

TODAY: July 25

- ◆ MFBC in the Mountains
- ◆ 8:30a Elder and Deacon Prayer
- ◆ 8:45a Prayer Time (all ages)
- ◆ 11:00a **Combined Children's SS Class** with Jim B. in the Family Ministry Center
- ◆ 5:00p **Missions Committee Meeting** in N122 with the Touchstones
- ◆ 7:15p—**Family Fellowship** immediately following the PM service—Mission Committee hosting/ Bring favorite foods and snacks to share!
- ◆ 7:00p—8:30p—Please join us for a cheesecake dessert **Open House** to celebrate as Pastor Scott Piper wraps up 23 years of ministry at Kuna Baptist Church (1250 N. Linder Rd. in Kuna)

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

Sun.—Sat. July 25-31—See Summer Camp Schedule below to the right for this weeks camps
Thurs. July 29—7:00p **Softball** home game with Grace Bible Church—played at Kuna Baptist in Kuna
Sat. July 31—10:30a Ladies' **Book Club** at the home of Daren B.

Regular activities on the back of the bulletin]

SAVE THE DATE!

Aug. 7—9:00a—12:00 Noon New Members Class—see Pastor Randy if you plan to attend.
Aug. 13-14 — Family Ministry Center **RESERVED** for Compass Bible Church
Aug. 14—Coed **Softball Tournament** at Skyview Softball Complex in Nampa
Aug. 15—Baptism in the AM Service
Aug. 15—5:00p "Teens to Togo"
Aug. 20-21—Elder/Deacon Day Away at Cook's Cabin
Aug. 23-25—Junior Boy's Campout at Horsethief
Sept. 2—**Women's Fall Bible** study begins
Sept. 8—6:30-8:00—**IMPACT** FAMILY NIGHT
 AWANA begins
Sept. 12—5:00p—6:00p **IMPACT FAMILY NIGHT** training meeting (second Sunday of each month Sept. —May with the exception of Nov. 14)
Sept. 30—Celebrate Camp Pinewood
Oct. 1-2—Missions Promo Event at Camp Pinewood. Ben Horton (ABWE Missionary) will be presenting to
Oct. 16—Fall Bible Conference with Doug Bookman "The Days of His Flesh"
Nov. 14—5:00p Annual Ingathering Harvest Banquet in the Family Ministry Center

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

July 25:

NURSERY:

AM: Robin & Susan C.
SS: Glenda & Marietta
PM: Connie & Sara
Sound Techs: Alex
Security: Mick (AM) Kent (PM)

August 1:

Nursery:

AM: Brian & Mary Ann
SS: Robin & Marietta
PM: Serena & Girls
Sound Techs: Jason / Alison / Jonathon (AM) (PM)
Security: Jim D. (AM) Mike M. (PM)

Deposit Report 2021	
July General Fund Budget:	
\$41,181.39	
WEEK: July 18, 2021	
General Fund:	\$8,822.00
Special Offering:	\$3,719.00
Deposit:	\$12,541.00
MONTH: JULY	
General Fund:	\$35,066.92
Special Offerings:	\$9,345.01
Deposits:	\$44,411.93
Building Fund Balance as of 06/30/21	\$69,171.97



Summer Schedule

July 25-28 Especially Needed Family Camp
 July 28-31 Connections Camp
 August 2-7 Family Camp 2
 August 2-6 Adventure Camp 3
 August 9-13 Adventure Camp 4
 August 16-20 J.O.Y. Camp
 Register online at camppinewood.org



July 25, 2021
 9:30 AM Service

Pianist: Arnie / Song Leader: Jim C.

Welcome/Announcements/ Prayer: Jim B.

Hymn #136—O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn #19—To God Be the Glory

Hymn #110—Thine Is the Glory

Hymn #44—Come Praise and Glorify

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-17 Rick

Message: "The Glory of God"

Text: John Chapter 1 / Various Pastor Saltz

Closing Hymn #97—We Will Glorify

6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Scott / Song Leader: Kelly S.

Special Music: Mike S.

