2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37	Romans 10:14-11:12	Psalms 21:1-13	Proverbs 20:4-6
□ 28	2 Chronicles 21:1-23:21	Romans 11:13-36	Psalms 22:1-18	Proverbs 20:7
□ 29	2 Chronicles 24:1-25:28	Romans 12:1-21	Psalms 22:19-31	Proverbs 20:8-10
□ 30	2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27	Romans 13:1-14	Psalms 23:1-6	Proverbs 20:11
□ 31	2 Chronicles 29:1-36	Romans 14:1-23	Psalms 24:1-10	Proverbs 20:12



TRUE NORTH VBS showed kids that Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust. **HE'S OUR TRUE NORTH!**

2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT -

We used Group Publishing **TRUE NORTH** - Kami Minor, director. 104 children enrolled (63 families represented), 45 adult staff and helpers. Mission Project: Warm clothing & blankets—a \$5 donation can provide warmth for one person. VBS offering during the week was \$840.94—warm clothing for just over 168 persons!!! and when added with the VBS Program offering of \$937.00, we will be able to provide warmth for another 187 folks. Our grand total was \$1,777.94—Warmth provided for more than 356 persons!

TRUE NORTH VBS participants gathered for a final **CELEBRATION BBQ AND SWIM PARTY** at the city pool. A whole bunch of folks took advantage of the beautiful weather to join us in the pool. Thanks to all who helped to provide food for our guests.



Mark your calendars for **VBS 2026—JUNE 8-12—RAINFOREST FALLS**—Root Kids in a Relationship With God—Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

MORE CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY—



Henry Finn (Bergman) Hubbard was born on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces. Henry is the son of Emily & Matt Hubbard; grandson of Laura & Mike Bergman.



Collins MaKinley Cole, nine year old daughter of Janet Cole & Tagert Cole, followed Christ in profession of faith and baptism during the worship service on June 15, 2025. Welcome to the family Collins!



MONDAY, JULY 7
12:00 -5:00 PM
CRAFTER'S CORNER
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Scrapbooking and all other crafting welcome (or just come and chat). Contact Debbie Randolph for more details.



SUNDAY, JULY 27
5:45 PM
SAFETY & SECURITY
TEAM MEETING



SUNDAY, JULY 27
7:00 PM
QUARTERLY
BUSINESS
MEETING

(Board chairpersons - please have your quarterly reports covering activity of April through June turned in to the office by **Wednesday, July 9**. Thanks.) All church members are encouraged to attend the business meetings. This is the place you hear what the boards are doing, see the financial statements of the church and let your voice be heard on issues that are discussed at the meeting.

Love God, Love Louisville, Serve the World



You don't have to visit the beach to make a sandcastle. Make fluffy "moon sand" to build fun structures.

What you need:

- Large bowl
- Wooden spoon
- 8 cups flour
- 1 cup baby oil



What you do:

1. Measure flour into the large bowl. Add baby oil.
2. Mix thoroughly until all the oil is combined and the texture is consistent. If needed, use your hands to knead the mixture.
3. The sand is ready when it sticks together to form a ball when pressed in your hands.
4. Use sand toys and molds to create a sandcastle. Store sand in an airtight container for up to two weeks.



Puzzle!

Solve this cryptogram puzzle, using the clues R=I and M=T, to complete Psalm 111:10, NIV.

MYL CLOQ ZC MYL
 PZQN RV MYL
 HLD RFRFD ZC GRVNZU;
 OPP GYZ CZPPZG
 YRV BQLTLBMV
 YOKL DZZN
 JFNLQVMOFNRFD
 MZ YRU HLPZFDV
 LMLQFOP BQORVL
 PSALM 111:10, NIV

Answer: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111:10, NIV



SUNDAYS
 (SECOND SERVICE ONLY)
 KIDS' KONNECTION
 KIDS K THRU 5TH GRADE



YOUTH GROUP
 (GRADES 6-12)
 WEDNESDAYS
 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Don't miss food, friends and fun as we explore what the Bible has to say to us today.



VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!!

Check with Pastor Kami to see where you can help 816-916-KAMI (5264).



FIRST BAPTIST BAKERY & BUFFET

JAMAICAN JUNGLE BREAD

from the kitchen of Nancy Schmidt

1 ½ c. flour
 1 c. quick oats
 ½ c. sugar
 1 t. baking soda
 1 t. baking powder
 1 t. cinnamon
 ½ t. salt
 ½ c. flaked coconut
 ½ c. chopped nuts, toasted
 1 c. mashed bananas (3)
 8 oz. can crushed pineapple
 ¼ c. oil
 2 eggs

In a large bowl, stir together first nine dry ingredients. In another bowl, mix bananas, pineapple, oil, and eggs; add all at once to dry ingredients. Stir until just moistened. Pour into a greased 9x5x3-inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool in pan 5 minutes; turn onto cooling rack and cool completely.

Glaze (optional)
 ½ c. powdered sugar
 1 T. softened butter
 ½ t. vanilla
 1-2 T. milk

Mix together and drizzle over warm bread.

