

**First Baptist Church of Oakville**  
 6741 Telegraph Road,  
 St. Louis, MO, 63129



## Children's Soccer Camp

July 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup>  
 8:30—Noon each day

**Free for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

Led by NAIA soccer athletes from  
 Missouri Baptist University



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 Thanks to Tony Pezzo for using it so effectively..



## July Birthdays



- Rich Phillips.....3
- Don Cook.....4
- Linda Beattie.....7
- Helen Tolcou.....9
- Michael Boone.....10
- John Gorse Jr.....14
- Eunice Tedder.....15
- Shelba Townsend.....17
- Ronda Brown.....19
- Jimmy Boxx.....21
- Pauline Maness.....22
- Jerry Boulch, Mary Lavall-Amelung.....25
- Tom Bradham.....29
- Katy Brumbaugh.....30
- Sean McGinnis.....31

*God Bless You on Your Birthday!*

## Coming In July

- Happy Independence Day!.....4
- P.E.P. Club.....4
- Fellowship Breakfast.....7
- Lord's Supper.....7
- Church Council (Noon Meeting).....7
- Youth & Adult Float Trip.....13
- W.M.U. Meeting.....13
- Vision Committee Meeting.....14
- Game Night.....20
- Children's Soccer Camp.....22-26

**NOTE:**  
 NO Sunday night or Wednesday  
 night Bible Study thru August



### JOHN'S JOTS

*Why do we mark Independence Day!* In July, 1776, 58 men signed the *Declaration of Independence*. They pledged their fortunes and their lives on the premise that liberty was worth the price. Several of those men had to make good on their pledge.

Their sacrifice, and the lives of many freedom fighters who followed after them remind us that freedom is not free! Today, we can express our gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy, and make our resolve to protect freedom for the next generation. May God bless the United States of America!

*Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate* our spiritual freedom to worship—and our freedom from sin—by observing the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is always a blessing to me. And that memorial meal reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. As Jesus declared, *if the Son shall make you free, you are free indeed!*

*Our Children's Soccer Camp, July 22-26,* is a new effort to reach out to the children and the young families of our community. Our first camp was so successful last year. Brandon Boos, the varsity captain at Missouri Baptist University is returning to direct the camp. We will also incorporate some VBS elements into the camp. Once again, you can help by sending or inviting children you may know to join us, and praying for the success of our camp. Sports has become a great draw in our society—that can also present a great opportunity to share the Gospel.

*Our Mission Yard Sale* has been postponed again, due to weather. It will be rescheduled for later this Summer. Thanks to our workers.

*Katy Brumbaugh is busy as our Summer intern.* Others are also working in this important ministry. Please support Katy with your prayers and your encouragement—she's a big help to our Summer ministry.

*Our Nominating Committee has begun their important work for the new year.* I am grateful for this committee, and their diligence to insure that qualified, willing workers staff the multiple ministries, work groups, and committees essential to the mission of FBC, Oakville. Ed Maness is chair of the Nominating Committee again this year. And I am grateful for all of you who serve in so many important areas of our Church life—some going unnoticed because you are “behind the scenes”. Thank you, one and all.

Herein is an important Biblical principle and a conviction of mine--*EVERY member of FBCO is a minister, not just the Pastor.* That includes YOU! What is your *ministry* through our Church? Ask God to guide you in finding your place of service. Then, my job as Pastor is to be an encourager and an equipper for all of you ministers. I couldn't be more grateful for that privilege.

Gratefully, Your Pastor  
*John*

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Vision  
 2020



*for the future*  
 PRAYING, TRUSTING, GIVING

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## GWEN'S Gallery

### Heart of Gold by Robin Lee Hatcher

Back in her beloved Virginia, Shannon Adair loved nursing injured soldiers back to health. But in Grand Coeur, Idaho—the rough-and-tumble place where her father has been called to lead the church—she's not sure where she fits in. Then a critically ill woman arrives, and Shannon knows her place at last: to care for this dear woman and ease her pain.