Introduce Speaker: Pastor Randy

Message: Missionary Speaker

Jerald Touchstone (Katie)

ABWE / Togo

Pastor Dave's Ephesians SS Class will not be meeting today. Please visit one of our other elective adult classes listed on the back of the bulletin.



Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center would like to thank you and your congregation for raising **\$1,746.41**. Your faithfulness to Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center has been life changing for our community. Total community support was **\$49,845.01**.

MISSION FOCUS

July



Jack & Cheryl Shiflett

Semi-Retired / CA

- Mentoring at "Regeneration" a discipleship and recovery ministry at our church is impacting the entire city.
- Small Group Ministry at Community Life Shepherd which means I mentor 10 coaches, who work with our life group leaders. Part of this responsibility is writing Sermon Discussion Guides for our small groups. It keeps me studying and writing for a deadline each week and that is a good exercise in discipline.
- We are enjoying living within 3 hours of our most distant family living near the coast.
- Cheryl's literacy mentor role at a public school in an at-risk community is an opportunity to express love and service in Jesus name to both teacher and students. She recently was awarded The Language Mentor of the year for her efforts with disadvantaged children.
- Each week Jack continues to meet with largely Afro-American and Hispanic pastors in a part of the city battling poverty and crime.
- We are so grateful t the Lord for the continued opportunity to serve Him.

Meridian First Baptist Church

We teach the Bible as if lives depended on it.
 Cool Bible Passages (that we sometimes overlook)

My recent Bible reading landed me in the book of Ezekiel. As a priest, God directed Ezekiel to write down an incredible vision as he sat along the Chabar River in Tel Abib. Ezekiel is thirty years old and has been exiled to this foreign land for five years. He is at the age that most priests would normally begin their formal ministry and God incredibly calls him into His service.

I have included the opening verses, but take notice of Ezekiel 18:1-24 and read it in its entirety. Here's some of my **observations, interpretation** and **application** of the text as I answer a few questions.

Ezekiel 18:1-4

The Soul Who Sins Shall Die

[1] The word of the LORD came to me: [2] "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? [3] As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. [4] Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. (ESV)

What is the major theme of the text?

An individual's sin will affect others, and yet he is responsible for his own sin and therefore must repent so he can experience life with God.

What are the repeated words in the text (a clue to the theme or subject)?

Three times the statement—"declares the Lord God" is affirmation that this message is directly from God. Within several scenarios, we see some conditions represented by the use of the word *if*. Then, clearly it is God who delineates and determines the judgment upon the *righteous* (2 times) and the *unrighteous/ wicked* (3 times). There are more contrasts as we stack up *sin* and *iniquity*, which combine for 11 counts in the *wicked* column. The message is one that concerns the *soul*, which is used 5 times. As a type of *inclusio*, we are captured by the strong statement "the soul that sins shall die" (vss. 4, 20).

What are the universal truths that would be applicable to both the original and present day readers?

There are several applicable universal truths. First, God judges, "the soul that sins shall die" (vss. 4,20), so we should fear God. Second, as God does not enjoy killing the wicked (vs. 25), we can express gratitude for his mercy and grace. Third, righteous people are characterized by righteous acts and experience life with God, so we can also pursue righteousness. Fourth, the wicked are characterized by sin and will die, so we must avoid sin. Finally, the wicked also have opportunity to repent and live with God, so we also can repent when we have acted wickedly.

In what ways do you see this text speaking to the progressive sanctification of the believer today?

From our text, we learn that righteous actions characterize the righteous person. The righteous people do not participate in some things (*wickedness* in general) but do actively forge righteous acts into their lifestyles. Ezekiel composes contrasting lists of the things that righteous people do and do not do. These lists have numerous complements to the believer today who actively pursues righteousness. The text's description of the righteous who "walks in My statutes and keeps My rules by acting faithfully" (vs. 17) illustrates *progressive sanctification*. A parallel is found in Philippians 2:12-14 and highlighted with "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling".

How will you "work out your own salvation" this week? Begin by opening up your Bible and "making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding" (Prov.2:2).

-Pastor Dave