



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAIRDALE

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THE LORD OF HOSTS HE IS THE

## KING *of* GLORY

PSALM 24:10

## CALL TO WORSHIP

When it comes to singing in worship to God, modern day Christians have a seemingly unending variety of choices. We have worship songs, choruses, and hymns. We can download chord charts and lyrics or flip through the pages of hymnals to find the song we would like to sing. However, there is one place that God has specifically ordained for us to draw our worship from: the book of Psalms. Psalms are not the only valid source for our musical worship; Paul mentions “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs” in both Colossians and Ephesians. However, the Book of Psalms is the only inspired, inerrant source for our worship.

In our church, we do not usually sing psalms word-for-word in our corporate worship. We do sing many songs that are based on or are different arrangements of certain psalms. And also, every Sunday morning to open our service, we recite a psalm for our Call to Worship. This Sunday, we will begin a new psalm – Psalm 24 – that we will use for the rest of the year to help draw our hearts and minds towards the worship of God.

Psalm 24 is a wonderful psalm for helping us direct our attention to God. This psalm is full of commands for those who are hearing to look towards God and focus their attention on Him. It is a call to

live with holiness and purity - reflecting the nature of God to the world. It is full of descriptors of who God is and what He has done. He is creator, sovereign, holy, glorious, strong, mighty. He is the Lord of Hosts and He is the King of Glory!

So this Sunday, when we recite this psalm together for the first time, ask God to use these ancient lyrics to help your heart and mind focus on Him. Ask Him to help you to look to Jesus for your righteousness, that you might come before Him with clean hands and a pure heart. May the words of this psalm help us know our God more fully and declare His glory and majesty!

# Kids Ministry: Summertime Fun Ahead!

**Matt McBroom | Pastor**

Summer is in full swing, and we have lots going on for the kids during the month of July. First, we have kicked off our summer reading program that we are doing in partnership with the Fairdale Public Library. The books that kids read for the EKids summer reading program count toward the library program. We are keeping track of how many books the kids read and at the end of the summer, we will be able to turn that into the library and get the summer reading backpack for the kids. Additionally, the kids who participate will get a special prize from the church for completing the summer plan.

We also have Vacation Bible School (VBS) coming up quickly (July 9-13). Our theme this year is Keepers of the Kingdom which is an Answers in Genesis VBS. The theme features medieval knights and ladies and will teach the kids about defending our faith in a world that constantly seeks to mislead us. We will be talking specifically about the armor of God and how we can use it to stand strong in the battle for truth and to protect and defend our faith in Christ. This theme is especially timely considering all the lies that the world is attempting to push on them. Our kids must

be taught to stand on the solid foundation of God's Word. VBS is a large event for our church, and we are very thankful for all of those who support it by giving, serving, and praying. If you know kids who will be in kindergarten through 8th grade this fall, please invite them to come, learn, and have fun with us at VBS.

The last big event that we have scheduled for the summer is kid's camp. We will be going to Crossings Cedarmore in Baghdad, KY July 28th through 31st. This summer at Crossings, kids will be looking under the microscope and exploring the good news of the Gospel! Knowing the Gospel is the most fundamental part of following Jesus and kids will examine God's Word and see how the elements of this life-changing message changes us from the inside out. Camp is always a lot of fun and is a great way for us to build relationships with the kids. Please be in prayer for our kids and adult leaders as we prepare to go.

Whenever I look at a list of things like this it reminds me of how quickly the summer goes by and how it will be fall and back to school time before we know it. I want to encourage you to slow down and unplug for some quality time with your family before the summer slips by. The older my kids get the more I am aware of just how important it is to take/make time for backyard wiffleball, games of Clue, and trips to the zoo. As the great American philosopher Ferris Bueller once said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."



## BEING A CHURCH THAT PRAYS

This month, let us pray for our Ecuador Mission Trip and VBS.

### Ecuador Team

- Josh Greene
- Valeria Greene
- J.J. Greene
- Eli Greene
- Noah Greene
- Carolina Greene
- Liliana Greene
- Abby Overstreet
- Matt Wiedmar
- Samantha Wiedmar
- Aiden Wiedmar
- Levi Wiedmar
- Grayson Wiedmar
- Cece Wiedmar
- Andrew Crawford
- Chris Harrod
- Elizabeth Harrod
- Tyson Lott
- Anna Lott
- Max Brewer
- Jerri Brewer
- Josh Wamble
- Linda Huff
- Dale Carman
- Haley Carman

### For VBS, please pray that:

- the gospel would be shared faithfully during the week.
- the kids will feel safe, loved, and valued by our church.
- the leaders and volunteers will grow in their love for God and one another as they serve faithfully.



# God at Work in the Lives of Our Students

**Garth Farmer | Minister of Youth**

It's been several months since I had the opportunity to write to you all. God has been doing some amazing things this year in our student ministry. Already we've had several events that have allowed our students to gather, hangout, and continue to build strong, godly friendships! We have recently been studying Ephesians on Wednesday night and I believe this has been edifying for all of us. It has been refreshing for us to be reminded of how God has saved us and how we ought to then live as members of the church.

Back in March we had our Disciple Now weekend. This was a weekend where our students spent time together having fun, serving our church, and studying the Word of God. Bryan Esterday (a former member of our church and current Youth Pastor at Highview Baptist Church) preached to our students on the topic of evangelism. One of my prayers for our students is that they would be able to confidently proclaim the gospel of Jesus to their friends and family who might not believe. So we dedicated a weekend to considering how important this is and how our students can effectively evangelize even as middle and high schoolers.

Almost 2 weeks ago we returned from Summer Camp. Camp was amazing this year! We took our largest group of students by far. 31 students traveled with us to Crossings and had the opportunity to have fun and hear the Gospel proclaimed multiple times throughout the week. We considered the truth of how we have purpose in this life because God exists and rules over us. God really worked in the hearts and

lives of our students! I was so encouraged by the conversations our students had every night after the services. What a blessing it was to hear them share what truths stood out to them in a particular sermon! We also had several students who wanted to talk more about what it means to follow Jesus and how they can do that. Praise God for how he works in our hearts through the teaching of His Word!

It has been an incredibly busy and fruitful first half of the year in our student ministry! There is a lot that will still continue to happen. We have several Seniors who will be moving out of our student ministry and into their next phase of life in the coming months. Pray that God would work in their hearts and lives as they prepare for what's next. In September we will be welcoming some new middle schoolers into our student ministry. Pray that God would be preparing our current students to love them well and welcome them into our student ministry. We still have several events that will take place through the rest of the year. Pray that God would work through teaching of His Word and that he would continue to draw our students closer to himself. Pray that God would be glorified in all that we do!

***“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever, and ever. Amen.”***

***Ephesians 3:20-21***

