

AUGUST 2026

LOVE GOD, LOVE LOUISBURG, SERVE THE WORLD

Louisburg First Baptist Church | 406 South Vine Street; PO Box 158 Louisburg, KS

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Lots of support staff needed
WHERE WILL YOU FIT?



Cubbies - Age 3 to Pre-K

craft helpers, cat herders, help with snacks, Bible verse reinforcement



Sparks - Grades K-2

Helper - build meaningful relationships with a small group of clubbers, actively participate in all segments of the club night, and help lead kids toward a lasting faith in Jesus.



T&T - Grades 3-5

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Prayer Warriors

Keep kids and staff in your prayers!

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
26	10:00am ONE SERVICE ONLY 11:15am Backyard BBQ - Family Life Center - followed by Quarterly Business Meeting 12:30pm Safety & Security Team Meeting	27	3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:30pm Kami - Bethel Board Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting	28	6:00pm Luther Rice ABW Rally - Paola FBC 6:30pm Building Committee	29	10:00am -11:00am Wonder Wednesdays (VBS) at First Christian 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice	30	Kami & Jay at Camino Event	31	Kami & Jay at Camino Event 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel	1	Kami & Jay at Camino Event Kami Minor became our Associate Pastor 7 years ago today (2019)
2	Kami & Jay at Camino Event Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Konnection 11:00 am 12:15pm Deaconess Meeting	3	12:00pm -5:00pm Crafter's Corner - FLC 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 7:00pm AA Meeting	4		5	9:00am LMA Pastor's Prayer 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm 1st service Praise Team Practice	6		7	3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel	8	Men's Breakfast on Summer Break 8:00am Women's Fellowship Breakfast at Miss B's
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JESSE'S JOURNAL

I can't believe I'm writing the **August** newsletter. It feels like only yesterday that we were preparing for VBS.

This time has flown by...but you probably already know that. You're feeling it too.

I don't know if it's a getting older thing, or just me, but every time this realization hits me, I get a bit nervous, because it reminds me that **time is short** to do the things that I really want to do and need to do.

It was **only 7 months ago** I was first talking about living life on auto-pilot. How we can get so absorbed in the flow of life that maybe we aren't actually living it...and not living it the way God intended.

I can't help but think how quickly it all can change...

- **Death of a spouse**
- **A health crisis**
- **Losing a job**

These things happen so fast.

They change your life **forever** and don't give you advanced warning. The older I get the more I've come to realize just what Jesus meant when He compared our life to a mist.

And that's why I want to strive to *Live on Purpose in the Kingdom of God every day, in every way*...because I might just wake up six months later and realize I **can't get that time back**.

We can already feel the pull of it as summer effectively ends this month.

The schools will re-open their doors and things will return back to "normal." Everything will change and this shift back to the way things are the rest of the year will bring a whole new sense of urgency and busyness.

Before you know it, kids will be trick-or-treating, turkey will come out of the oven, and the trashcan will be full of this year's wrapping paper.

These are constants. It happens every year.

What makes it different is how we choose to live it. We live it on purpose in the kingdom of God every day, in every way.



KAMI'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year!

No, don't call for medical attention. I'm not confused.

I know it's August, but I looked at the school calendar... and a brand-new year is here!

There is something exciting about a new backpack, fresh markers, and a clean notebook. Suddenly, the future is bright!

So, what are you going to do with your fresh start?

When you think about it, we all have two choices.

We can keep writing new chapters... or we can keep rereading last year's.

Seems like an easy choice, doesn't it?

So...why does this current chapter keep feeling so familiar?

Maybe it's fear.

"What if I mess up? What if I fail?"

Maybe you will.

But what if you don't? What if one brave step changes everything?

You'll never know if you never open the notebook.

Or maybe it's your past.

You've tried before and failed... maybe many times..

Welcome to being human.

Here's the good news: **you don't have to do this alone.**

God is the One who packed the backpack.

