

JULY 2026

LOVE GOD, LOVE LOUISBURG, SERVE THE WORLD

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One of this summer's "On Purpose" Opportunities!



Join us at the Louisburg July 4TH FREEDOM FEST!
FBC will sponsor a game booth... come play with us!

**We need folks to run the game and
folks to answer questions about AWANA!**

See Pastor Kami for more details!



SUNDAY, JULY 26
ONE SERVICE AT 10:00AM
immediately followed by



Backyard BBQ

BACKYARD BBQ
&
QUARTERLY BUSINESS
MEETING

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Regular Services - Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am; Kids' Bible Adventure 9:45; Sunday Bible Classes (adult electives) 9:45; Kid's Connection 11:00 am 3:00pm Sprinkle Shower for Abby Prettyman & baby girl	29 2:00pm -3:00pm Pastor Kami Kids' Camp - Youthfront 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 5:30pm Women's Night Owl Cafe' Book Club (RSVP to Debbie Apple) 7:00pm AA Meeting	30 12:00pm Women's Bookworm Cafe' - Youth Room - The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek - Richardson 2:00pm -3:00pm Pastor Kami Kids' Camp - Youthfront 6:30pm Building Committee	1 10:00am -11:00am Short-term Women's Bible Study with Jordan Smith Kids' Camp - Youthfront 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel 6:00pm -7:30pm YOUTH GROUP 7:00pm -7:30pm FBC HOLIDAY CHOIR rehearsal 7:30pm 1st service Praise Team Practice	2 2:00pm -3:00pm Pastor Kami Kids' Camp - Youthfront	3 3:00pm Hundred Acre Woods Walkers - Children's Chapel	4 FBC at Freedom Fest Independence Day
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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 - Paula FBC 6:30pm Building Committee	29 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)

Remember: you can also view the calendar on the church website – louisburgfirstbaptist.org



JESSE'S JOURNAL

250 Years of Freedom, Faith, and God's Goodness

Every July, we see the colors of our nation flying high.

We hear the songs. We gather with family. We remember freedom.

But this year, our celebration carries even greater meaning.

In 2026, the United States of America marks **250 YEARS** as a nation.

Two hundred and fifty years of liberty.

Two hundred and fifty years of sacrifice.

Two hundred and fifty years of churches **opening** their **doors**, the **Bible being preached**, **prayers being lifted**, **families being strengthened**, and the **Gospel being shared** freely across this land.

That's no small blessing.

America's story has never been merely a story of documents, dates, or declarations.

It is a story of people who believed freedom was worth defending, faith was worth preserving, and future generations were worth sacrificing for.

It is a story of soldiers and statesmen, mothers and fathers, pastors and missionaries, neighbors and communities — all woven together under the providential hand of Almighty God.

Psalm 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." Those words remind us where our true hope is found.

Not in government.

Not in wealth.

Not in human strength.

Our hope is in the Lord.

And because our hope is in Him, we can celebrate with grateful hearts.

We can thank God for the freedom to worship, the freedom to open His Word, the freedom to raise our families in faith, and the freedom to share Jesus Christ with a world that desperately needs Him.

So this July, as the flags wave and the fireworks shine, let us do more than celebrate America's birthday. Let us give thanks to the God who has blessed this nation for 250 years. Let us pray for our leaders, strengthen our homes, encourage our churches, and ask the Lord to raise up a new generation that loves truth, cherishes liberty, honors sacrifice, and follows Christ.

May God continue to bless America — and may America bless God.



KAMI'S COMMENTS

Did they really know what they were doing 250 years ago?

Could they even begin to imagine what was coming next?

Would their experience, their intellect, be enough?

Probably not. And they knew it.

Our founding fathers weren't following a map. They were drawing one.

Uncharted ground. Rough terrain. Unforgiving and unknown.

No wonder no one had gone there before.

The journey led through wilderness—steep ravines, dark caverns, uncertain footing.

Only the steadfast would survive.

But they had a direction. And they were determined.

They weren't just making another decree—they were building something new.

A nation "of the people, for the people, by the people."

And because they were creating something so unique, they did not dare walk alone.

They sought divine wisdom from the ultimate creator to guide their decisions, shape their words, and define their purpose.

And so, a nation was formed.

One nation, under God.

Two and a half centuries later, it still stands—a rare and remarkable achievement.

Some would even call it extraordinary.

But the story doesn't end there.

That same God who guided our nation's founding still calls people today toward truth and freedom.

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." — John 8:32

A call not just for a nation—but for every heart still searching.

Let's declare that freedom to all of Louisburg!

Let freedom ring!

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in person **ATTENDANCE**

	8:15am	11:00am
June 7	65	61
June 14	One Service - 99	
June 21	66	56
June 28	63	50

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

9:45 AM BIBLE CLASSES

July 20—Deadline for August calendar changes & Newsletter submissions



Rainforest Falls VBS exploded on the scene June 8-12!

The church was transformed into a rainforest jungle the week before with the help of MANY decorators! A HUGE thanks to all who prepared such a wonderful environment for God to touch hearts and lives.

During the exciting VBS week, we welcomed 91 registered child adventurers and over 50 staff volunteers! There were 49 families represented. Such a beautiful picture of the Body of Christ working together!

To complete our VBS week, a VBS celebration was held on Friday featuring the children sharing VBS songs for the parents and other friends and family in attendance. What a wonderful celebration full of energy and praise to our awesome God!