ABW Bible Book of the Month

Song of Solomon

The *Song of Solomon*—also known as the *Song of Songs*—is a lyrical and poetic book found in the Old Testament, traditionally attributed to King Solomon. It is a unique work within the Bible, as it focuses entirely on love, romance, and desire between a bride (often identified as the Shulammite woman) and her beloved (commonly thought to be Solomon himself).

The book is composed of a series of poetic dialogues and monologues that vividly express mutual admiration, physical attraction, and the deep emotional longing between the lovers. The woman often takes the lead in expressing her desire and search for her beloved, while the man praises her beauty and speaks of his passion for her. The setting moves between palaces, gardens, and countryside scenes, reflecting the intimacy and natural imagery woven throughout the text.

Though there is no clear narrative structure, the recurring themes of separation and reunion, longing and fulfillment, create a rhythm that mirrors the ebb and flow of romantic love. The book does not mention God directly, which has led to varied interpretations over time.

Historically, Jewish and Christian traditions have often read the *Song of Solomon* allegorically. In Jewish tradition, it is viewed as an expression of the covenant love between God and Israel. In Christian theology, it has been interpreted as symbolic of the love between Christ and the Church.

Whether read as an allegory or a celebration of human love, the *Song of Solomon* affirms the beauty and sanctity of love, desire, and intimacy within a committed relationship. Its poetic language and evocative imagery continue to inspire reflection on the nature of love—both divine and human.



Melissa & David Raube -
Tyndale Bible Translators
(Dorm Parents at Faith Academy, Philippines)

Faith Academy, Manila, Philippines
July 2025

Ever wondered what taking 14 teenage girls on an adventure to an island for end of the year family time is like? It's so amazing to compare these precious girls now, to the excited kids who first arrived in dorm back in August. A year means a lot of growth and a year full of bonding, making mistakes, taking risks, being creative, challenging ourselves academically and physically, and building community. Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

We leave metro Manila traveling by school vans and ferry to Mindoro Island for a Dorm Family time each year. This outing is a fun getaway out in nature, including ocean activities, Philippine culture activities and a faith emphasis. This year it included an overnight hospital stay for Melissa as a medical emergency happened. These are the moments we realize how important you, our support team, is to us.

During Holy Week, the girls are in the dorm for 4 days straight. We tried to plan some good activities for the days of no school. We celebrated a Seder dinner on Thursday while some girls went on a ministry outreach. On Friday we visited Jose Rizal Park for a picnic lunch and later, rode some carnival rides at the Mall of Asia waterfront. The final day of Holy Week culminated at church for Resurrection Sunday!

We will be on home assignment August 2025 – July 2026. We have been asked by Tyndale Bible Translators and Faith Academy to gain strength in our financial partnerships by at least \$1500 more monthly to have all we need for healthy overseas ministry. Furlough is actually full of unknowns for housing and other details. Please pray for our peace and faith as we walk into the unknown.



JULY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1 Bill Roush
Nancy Neck
Jim Atkinson

July 2 Amy Spratford

July 5 Mike Stegeman

July 8 Klara Gerard
Lora Rinehart

July 9 Dorothy Gardner

July 10 Kay McClintock

July 13 Darren Masten

July 14 John Gough

July 24 Betty Bendorf
Barbara Roberts
Bill Dodson

July 26 Steve Tegarden

July 27 Suellen Golladay

July 28 Ryan Beaver

July 30 Don Meek

Sharon & Steve Tegarden - July 1
Debbie & Ron Randolph - July 5
Patty & Larry Nelson - July 6
Angie & Brian Davey - July 7
Cheryl & Gary Plumb - July 11
Denise & Robert Lake - July 28



Lora & Bob Rinehart were married on July 16, 1966.
Bob passed into the arms of Jesus on May 20, 2009.
They shared almost 43 years together.

Vicky & Lou Davis were married on July 28, 1990.
Lou passed into the arms of Jesus on September 13,
2021. They shared over 31 years together.

We try to include those who are actively attending our church; please let us know if we have missed your special day.





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SUNDAY WORSHIP
8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES

July 21—Deadline for August Newsletter



	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>
June 1	53	60
June 8	57	66
June 15	One Service—104	
June 22	52	47



TUESDAY, JULY 1
6:15 PM - Finance Committee

SUNDAY, JULY 6
12:15 PM—Deaconess Board

MONDAY, JULY 14
6:30 PM - Deacon Board

TUESDAY, JULY 15
7:00 PM - Christian Education &
Trustee Boards

MONDAY, APRIL 22
7:00 PM—Building Committee

WILL YOU ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

Wouldn't it be great to keep the Operation Christmas Child spirit going all year long? We can! It's simple. It's convenient, and it's relatively painless! All you do is set your mind up to build online boxes each month all year long! They only cost \$30 (the price of one meal out or a few treats at the movie) and you don't even have to shop or pack the box! Think about it. Would you truly miss \$30 each month? I know I spend that much on silly things, things that don't last, all the time. The impact of these boxes is eternal.

So, I challenge you to join me this year in sending at least one box each month. Use this QR code or the link on the church website to get started.

~KAMI

(As of 6/26, as a church we have done 32 boxes towards the 2025 goal of 100 boxes; can we do even more?)