He gave you this life, filled it with purpose, walks beside you every step of the way.

Isaiah 41:10 says, **"So do not fear, for I am with you... I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**

So, grab the marker.

Trust the One who packed the backpack.

And go make your mark.



Kids Konnection: Kids connection has just completed a study of The Lord's Prayer with a few stops for Father's Day, 4th of July, and VBS. We are ready to begin our "All Stars" study that features God's SVPs (Second Most Valuable players)... because they remember who the real MVP is. This is an 8 week study that will take us to the end of August.

Youth Group: The youth group has continued to meet this summer with a consistent core group. As the school year approaches, I anticipate adding a few more members who have been busy this summer and are just beginning middle school.

AWANA: Awana training at FBC will be held August 15th from 9-11 for all the AWANA staff. Our leaders are encouraged to attend the AWANA conference for the region on August 22. Our first AWANA meeting will be on August 20th.



Lynette & Brian Smith – Dominican Republic

Many of the opportunities we are involved with today even seven years after first entering the field, are still in early stages. Some leaders are exploring vocational opportunities that could provide employment and character formation. Others are rebuilding, dreaming, planning and praying about what comes next. In every situation our role looks less like directing and more like accompanying. We ask questions, listen, encourage, connect people and ideas, help think through sustainability and long-term impact.

Most often we simply walk alongside people as they seek God's direction. Much of our time is spent listening: to pastors as they wrestle with challenges facing their congregations; to community leaders as they discern what their neighborhoods need most; to young people who are searching for opportunities, purpose and direction; and to ministry partners who are seeking ways to serve their communities faithfully and sustainably.

As always, we are grateful for your prayers, encouragement and partnership. Your support allows us to remain present in these relations and conversations, trusting that God is doing important work long before it becomes visible. Pray for and consider contributing to the rebuilding effort of the church in Bienvenido as local believers work to restore a gathering place for worship and community ministry.

We are praying for: Wisdom and discernment as local leaders explore new opportunities; Patience to move at God's pace and leading rather than our own; Healthy relationships marked by trust and mutual encouragement; Perseverance and hope for ministry partners serving in difficult circumstances; Prudence as we balance ministry, family and personal spiritual growth; and Sensitivity to where God is already at work around us.

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in person **ATTENDANCE**

	8:15am	11:00am
July 5	62	55
July 12	60	81
July 19	54	67
July 26	One service - 86	

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES

August 17—Deadline for September calendar changes & Newsletter submissions



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Nathan, Miranda, Ariel & Elise Haeefe have joined our church by profession of faith and transfer of letter from Paola First Baptist Church. Welcome to the family!

You, too, are invited to become a vital and important part of the warm, caring family of First Baptist Church of Louisburg. Pastor Jesse, Pastor Kami and the deacons are always available to talk with you about your faith journey.

SHOEBOX SEASON is almost here! It's time to take advantage of Back-to-School sales in anticipation of packing your Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. Let's send good news and great joy to children around the world. For many boys and girls, the gifts you pack this fall will be the first they've ever received. What is even more incredible is your gifts give children an opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.



FIRST BAPTIST BAKERY & BUFFET

Have you found a new recipe you would like to share, or even a tried and true one? Please turn it into the church office. Thanks.

BEST "CHOCOLATE CHIP" COOKIE

from the kitchen of Suellen Golladay

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup salad oil
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1 cup Rice Krispies
- 1 (6 oz.) pkg chocolate chips

Instructions:

Blend margarine and salad oil. Then cream in sugars. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Sift together flour, salt, soda and cream of tartar. Mix in creamed mixture. Then stir in oatmeal, Rice Krispies and chocolate chips. Drop on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake in 350 degree oven for 12 minutes.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Board & Committee Meetings