Then on Sunday morning, we held a special VBS Sunday service where we shared highlights of the amazing week. Finally, on Sunday evening, we all gathered at the city pool for our annual BBQ and pool party! The food and fun at this event did not disappoint!

One of our favorite parts of VBS is the annual Mission project, allowing the children to reach out to others in need. This year, the Agape Food Pantry was our mission. Each day, the group that brought the largest donation enjoyed ice cream and toppings at snack time. Then, on Friday, the group that brought the most offering for the entire week got to cover Pastor Kami with whipped cream.

This year the offering from the VBS kids totaled \$1068.91. The congregation added \$1113.00 at the VBS Sunday service. Our total offering to Agape Food Pantry was \$2181.91! WOW God! Mark your calendars for next year's VBS: June 7-11! The theme next year will be CRAVE: stirring up a hunger for God.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Board & Committee Meetings

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday, July 13 - 6:30 PM - Deacon meeting
 Tuesday, July 14 - 6:00 PM - Christian Ed meeting
 Tuesday, July 14 - 7:00 PM - Trustee meeting
 Tuesday, July 21 - 6:15 PM - Finance Committee
 Sunday, July 26 - following business meeting - Safety & Security Team
 Tuesday, July 28 - 6:30 PM - Building Committee

CRAFTER'S CORNER—FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH—

Monday, July 6—12-5pm—FLC
 Scrapbooking and all other crafting welcome (...or just chatting!)
 Contact Debbie Randolph for more info.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST – SUMMER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 11

Saturday, July 25

8:00 AM at Miss B's Café



Indoor "Backyard" BBQ—Sunday, July 26—11:30am
 To beat the heat, we will meet in Family Life Center following a **single 10:00 AM worship service**. 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.

Quarterly Business Meeting—Sunday, July 26—following meal
 Board and committee reports and financial reports detailing activity from April through June will be reviewed. (Church boards, please have your quarterly reports turned into the church office no later than Wednesday, July 8. Thanks.)

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 SHEET CAKE EVER

from the kitchen of Jana Johnson

CAKE:

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
1/4 tsp. kosher salt
1 cup butter
4 Tbsp. (heaping) cocoa powder
1 cup boiling water
1/2 cup buttermilk
2 eggs, beaten
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. vanilla extract

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1/2 cup plus 6 Tbsp. butter
4 Tbsp. (heaping) cocoa powder
6 Tbsp. milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 lb. (minus 1/2 cup) powdered sugar
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans

In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugar, and salt.

In a saucepan, melt the butter. Add the cocoa, stirring to combine. Add the boiling water and allow the mixture to boil for 30 seconds; turn off the heat. Pour the cocoa mixture over the flour mixture and stir lightly to cool.

Pour the buttermilk in a large measuring cup and add the beaten eggs, baking soda, and vanilla. Stir the buttermilk mixture into the butter/chocolate mixture. Pour into an 18-by-13-inch sheet cake pan and bake at 350°F for 20 minutes.

While the cake is baking, make the icing: In a saucepan, melt the butter. Add the cocoa, stir to combine, and turn off the heat. Add the milk, vanilla, and powdered sugar, stirring together. Add the pecans, stir together, and pour over the warm cake.



Lee Ann & Gordon Hwang - Japan

We're coming for our final home assignment on September 11! We've set our date of retirement, December 31, 2026. During these last few months, we will be sharing stories and thanking our individual and church supporters.

Please pray for God to lead Christians to come alongside three precious women who are reading through an introduction to Christianity booklet. Please ask God to give them a spiritual breakthrough.

Cultural insight - Japanese people often use the word "difficult" when talking about Christian things. I wondered what was difficult and found out that it's not understanding the words. It's having faith to believe. "So, why don't you have them ask for faith?" It seems it's not normal to ask for things. When people go to the temple they stand in front of the opening (not an altar) and clap their hands and bow. Apparently, there is no prayer going on inside the brain. You know this temple god is for a particular subject - education, cars, money. So, if you are there, the god knows what you are asking therefore you don't need to ask. Afterwards if your wish is granted, you return to the temple to thank the god.



July 1 Jim Atkinson
 Bill Roush
 Nancy Neck
 July 2 Amy Spratford
 July 5 Mike Stegeman
 July 8 Klara Gerard
 Lora Rinehart
 July 9 Dorothy Gardner
 July 10 Reagan Johnson
 Kay McClintock
 July 14 John Gough
 July 19 Royce Ratcliff
 July 24 Lila Edwards
 Betty Bendorf
 Barbara Roberts
 Bill Dodson
 July 26 Steve Tegarden
 July 27 Suellen Golladay
 July 28 Ryan Beaver
 July 30 Don Meek

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



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
 Miranda & Nathan Haefele - July 23
 Denise & Robert Lake - July 28



Remembering

An Anniversary This Month

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.



Card Shower

Card Shower Requested for two very special ladies who are unable to attend Sunday morning services - both celebrating a birthday on July 24. Let's let them know that they are loved and are still very much a part of our church family.

*Betty Bendorf, 12699 Union Rd, McLouth, KS 66054 - 94 years young

*Barbara Roberts, Homestead of Louisburg, 202 S Rogers Rd #16, Louisburg, KS 66053 - 89 years young

