



The Baptist Bulletin

July 2021

Set Free

As a child I had a very controlling fear. A fear that kept me up at night. That caused me to feel hopeless. My fear was that I would never be good enough for God to love and save me. I knew that I was bad and told that I was bad. That my wrong actions, my sins, made me a very bad person. This was a real fear that I had no answer or solution to. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't be good enough.

Fear is powerful. It is very powerful, but in a very negative way. The Merriam-Webster definition of fear is: *An unpleasant often strong emotion caused by anticipation or awareness of danger.*

When we are living in fear our emotions, rationale, thoughts, and decisions are greatly influenced or even controlled by what we are afraid. As Christians, we are called to live life without fear because of the love of the Lord.

1 John 4:18. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

Comprehending this passage has changed my life. I know that I am not to live in fear of anything, because of the love of God. Love which is 100% perfect, known in the Greek language as Agape. A love that was defined by the Apostle John in verse 10 of the fourth chapter of this epistle as God sending Jesus to be the propitiation (appeasement of God's wrath) of our sins. A love that is not based on our abilities, performance, or well doings. A love that rests solely and perfectly on the Lord.

A love that casts out fear. Cast out means to let go without caring where that thing falls. This is the ability to be completely set free from something that is harming us. This is the work of the Gospel. This is the result of understanding and trusting of the perfect love of the Lord. A love which is found in the Gospel.

We never have to live life in fear if we trust the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. For our fear has forever been cast out. We are truly set free.

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Nation & Leaders

Small Groups

Summer Bible Camps

VBS—July 11-15

Phil Kuhlman—Chemo

Marla Fattig—Knee

Missionaries of the Month—Brian & Chris Sanders, Spain

We are excited to be flying to Spain to reunite with our beloved friends. It has been a long season of separation from in person contact. Pray for our return to Spain to go smoothly.

Please pray as we will have paperwork to deal with in our return to Spain. As we look to the next phase of ministry, we will need to do a large amount of coordinating between the United States and Spain in launching business plans and working with financial supporters of the business part of the ministry. Pray we find favor with the Spanish Government that is backlogged with business that needs sorted through.

Pray for the many reunions and changes we will be facing .

We are also continuing to be heavily involved with the M2M Network. (Ministry to M's across Europe) This has been an enjoyable roll as we get to mentor new workers searching to serve in this fun roll. It is a joy to help walk beside them and encourage them in their journey.



Birthdays ~ ~ ~

Dee Painter	July 1
Frances Linegar	July 4
Kelli Beck	July 6
Hildur Malm	July 8
Doris Nelson	July 10
Dawn Urman	July 13
Will Mercer	July 15
Phil Kuhlman	July 18
Marsha Weeks	July 31

Anniversaries ~ ~ ~

Larry & Connie Schweitzer	July 17
Eddie & Regie Fruit	July 28

Financial Report ~ ~ ~

Budget for the Year:	\$140,112.96
Fiscal Year ends	2/28/22
Offerings Received for 4 months:	
	\$46,371.52
Expenditures Paid for 4 months:	
	\$55,774.93

Nursery Volunteers ~ ~ ~

July 4	Cor Peterson
July 11	Alisa Crown
July 18	Jody Nelson
July 25	Connie Schweitzer
Aug 1	Holly Ballmer



**Discover
Creation!**

with
**Alpha Omega
Institute**

Discover
answers to
questions about
creation, evolution,
and the Bible.

First Baptist Church
1002 Ave C
July 11-15 from 6-9 p.m.

VBS for the Whole Family!

PowerPoint presentations, crafts, demonstrations, puppet shows, and hands-on science activities, games & snacks designed for children ages 5-12 to understand the truth about Creation.

Bring the family! Adult Bible study included.

Call 537-3881 for more information.



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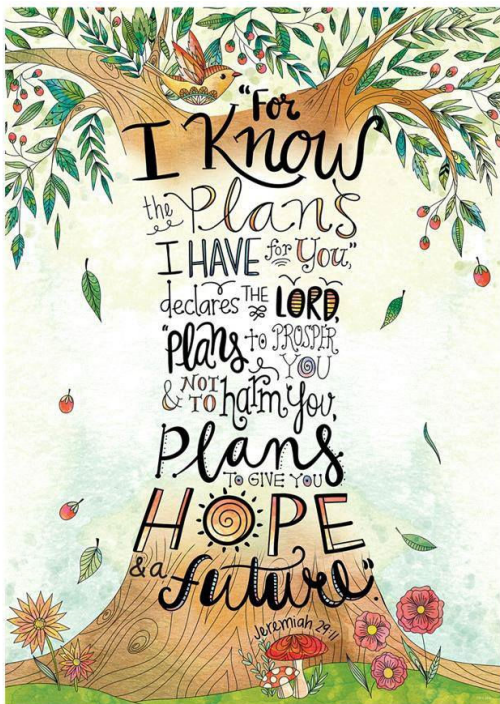


MONTHLY SCHEDULE

- July 5 VBS Volunteers meet—7 pm
- July 10 Country Small Group—7 pm
- July 11 Creation Seminar—9:45 am
- July 11-15 VBS nightly—6-9 pm
- July 18 Elder meeting at noon
- July 20 Management Finance—7 pm
- July 20 Elder Board—8 pm
- July 24 Country Small Group -7 pm
- July 25 Fellowship Outreach—12:00 pm

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday Worship Service—9:45 am
Sunday School—11:00 am



Discover Creation Seminar with Alpha Omega Institute

Sunday, July 11, 2021
at
First Baptist Church

9:45 a.m.—12 p.m.

Bring the whole family!