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Sunday, August 2 - 12:15 PM - Deaconesses
 Monday, August 10 - 6:30 PM - Deacon meeting
 Tuesday, August 11 - 6:00 PM - Christian Ed meeting
 Tuesday, August 11 - 7:00 PM - Trustees meeting
 Tuesday, August 18 - 6:15 PM - Finance Committee
 Tuesday, August 25 - 6:30 PM - Building Committee

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August selection -

"ANY DREAM WILL DO" by Debbie Macomber

NIGHT OWL CAFÉ GROUP will meet on Monday, August 10 at 5:30pm - RSVP to Debbie Apple for location

BOOKWORM CAFÉ GROUP will meet at NOON at the church on Tuesday, August 11

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WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - SUMMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 8

Saturday, August 22

8:00 AM at Miss B's Café

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### AWANA PROMOTION & TRAINING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 11, 6-8PM - Info booth at Broadmoor Elementary Back to School night

Saturday, August 15, 9-11AM - FBC AWANA Training

Saturday, August 22, 7:30AM-2:00PM - AWANA Training Conference in Gladstone



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REMEMBER 5TH SUNDAY OFFERING FOR FOOD PANTRY—AUGUST 30 -

This special offering will be collected to benefit our local Agape Food Pantry.

- Your donation will help provide food to people in need here in Louisburg - Thank you!
- Mark your check or envelope "AGAPE" and place in offering box.

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| August 1  | Masha Kasych<br>Gin Morris                                                      |
| August 3  | Ellie Davis<br>Jaidyn Lake                                                      |
| August 4  | Margaret Cottrell                                                               |
| August 5  | Garrett Johnson<br>Jack York                                                    |
| August 7  | Joe Keefhaver                                                                   |
| August 8  | Carolina Cole                                                                   |
| August 10 | Elizabeth Neal<br>Adrienne Morris<br>Allison Apple<br>Lidiia Kasych<br>Sue Knop |
| August 11 | Larry Bunce<br>Clay Henningsen                                                  |
| August 12 | Audrey Beaver                                                                   |
| August 16 | Bobby Bovaird                                                                   |
| August 17 | Alethea Parscale<br>Cindy McClintock<br>Larysa Kasich                           |
| August 18 | Bob McClintock<br>Grover Manning                                                |
| August 19 | Aaron Beaver<br>Kate Langmade                                                   |
| August 24 | Nancy Schmidt                                                                   |
| August 25 | Emma Smith                                                                      |
| August 26 | Judy Kelly                                                                      |
| August 27 | Cindy Margrave                                                                  |
| August 29 | Denise Lake                                                                     |
| August 30 | Avery Morris<br>Dave Schaumburg                                                 |
| August 31 | Pat Apple                                                                       |

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



*Abby & Alex Prettyman - August 7*  
*Alethea & Steve Parscale - August 17*  
*Mary & Dave Schaumburg - August 20*  
*Lilli & Royce Ratcliff - August 22*  
*Amy & Shane Hall—August 28*



### NEW BABIES

\* Janie & Jerry Prettyman are celebrating the birth of another great-granddaughter! Daisy Sue Douglas, daughter of Maddie & Kevin Douglas arrived on Thursday, July 2, 2026. Daisy weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces.

\* Margaret Ann Prettyman was born Monday, July 13, 2026, at 12:06 AM weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 20.75 inches to Alex and Abby Prettyman and big sister Aurora. Grandparents are Laura Bergman, Greg Prettyman, and Corinne Metcalf. Great grandparents are Bill Bergman, Janie & Jerry Prettyman and Dorothy O'Keefe.

\* Kohen Jett Caldwell was born on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. He is welcomed by big sisters Everleigh & Ellie, parents Kyliegh & Ethan Caldwell and grandparents Shannon & Ryan Caldwell, great grandparents Judy & Fletch Kelly and great, great grandfather John Kelly.

\* Emmett Oliver Sparks was born on Saturday, July 18, 2026. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is welcomed by big sisters Brynley, Autumn and Charleigh, parents Melissa & Brandon Sparks and grandparents Jo & Bill Roush.