Matthew Dubois is the fastest and most reliable stagecoach driver on Wells Fargo's payroll. But his widowed sister is dying, and he's about to inherit his young nephew. So he takes a job at the Wells Fargo express office in Grand Coeur until he can find the one thing he needs to get back to driving: a wife to care for the boy.

What neither of them knows is that God is at work behind the scenes—and is lovingly bringing them together to discover the true desires of their hearts.

### When Love Returns by Kim Vogel Sawyer

It wasn't easy to move back to the Old Order Mennonite community from which quiet, responsible Suzanne Zimmerman was shamefully sent away as a pregnant teen. Since returning twenty years later to take care of her mother, Suzanne and Alexa—the daughter she raised as her own—have spent months rebuilding relationships with her family.

Now with the upcoming wedding of their biological daughter, Suzanne and Paul find themselves drawn to one another once again—but with new challenges to face. They have been single parents with painful pasts. Can Paul and Suzanne find the strength to rebuild the loving relationship that was torn apart by their teen pregnancy so long ago?

Suzanne must also let go of Alexa as she heads back to Indianapolis to visit friends, and with hopes of finding her birth parents. Leaving the bed-and-breakfast in Suzanne's apprehensive hands, Alexa embarks on a journey that will certainly change her life completely. Can mother and daughter trust God to restore all things in His timing?



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>**

**9:30 am — 2:30 pm**

**Our Church Activity Center**

**Kidz Kollege resumes September 4<sup>th</sup>**

### Kidz Praise

**Kids Praise will be working on Bible skills and making cards during July.**

**We praise God by loving one another and we show that love through RESPECT.**

*Cyndi Harmon*



## God Bless America



Greetings Everyone,

July is upon us and it contains the most patriotic day of the year that will be celebrated elaborately throughout this great nation as we observe the birth of our country on July 4th. In this article we will explore the song that is our country's National Anthem: *The Star Spangled Banner* and possibly learn something new about it.

Francis Scott Key intended *The Star Spangled Banner* to be sung to a popular tune of the day and was not meant to be just poetry. Although Key was an amateur poet, he had already picked the melody *To Anacreon in Heaven* for the *Star Spangled Banner*, which ironically was a British song composed in 1775 as a theme song for the upper crust *Anacreontic Society* of London.

Contrary to folklore, Key was not imprisoned on a British ship when he penned his famous words. He was a lawyer that was dispatched to Baltimore by Pres. Monroe to secure the release of a prominent surgeon who had been captured in battle. He did win his return, but only if he remained on his American ship during the battle of Baltimore, which had been planned by the British and took place on September 13, 1814.

The flag that Key saw in the morning after the battle did not fly through the perilous night. Because of heavy rain a smaller storm flag measuring 17' by 25' flew through the night and in the morning the garrison flag measuring 30' by 42' which required 11 men to hoist was raised and signified that Fort McHenry had not fallen.

The song was not originally titled *The Star Spangled Banner*. When Key submitted it to the Baltimore papers, it had no title but was pressed with the title *Defence of Fort McHenry*, and 2 months later a Baltimore music store printed the sheet music and titled it *The Star Spangled Banner*. It has 4 verses but most people are only familiar with the first. *The Star Spangled Banner* was an anthem for Union troops in the Civil War and poet Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote a 5th verse to support the Union cause and denounce "the traitor that dares to defile the flag of her stars". In 1916, Pres. Woodrow Wilson signed an executive order making it the National Anthem for all military ceremonies. On March 3, 1931, after 40 attempts, Congress passed a measure and *The Star Spangled Banner* was designated the National Anthem of the United States.

I have to admit I learned a lot researching the story behind our National Anthem. Here is the song as originally penned by Francis Scott Key with all 4 verses.

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,  
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,  
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:  
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O long may it wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,  
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,  
A home and a country, should leave us no more?  
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!  
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

The July Choir practice will be Wednesday night July 3 at 7:30. And on a personal note, thanks to Pastor John for the Sunday night study in June that focused on Worship and Praise in Music. It was very insightful.

May God continue to bless our church Abundantly and I LOVE YOU ALL,

*John*